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COMEDIENNE LUENELL TO ASSIST YOUNG ACTORS FILMING THEIR OWN PILOT

Sterling Studio actors ages 6-21 create show “Raising the Stakes” with help of celebrities

**LOS ANGELES (CA)** – On Saturday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, the Hudson Theatre in Hollywood will be the backdrop of the first ever pilot to be entirely written and acted by children. Established actors like Luenell (Borat), RJ Mitte (Breaking Bad) and Nikki SooHoo (The Lovely Bones) will make cameos in the project.

The pilot, a little bit of “Chelsea Lately” meets a juvenile version of “SNL” will include children and teenagers’ takes on political, entertainment and current events. The show will establish the most fun and interesting forum for young people to provide advice and insider tips to their peers on how to make it in the industry, and broach some of the sensitive topics youth encounter in their daily life.

“I love these kids,” said Luenell. “If you keep it real with them, they will keep it real with you. I wish I had a place like this studio when I was starting out.”

Helmed by Constance Tillotson, Sterling Studio is renowned for developing great actors and strong leaders. Sterling leverages Tillotson’s technique, whose noncompetitive environment allows the students to release their fears and find the courage to assert their goals and dreams.

The “Raising the Stakes” concept was devised when Constance Tillotson—who will also direct the pilot—was approached to make a series about her studio.

Said Tillotson: “Kids tend to greatly appreciate, and are very supportive of the creative work of other kids. I cannot think of a better way to reach our youth than by offering them a show that is created by and for them.”

The sizzle reel being filmed for the pilot will feature young actors who have already established themselves in the business. RJ Mitte, a 17-Y.O. ‘veteran,’ was thrilled to contribute his time to this project. “Partaking of this groundbreaking project affords me a unique chance to hone my skills, and hopefully demonstrate to the TV networks that kids, teenagers and young adults are not just the most meaningful segment of the viewing public... we’re also a vibrant creative force!” said Mitte.

*Sterling Studio develops and grooms a select group of young actors. The Studio’s clients are recognized for their steadfast devotion to their craft and for their compassion and strong leadership qualities.*

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