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TELEVISION ACADEMY FOUNDATION TO PRESENT 'THE POWER OF TV: ENSURING AUTHENTIC DISABILITY INCLUSION' MARCH 7

**Panel of Experts and Creatives to Discuss Inclusivity
for Persons with Disabilities within Media Industry
in Free, Open-to-the-Public Event**



(LOS ANGELES – Feb. 21, 2024) — The Television Academy Foundation today announced it will present “The Power of TV: Ensuring Authentic Disability Inclusion,” March 7, from 9:30-10:45 a.m. PST. The free, open-to-the-public event will be held at the Television Academy’s North Hollywood campus. To register, visit [TelevisionAcademy.com/power-of-tv/tickets](https://www.televisionacademy.com/power-of-tv/tickets).

The live event will feature an informative discussion with panelists who are driving disability inclusion, both on and offscreen, within the television industry. Topics include advocating for inclusivity, strategies for success and the challenges faced when working towards greater equity for persons with disabilities. The event will highlight how content creators and employers can further the issue through the

transformative power of authentic portrayals in programming, inclusive staffing and casting.



Lauren Appelbaum

Eileen Grubba

Karen Horne

Panelists for the event include actress and neurodiverse director Sue Ann Pien (*As We See It*); writer/producer David Renaud (*The Good Doctor*); actress/writer/producer Eileen Grubba (*New Amsterdam*); Lauren Appelbaum, senior vice president, entertainment & news media, RespectAbility; and Tari Hartman Squire, CEO, EIN SOF Communications, Inc. The discussion will be moderated by Karen Horne, DEIA expert and pioneer.



Sue Ann Pien

David Renaud

Tari Hartman Squire

“As the nation's largest minority — comprising almost 50 million individuals — people with disabilities are a substantive group that can positively impact diversity within our industry when included,” said Jonathan Murray, interim chair of the Television Academy Foundation.

The event will take place at the Academy’s Saban Media Center, 5210 Lankershim Blvd., North Hollywood. A pre-event continental breakfast will be served for all attendees at 9:00 a.m. prior to the 9:30 a.m. panel discussion. Admission is free;

RSVP is required. To register, visit [TelevisionAcademy.com/power-of-tv/tickets](https://www.televisionacademy.com/power-of-tv/tickets).

A full recording of the panel discussion will also be made available for on-demand viewing at [TelevisionAcademy.com](https://www.televisionacademy.com) at a later date.

About the Television Academy Foundation

Established in 1959 as the charitable arm of the Television Academy, the Television Academy Foundation is dedicated to preserving the legacy of television while educating and inspiring those who will shape its future. Through renowned educational and outreach programs such as [The Interviews: An Oral History of Television Project](#), [College Television Awards](#) and [Summit, Student Internship Program](#), and the [Media Educators Conference](#), the Foundation seeks to widen the circle of voices our industry represents and to create more opportunity for television to reflect all of society. For more information on the Foundation, please visit [TelevisionAcademy.com/Foundation](https://www.televisionacademy.com/Foundation).

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