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THE UNITED STATES DISTRICTY COURT FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA WESTERN DISTRICT

HENRY HARAWAY

Plaintiff

VS.

CV13-00628+MO(MPWX)

COMPLAINT FOR MONEY DAMAGES AND EQUITABLE RELIEF

E! ENTERTAINMENT TELEVISION,
LLC, E! ENTERTAINMENT
INTERNATIONAL HOLDINGS, INC., NBC
UNIVERSAL MEDIA, LLC (formerly
known as NBC Universal, Inc.),
NBCUNIVERSAL TELEVISION GROUP,
NIGEL LYTHGOE PRODUCTIONS,
WILLIAM MORRIS ENDEAVOR
ENTERTAINMENT, LLC. AND
DOES 1-20 INCLUSIVE

Defendants.

Plaintiff Henry Haraway along with his heirs, successors and common interest holders ("Plaintiffs") are informed and believe (and on the basis of that information and belief) complain and allege as follows:

PARTIES, JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 1. Plaintiff is a United States citizen and a lawful resident of the County of Los Angeles,
 State of California.
- 2. Plaintiff is the creator, sole owner and copyright holder in the title "Opening Act" for use as the title for a talent-based television program (the "Title"). Plaintiff created the Title for its specific use in or about 2003 and filed registration with the United States Copyright Officer therefor. On October 17, 2003, the Title was registered as part of a series of "Reality Shows by Henry Haraway" and was assigned Registration Number TXu1-131-025. Plaintiff is also the creator, sole owner and copyright holder in the fixated work entitled "Opening Act" which is a talent-based television program (the "Program"). Plaintiff created the Program for its specific use in or about 2003 and filed registration with the United States Copyright Officer therefor. On October 17, 2003, the Program was registered as part of a series of "Reality Shows by Henry Haraway" and was assigned Registration Number TXu1-131-025. Attached hereto as Exhibit 1 and incorporated herein by this reference is a true and correct copy of such registration.
- 3. Defendant E! Entertainment Television, LLC is a Limited Liability Company organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware which operates the television network commonly known as "E! Entertainment" (including the networks known as E! Networks). Defendant E! Entertainment International Holdings, Inc. is a corporation existing under the laws of the State of Delaware which is the holding company for (and of) Defendant E! Entertainment Television, LLC. These two (2) entities are collectively referred to herein as "E! Entertainment".
- 4. Defendants NBC Universal Media, LLC (formerly known as NBC Universal, Inc.) is a limited liability corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware (hereinafter "NBC") which owns, funds and operates a number of television networks (including co-defendant E! Entertainment). NBCUniversal Television Group is a subsidiary of and NBC.
- 5. Defendant Nigel Lythgoe Productions ("NLP") is an entity of unknown type which is the operating entity of producer Nigel Lythgoe.

- 6. Defendant William Morris Endeavor Entertainment, LLC ("William Morris") is a talent agency and limited liability company organized and existing under the laws of the State of California.
- 7. On or about December 10, 2003, Plaintiff entered into a written agreement with E! Entertainment in connection with the Title and the Program. A true and correct copy of that agreement is attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit 2; pursuant to which E! Entertainment agreed to refrain from using the Works without entering into an agreement with Plaintiff which compensated Plaintiff for such use. Thereafter, Plaintiff entered into a subsequent written agreement with E! Entertainment which was in the same form as Exhibit 3 hereto, pursuant to which E! Entertainment again agreed to refrain from using the Works without entering into an agreement with Plaintiff which compensated Plaintiff for such use. Said agreement also provided that E! Entertainment would not present the Works to a third party without acknowledging that Plaintiff was the owner of the Works. Furthermore, Plaintiff entered into a simultaneous verbal agreement with E! Entertainment wherein E! Entertainment agreed that they would consider Plaintiff's Program and Title (collectively the "Works") for use as a television program and that E! Entertainment would not proceed with a television program derived from the Works unless Plaintiff and E! Entertainment came to an agreement on terms and compensation for Plaintiff for such use.
- 8. Prior to the foregoing agreements with E! Entertainment (collectively the "E! Agreements"), Plaintiff entered into a written agreement with William Morris. Said agreement (the "WMA Agreement") was in the same format as Exhibit 3 and indicated that WMA would not use the Works without entering into an agreement with Plaintiff which compensated Plaintiff for such use. In that agreement (the "WMA Agreement"), WMA also agreed that they would not present the Works to a third party without acknowledging that Plaintiff was the owner of the Works.
- 9. In reliance upon the verbal representations made by E! Entertainment to Plaintiff (which were entirely consistent with the E! Agreements) and in reliance upon the E! Agreements themselves; Plaintiff submitted the Works to E! Entertainment for purposes of negotiating an agreement with E! Entertainment for compensation, development, broadcast, revenue-generating

