



Zak Barnett Acting Studios and Backstage  
Present:  
“The Wonder Women of Hollywood”

An inter-generational conversation discussing the Changing Roles for Women in the Entertainment Industry with a panel of talented women Making in Impact.

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[Zak Barnett Acting Studios](#) and [Backstage](#) proudly present a [S.E.A. Talk](#) focused on “The Wonder Women of Hollywood” live at ZBS Studios on the evening