and profit-sharing associated with the Works. Likewise, in reliance upon the verbal representations made by WMA to Plaintiff (which were entirely consistent with the WMA Agreement) and in reliance upon the WMA Agreements; Plaintiff submitted the Works to WMA for purposes of negotiating an agreement with WMA and its affiliates, partners, joint-venturers and other parties with whom WMA regularly conducted business (including Defendants NLP, E! Entertainment and NBC).

10. Defendants and each of them were fully knowledgeable and/or made aware of the foregoing dynamics and that the Works were the sole property of Plaintiff. Defendants became desirous of creating a television show which was based upon the Works and utilized the Works in devising a television show in approximately 2012 called, ironically, "Opening Act". Defendants and each of them knowingly and intentionally conspired to breach the E! Agreements and the WMA Agreement and furthermore to use the Works to create an on-air, television series entitled Opening Act for broadcast and exhibition on E! Entertainment and NBC's networks (the "Infringing Series"). In furtherance thereof, Defendants (and each of them) did actually copy the Title and the Program and create the Infringing Series which is distributed by E! Entertainment and NBC on-air and online. As part of the process of creating the Infringing Series (and in an effort to conceal their intentional infringement thereof) Defendants (and each of them) also made a derivative work from the Program and added elements of that derivative work to create the Infringing Series. Defendants went on to produce and air the Infringing Series and earn monies and goodwill (along with other benefits) therefrom. Each defendant also further conspired not to pay Owner and/or to permit Owner to obtain other benefits by being associated with and/or involved in the creation of the Infringing Series. Defendants elected to retain all such income and other benefits for themselves and have benefitted tremendously from their actions which are not only prohibited by the terms of the Agreements; but which are violative of Plaintiff's copyrights in the Works. The uses of the Works by Defendants as the central creative elements of the Infringing Series insure that there is no marketplace for the Title and/or the Program.

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- 11. This Complaint arises under the federal Copyright Act, 17 U.S.C.§ 101 et seq., as amended, and the statutory and common law of State of California. This Court has subject-matter jurisdiction over this dispute under 28 U.S.C \$ 1331 (federal question) because the claims asserted arise under the Copyright Act. The Court also has subject matter jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C § 1367(a) (supplemental jurisdiction) over the supplemental state-law claims.
- 12. Venue is proper in this judicial district under 28 U.C.S §1391(b)(2) because a substantial part of the events giving rise to the claims asserted herein occurred in this District. Venue is also proper under 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b)(1) because Defendants are subject to personal jurisdiction in this District and therefore "reside" in this District as term is defined in 28 U.S.C. § 1391(c). In addition, each Defendant conducts a substantial amount of business in this District.
- 13. The true capacities, whether individual, corporate, associate or otherwise, of defendants sued herein as DOES 1 to 20, inclusive, are unknown to and Plaintiff therefore sues such DOE defendants by such fictitious names. When their true names and capacities are ascertained, Plaintiff will amend the Complaint by asserting their true names and capacities herein. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and thereon alleges, that each of the fictitiously named defendants is responsible in some manner from the occurrences alleged in this Complaint, and that Plaintiff's damages as alleged in this Complaint were proximately caused by such fictitious defendants.
- 14. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and thereon alleges, that at all times herein mentioned, each of the Defendants was acting as an agent, servant, employee, representative of or joint venture with the other Defendants, each acting under the direction and control of said codefendants and within the course and scope of such agency, service, employment, or joint venture. At all times mentioned herein the acts of Defendants, and each of them, were authorized and ratified by their co-defendants.

FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION AGAINST EACH DEFENDANT FOR COPYRIGHT INGRINGEMENT

- 15. Plaintiff repeats and incorporates by reference the allegations in paragraphs 1 through 14 above, as if fully set for the herein.
- 16. The Works (including the Title, the Program and each element each thereof) and the rendering of ideas and elements therein, constitutes copyrightable expression protected by the federal Copyright Act, 17 U.S.C. § 101, et seq.
- 17. Plaintiff is the sole and exclusive owner of all of the exclusive rights to reproduce the Title and the Program in copies, prepare derivative works based upon the copyrighted work, distribute copies of the copyrighted work, and display the copyrighted work publicly.
- 18. Defendants (and each of them) had access to the Works and gained such access by obtaining actual copies of the Works from Plaintiff. Defendants then shared those copies of the Works among each other.
- 19. The Infringing Series and the various elements and episodes thereof contain the same plot, themes, mood, setting, pace, characters, sequence of events, and other concrete elements making up the Works and therefore is substantially and strikingly similar to the Works. The Infringing Series also contains, copies and derives from the Works an identical framework for a so-called "reality show" which by its nature contains limited opportunities for responses and "ad-libs" by actors and others making appearances on the show to that framework. However the framework is the essence of the show and creates the so-called "reality" segments which are designed, limited spawned and nurtured by that framework.
- 20. Defendants have copied and intend to continue copying the Works and the expressions contained therein in order to make and continue to make the Infringing Series, without Plaintiff's license, authority, or consent.
- 21. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and on that basis alleges, that Defendants copied the Works prior to exhibition and distribution of the Infringing Series by creating a series outline, series bible, and other infringing materials in connection with the Infringing Series. These items were used in the creation of the Infringing Series and the Infringing Series was derived therefrom.

- 22. Defendants have distributed (and intend to continue to distribute) copyrighted elements of the Works and the expressions contained therein in the form of the Infringing Series to the public and to display the copyrighted Works publicly without Plaintiff's license, authority, or consent.
- 23. By engaging in the conduct described above, Defendants have committed and continue to commit copyright infringement under the federal Copyright Act, 17 U.S.C. §§101 et seq.
- 24. Defendants' copying of the Works without Plaintiff's license, authority, or consent and in violation of the E! Agreements and the WMA Agreements is a wilful and conscious disregard of Plaintiff's rights under the federal Copyright Act.
- 25. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' infringement of Plaintiff's copyright interests in the Title and the Program (i.e., the Works), Plaintiff has been damaged and continues to be damaged in an amount to be determined at trial. Plaintiff is also entitled, under 17 U.S.C. § 504(a), to statutory damages, to the extent they exceed Plaintiff's actual damages, for each of Defendants' acts of infringement.
- 26. In infringing Plaintiff's copyright interests, Defendants acted wilfully and maliciously, entitling Plaintiff to enhancement of any statutory damages, pursuant to 17 U.S.C. §504(c)(2), in an amount to be determined at trial.
- 27. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' infringement of Plaintiff's copyright interest in the Works, Defendants have made and will make profits attributable to their infringement. The amount of these profits will be determined at the time of trial.
- 28. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' wilful infringement of Plaintiff's copyright interests, Plaintiff has had to retain legal counsel, and it is entitled to recover its attorneys' fees from Defendants pursuant to 17 U.S.C § 505, as well as costs, including any expert fees that might be appropriately recoverable.
- 29. Plaintiff has been and will continue to be damaged as a direct and proximate result of Defendants' continuing acts of infringement and threatened infringement, including but not limited to, lost revenues and profits, damaged relations with existing and prospective business partner, and continuing loss of value of its copyright interests in the Works. The damages that Plaintiff has

- 30. Unless enjoined by this Court, Defendants' conduct and continued infringement of Plaintiff's copyright interests will cause further irreparable injury. Plaintiff therefore requests that, after trial, this Court issue a permanent injunction, restraining and enjoining Defendants and their agents, employees, attorneys, representatives, and anyone acting at their direction or behalf from copying, reproducing, distributing, or displaying, without the express or implied consent of Plaintiff, the copyrightable expression in the Infringing Series.
- 31. In an effort to prevent ongoing and future infringement of Plaintiff's copyright interests and the irreparable injury resulting therefrom, Plaintiff requests that this Court order Defendants to surrender all copies made in violation of Plaintiff's copyright interests, as well as any film negatives, tapes, or other articles by which such copies may be produces, and the destruction or reasonable disposition of all such items as part of its final judgment in this action.

SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION AGAINST DEFENDANT E! ENTERTAINMENT FOR BREACH OF CONTRACT

- 32. Plaintiff repeats and incorporates by reference the allegations in paragraphs 1 through 31 above, as if fully set forth herein.
- atthority given to her by E! Entertainment presented Plaintiff with a "SUBMISSION AGREEMENT" (attached as Exhibit 2) and requested that Plaintiff execute that agreement as a condition precedent to presenting the Works to E! Entertainment for consideration to develop and create a television series. Ms. Scavella had implied, actual and apparent authority to bind E! Entertainment to the agreement, represented same to Plaintiff and either counter-signed said

- 34. Defendant E! Entertainment breached the foregoing SUBMISSION AGREEMENT by using the Works (including the so-called "protected" components thereof) to make the Infringing Series and failing and refusing to notify Plaintiff, negotiate with Plaintiff, obtain Plaintiff's permission or consent and by further failing and refusing to compensate Plaintiff for such uses.
- about December 2003 entitled "RELEASE AGREEMENT" (see form of agreement in Exhibit 3 hereto). Ms. Scavella executed the agreement with E! Entertainment's knowledge and with authority given to her by E! Entertainment. Ms. Scavella had implied, actual and apparent authority to bind E! Entertainment to the agreement and represented same to Plaintiff. The main paragraph of that 1-page agreement specifically provided that E! Entertainment would not use the Works without entering into an agreement therefor with Plaintiff's company. In addition, the agreement provided that E! Entertainment would not present the Works to any third party without acknowledging to that third party that the Works were owned by Plaintiff.
- 36. Defendant E! Entertainment breached the foregoing RELEASE AGREEMENT by using the Works in connection with the Infringing Series and failing and refusing to notify Plaintiff, negotiate with Plaintiff, obtain Plaintiff's permission or consent and by further failing and refusing to compensate Plaintiff for such uses. Furthermore, E! Entertainment breached the RELEASE AGREEMENT by presenting the Works to various third parties without acknowledging to those third parties that the Works were owned by Plaintiff. This latter conduct was undertaken by E! Entertainment in an effort to falsely designate the origin of the Works (by action and by omission)

in furtherance of the infringement of the Works in creating, developing and exploiting the Infringing Series.

- 37. Defendant E! Entertainment also entered into a verbal agreement with Plaintiff in or about December 2003. In this regard, Ms. Scavella and Plaintiff orally agreed that E! Entertainment would not use the Works without Plaintiff's permission and entering into an agreement with Plaintiff for such rights. Ms. Scavella verbally agreed to this arrangement (which was not inconsistent with the RELEASE AGREEMENT and the SUBMISSION AGREEMENT) with E! Entertainment's knowledge and with authority given to her by E! Entertainment. Ms. Scavella had implied, actual and apparent authority to bind E! Entertainment to the agreement and represented same to Plaintiff. E! Entertainment, likewise, breached this agreement by using the Works in connection with the Infringing Series and failing and refusing to notify Plaintiff, negotiate with Plaintiff, obtain Plaintiff's permission or consent and by further failing and refusing to compensate Plaintiff for such uses.
- 38. As a direct, foreseeable, legal, actual and proximate result of the Defendants' acts and omissions alleged herein; Plaintiffs have suffered and continue to suffer substantial economic and non-economic damages in an amount to be proven at trial.
- 39. Plaintiff has been and will continue to be damaged as a direct and proximate result of Defendants' continuing acts of breach of contract, including but not limited to, lost revenues and profits, damaged relations with existing and prospective business partner, and continuing loss of value of its copyright interests in the Works. The damages that Plaintiff has suffered and continues to suffer from this infringement are irreparable. Plaintiff has no adequate remedy at law, and such conduct will continue to cause irreparable harm unless restrained by this Court by the issuance of a preliminary injunction.
- 40. Unless enjoined by this Court, Defendants' conduct and continued infringement of Plaintiff's copyright interests will cause further irreparable injury. Plaintiff therefore requests that, after trial, this Court issue a permanent injunction, restraining and enjoining Defendants and their agents, employees, attorneys, representatives, and anyone acting at their direction or behalf from

copying, reproducing, distributing, or displaying, without the express or implied consent of Plaintiff, the copyrightable expression in the Infringing Series.

41. In an effort to prevent ongoing and future breaches of the agreement and further infringement of Plaintiff's copyright interests and the irreparable injury resulting therefrom, Plaintiff requests that this Court order Defendants to surrender all copies made in violation of Plaintiff's copyright interests, as well as any film negatives, tapes, or other articles by which such copies may be produces, and the destruction or reasonable disposition of all such items as part of its final judgment in this action.

THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION AGAINST DEFENDANT WILLIAM MORRIS ENDEAVOR ENTERTAINMENT FOR BREACH OF CONTRACT

- 42. Plaintiff repeats and incorporates by reference the allegations in paragraphs 1 through 41 above, as if fully set forth herein.
- 43. On or about May 27, 2004, Plaintiff presented an agreement to Melissa McLeod (an employee of WMA) entitled "RELEASE AGREEMENT" (see Exhibit 4 hereto). Ms. McLeod executed the agreement on behalf of WMA and with WMA's knowledge and with authority given to her by WMA. Ms. McLeod had implied, actual and apparent authority to bind WMA to the agreement and represented same to Plaintiff. The main paragraph of that 1-page agreement specifically provided that WMA would not use the Works without entering into an agreement therefor with Plaintiff's company. In addition, the agreement provided that WMA would not present the Works to any third party without acknowledging to that third party that the Works were owned by Plaintiff.
- 44. Defendant WMA breached the foregoing RELEASE AGREEMENT by using the Works in connection with the Infringing Series and failing and refusing to notify Plaintiff, negotiate with Plaintiff, obtain Plaintiff's permission or consent and by further failing and refusing to

- 45. As a direct, foreseeable, legal, actual and proximate result of the Defendants' acts and omissions alleged herein; Plaintiffs have suffered and continue to suffer substantial economic and non-economic damages in an amount to be proven at trial.
- 46. Plaintiff has been and will continue to be damaged as a direct and proximate result of Defendants' continuing acts of breach of contract, including but not limited to, lost revenues and profits, damaged relations with existing and prospective business partner, and continuing loss of value of its copyright interests in the Works. The damages that Plaintiff has suffered and continues to suffer from this infringement are irreparable. Plaintiff has no adequate remedy at law, and such conduct will continue to cause irreparable harm unless restrained by this Court by the issuance of a preliminary injunction.
- 47. Unless enjoined by this Court, Defendants' conduct and continued infringement of Plaintiff's copyright interests will cause further irreparable injury. Plaintiff therefore requests that, after trial, this Court issue a permanent injunction, restraining and enjoining Defendants and their agents, employees, attorneys, representatives, and anyone acting at their direction or behalf from copying, reproducing, distributing, or displaying, without the express or implied consent of Plaintiff, the copyrightable expression in the Infringing Series.
- 48. In an effort to prevent ongoing and future breaches of the agreement and further infringement of Plaintiff's copyright interests and the irreparable injury resulting therefrom, Plaintiff requests that this Court order Defendants to surrender all copies made in violation of Plaintiff's copyright interests, as well as any film negatives, tapes, or other articles by which such copies may be produces, and the destruction or reasonable disposition of all such items as part of its final judgment in this action.

JURY DEMAND

Plaintiffs demand trial by jury to resolve the issues raised herein; with the exception of such issues as are retained by the Court to grant injunctive relief.

PRAYER

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays judgment against Defendants as follows:

- A. That the Court enter judgment in favor of Plaintiff and against Defendants;
- B. That the Court enter a declaratory judgment that Defendants have committed copyright infringement in connection with their development of the Infringing Series;
- C. That Defendants, their officers, agents, servants, employees, and all persons in active concert or participation with them, be preliminarily and permanently restrained and enjoined from infringing Plaintiff's copyright interests;
- D. That Plaintiff recover compensatory damages for Defendants' wrongdoing in an amount to be established at trial, together with pre-judgment and post-judgment interest thereon at the maximum legal rate;
- E. That Plaintiff recover its proven damages or statutory damages elected in accordance with the Copyright Act, 17 U.S.C.\$ 504 and 505 and other applicable law.
- F. That Plaintiff recover an award of punitive and other appropriate exemplary damages, disgorgement, restitution, pre-judgment and post-judgment interest as permitted by statute and/or contract;
 - G. That Plaintiff recover attorneys' fees and the costs of suit herein; and
 - H. Such other and further relief as this Court may deem just and proper.

DATED: January 23, 2013

Michael S. Traylor

Respectfully Subpritted

Attorney for Plaintiff

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EXHIBIT 1

Collective Title:
Reality Shows
By
Henry Haraway

Sub Titles:

"Video It Girl Competition"

"Opening Act"

"Child's Play"

TITLE:

CHILD'S PLAY

"The games are childish but the stakes are high!"

PRODUCTION CO:

LAMAD Productions

CREADTED BY:

Henry Haraway

FORMAT:

Reality Based Competition - 1 hour hosted

September 29, 2003

The Concept

Capitalizing on America's fascination with competitive reality based shows like American Idol, Big Brother and Survivor, LAMAD Productions presents "Child's Play". In this competition based show, adults will go head to head playing exaggerating versions of the most popular childhood games such as musical chairs, hide and go seek and tug of war. The object of the game is to win the games, survive elimination and be one of the two winners to share in the grand prize of one million dollars. Stapled with bright colors, large toys and props, fun childhood games and adult strategies, this show is guaranteed to capture audiences of all ages. The games are childish but the stakes are high.

The Game Structure

The game will begin with 15 people. Prior to the first episode these fifteen people will spend two days confined together in order to get to know each other. Once they're all well aquatinted, they will then be ready for "Child's Play"

Forming The Teams

There will be two competing teams, Red Team and Blue Team, consisting of five members per team and a reserve of alternate players waiting in the Time Out Box. These teams will be determined by the first competition - a 100-yard dash.

100 Yard Dash - The contestants will be told that the prizes for the 100-yard dash are as follows...

1st place - \$10,000 2nd place - \$5,000

3rd place - \$2,500

After the race the contestants will learn that in addition to these cash prizes, the 1st and 2nd place winners will become captains of the Red and Blue teams. As captains they will alternate picking four players for their team from the remaining players. The five that are not selected for competing teams will retreat to the *Time Out Box* with the 3rd place winner as captain.

Red Team (competing)

Blue Team (competing)

Time Out Box (alternates)

1st place as captain

2nd Place as captain

3rd place as captain

The Red and Blue teams are the competing teams. The players in the Time Out Box are waiting for their turn to play.

The Power of The Captains

After each game the captain of the loosing team gets to tell one player "Play Time is Over". Once the captain has uttered those words, that player is sent home and replaced by a player from the Time Out Box. The captains of the Red and Blue teams can take suggestions from their team as to who they think should be eliminated but the ultimate decision as to whose "Play Time is Over" is theirs and theirs alone.

The captain of the Time Out Box has all of the decision power on their team. After each elimination they will choose which player to put in the game leaving himself or herself as the last player to enter.

Let The Games Begin

The Red and Blue teams will go head-to-head eliminating players and gaining players from the Time Out Box in the manner described above. Once all of the players from the Time Out Box are in the game, the Red and Blue teams will continue to eliminate players until only four players remain. The final four players will then play a series of games, two-on-two. The winning team of two will take home the cash prize.

The Fall of The Captains

If any team looses 3 games in a row, the team members can overthrow their captain by unanimous vote and appoint a new captain from within the team. If this should happen the original captain must split the prize money from the 100-yard dash 50/50 with the new captain.

TITLE:

Opening Act

PRODUCTION CO:

LAMAD Productions

CREADTED BY:

Henry Haraway

FORMAT:

Reality Based Competition - 1/2 hour

WGA Registration: 950940

September 12, 2003

The Concept

Capitalizing on America's fascination with competitive reality based shows like American Idol, Big Brother and Survivor, LAMAD Productions presents "Opening Act". In this battle of the band type of competition local bands with dreams of big time recording contracts will battle it out for a chance to perform as the opening act for a major recording artist in their genre of music.

The Competition

Phase One... The Hunt for The Bands... Episodes 1-5

A Secret Agent (talent scout) will travel to 5 cities across the USA. In each city the cameras will follow the secret agent's every move as he/she visits the most popular clubs. Through word of mouth and the buzz around town, they will track down the hottest band from each city to perform as a competing band on "Opening Act". At the end of each of these 5 episodes the secret agent will select the band they feel is the best competitor for the show, and grant them the coveted Showcase Pass.

Phase Two... The Showcases... Episodes 6-10

The next five episodes will take a look at each of the five bands in a more intimate setting as they prepare for the big Showcase competition. The taped performances will take place in their respective hometowns at a popular nightclub on its best night. The cameras will follow as we see them do all it takes to pack the house and give the performance of a lifetime. America will experience the struggles involved in rehearsing, promoting and creating a fan base. Each of these episodes will end with the best outtakes from the band's performance.

Phase Three... The Judging... Episode 11

The judges will be a major act that is in the same genre of music as the contestants. They will choose the 2 bands that will move on and go head-to-head in the Ultimate Battle of the bands. They will host a huge "Opening Act" viewing party for the public at a popular Hollywood location where the footage of the 5 contestants will be shown. Taking in the crowd's reaction, the judges will retreat to a private room to make their final decision as to which 2 bands will advance.

Phase Four... The Battle and The Victory... Episode 12

The band will be given music on a CD. They will have 12 hours to write lyrics to the music and learn how to play the song. At the end of the 12 hours they will go head to head in 2 rounds with their new song and another song of their choice. They will be judged on how well they learn and perform the new song, the quality of their overall performance, their endurance through the process and their potential star power.

- Video- A leading music video director (i.e. Hype Williams, Paul Hunter or Little X) will use the remaining woman in scenes from a current video they're directing. The women will be judged on their scenes from the finished video.
- Audition We will send the women out on a Hollywood audition. The judges will take the casting directors feedback and judge according to the video footage of their auditions.

The Judging

The panel of judges will consist of 2 regular judges that appear on every show and one guest judge who is an industry professional in the area of that show's competition. After each competition the judges will give their talent a rating of "IT" "Almost IT" or "Nothing Like IT". Any woman who receives a rating of "Nothing Like IT" from every judge will be eliminated and will not return for the next episode. The ladies must receive at least one "IT" rating or two "Almost IT" ratings to continue to the next round of competition.

The Prize

In addition to the coveted title of the next "IT Girl", she will receive \$100,000 cash, representation by a top Hollywood agent, and various sponsored gifts.

TITLE:

The Video It Girl Competition

"Sure they're beautiful, but do they have talent?"

PRODUCTION CO:

LAMAD Productions

CREADTED BY:

Henry Haraway

FORMAT:

Reality Based Competition - 1 hour hosted

WGA Registration #949363

September 4, 2003

The Concept

Capitalizing on America's fascination with competitive reality based shows like American Idol, Big Brother and Survivor, LAMAD Productions presents the Video It Girl Competition. Beautiful women with successful careers in music videos will compete for the title of the next "IT Girl". The contestants are all women who have had at least one principle roll in a music video. The cameras will follow these women as they are trained in all areas of the arts (singing, dancing, acting, poetry writing, and visual arts etc.). The woman who will earn the title of the next "IT Girl" is the woman who displays the most well rounded talent; the one who can demonstrate that they are more than just a pretty face - they're an entertainer.

The Host

Option One: The host will be a sexy, well-known male entertainer such as Tyrese or Justin Timberlake. These men have popularity and sex appeal that will draw female viewers, while male viewers will identify with their male perspective as they lead these beautiful women through the levels of competition.

Option Two: A female host who embodies what being an "IT Girl" is all about. I.E. Carmen Electra.

The Competition

Professionals from every area of the arts will be guests on the show to train the women for competition. In each episode the cameras will follow the entire process from training to competition.

Areas of Competition

- Dancing A dance instructor will help them select the style of dance they'd like to perform and help them choreograph their own routine.
- Singing A vocal coach will help them select a song and rehearse for competition
- Acting All of the women will participate in the same 2 scenes opposite popular male actors (i.e. Omar Epps and Mathew McConaughey). They will perform one dramatic scene and one comedy. An acting coach will work with each woman on preparing for the scenes.
- Poetry A trained and popular writer will teach the women about poetic expression. The women will randomly draw subjects from a batch of predetermined subjects. Each woman will write a poem on their randomly selected subject and using what they've learned from the acting competition the women will memorize and perform their poems.
- Visual Arts The women will choose between painting and sculpting and they will work with professionals to create a piece that is a perfect expression of themselves. The judges will judge the art work without knowing which piece belongs to which woman.
- Humility The ladies will be told to dress their best because they've been invited to a celebritypacked, Hollywood party. A limo will pick them up and upon arrival they will be told that they are not there to party but they will work as hired help. As the cameras follow as they work as coat checkers, waitresses and bar maids. They can not tell anyone that they are a part of the "IT Girl Competition" or they will be immediately disqualified. The judges will rate their attitude and humility.

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Signature: Registration cannot be completed without a signature.	6	I certify that the statements made by me in this application are correct to the best of my knowledge.* Check one: Author Authorized agent X
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This Certificate issued under the seal of the Copyright Office in accordance with title 17, United States Code, attests that registration has been made for the work identified below. The information on this certificate has been made a part of the Copyright Office records.

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EXHIBIT 2

DATED: 12 - 10 , 20 6 3

E! Networks 5750 Wilshire Boulevard Los Angeles, California 90036

Gentlemen and Ladies:

I am submitting to you as part of this Submission Agreement ("Agreement") the following written or otherwise recorded material (the "Material"):

The Material is submitted on the following terms, conditions and understandings:

- 1. I understand and acknowledge that because of your position in the entertainment industry you receive numerous submissions of television program and movie ideas, formats, stories, suggestions, and the like. I further understand and acknowledge that you would refuse to accept, consider or otherwise evaluate the Material in the absence of my acceptance of each and every provision of this Agreement. I further understand and acknowledge that no confidential or fiduciary relationship now exists between us, and that no such relationship is established by reason of this Agreement or by reason of my submission of the Material to you.
- 2. I warrant that I am either the author and owner of all rights to the Material or the duly authorized agent of the author and owner of all rights to the Material, and I have full power and authority to submit the Material to you on the terms and conditions hereof, each and all of which shall be binding not only on me but on any and all persons and entities for whom I am acting. I acknowledge that this is a non-commissioned submission and that you did not suggest or request that the Material be written, created, or submitted.
- 3. Notwithstanding anything else in this Agreement, you may use, without any obligation whatsoever to me and without payment whatsoever to me, the Material, or any part thereof or ideas therein, to the extent that such Material, part, or idea (a) is similar to or contains significant elements encompassed in a concept under consideration or in development by you at the time of my submission, or (b) is not unique, novel, original and concrete as to be entitled to intellectual property protection under the law, or (c) has been made public by anyone at the time of my submission or otherwise is in the public domain, or (d) would be freely usable by a third person if it had not been accepted as a submission or the subject of any agreement, or (e) is not protected by Federal copyright law, or (f) if other similar or identical projects are independently created by your employees or associates or those of third parties. Any of the Material that, in accordance with the preceding sentence, you are entitled to use without obligation to me is

- Case 2:13-cv-00628-FMO-MRW Document 1 Filed 01/29/13 Page 25 of 31 does ID #:26 hereinafter referred to as "Unprotected Material". If all or any part of the Waterial does not fall in the category of unprotected material, such part, if any, in hereinafter referred to as "Protected Material".
 - 4. You agree that if you use or wish to use any Protected Material in a work, distributed, exhibited or released to the public (provided the Protected Material used has not been obtained from, or independently created by, another source), you and I will negotiate in good faith concerning the appropriate payment for such use or contemplated use. If, after you have used Protected Material and despite our good faith negotiations we are unable to agree upon an amount, either party may then submit the matter to arbitration in accordance with and subject to the terms of Paragraph 10, below, which shall be my sole and exclusive remedy for any breach of this Agreement or improper use of the Material by you.
 - 5. I understand and acknowledge that you and your employees have access to, may create, or have created, television material and ideas which may be similar or identical to the Material in theme, idea, plot, format or other respects. I agree that I will not be entitled to any compensation because of the use of any such similar or identical material that may have been independently created by you or any of your employees or may have come to you or such employee from any other independent source, whether before or after the date of this Agreement. I agree and acknowledge that, in any dispute arising from alleged use of the Material, or any part thereof or ideas therein, I will bear the burden of proving that you used the Material (and that you did not independently create the alleged similar literary materials or ideas or derive them from an independent source). I agree and acknowledge that no presumption of inference of copying or use shall arise, or be asserted, by virtue of (a) any similarity between your work and the Material or (b) the fact that I submitted the Material to you or that you had access thereto.
 - 6. I agree and acknowledge that no contract or obligation of any kind, other than those arising pursuant to the express terms of the Agreement, is assumed by you or may be implied against you by reason of your review of the Material and/or any discussions or negotiations we may have. Specifically, it is understood that neither my submission of the Material pursuant to this Agreement, nor your review (or use of Unprotected Material) thereof, constitutes or creates an implied-in-fact or implied-in-law contract, even if there exists an industry custom or practice to the contrary.
 - 7. I have retained at least at least one (1) copy of the Material, and I hereby release you of and from any and all liability for loss of, or damage to, the copy or copies of the Material submitted to you hereunder.
 - 8. I understand that whenever the word "you" or "your" is used herein, it refers to (a) E! Entertainment Television, Inc. (including "style."), (b) any company affiliated with E! Entertainment Television, Inc. by way of common stock ownership or otherwise, (c) parents, divisions, units and subsidiaries of E! Entertainment Television, Inc., (d) divisions, units and subsidiaries of such affiliated companies, (e) any firm, person or corporation to whom E! Entertainment Television, Inc. is leasing production facilities,

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EXHIBIT 4

RELEASE AGREEMENT "Opening Act"

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This serves as a release agreement between Henry Haraway and By signing this agreement you acknowledge that you have receive reality show concept currently titled <i>Opening Act</i> (title subject to cha	f
You acknowledge that the Material was created and written by Henry any suggestion or request from you. You agree that you will not use enter into an agreement with LAMAD Productions granting you the you will not present this material to any third party without acknowledge.	Haraway for LAMAD Productions without the Material or any part thereof unless you ight to use the Material. You also agree that
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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT, CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA CIVIL COVER SHEET

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(b) Attorneys (Firm Name, Address and Telephone Number. If you are yourself, provide same.)	representing	Attorneys (If Known)		
Michael S. Traylor (SBN 136814) (310) 567-2789 cell 9018 Balboa Blvd., Suite 352 (310) 401-6610 ofc Northridge, CA. 91325 (661) 296-9965 fax				
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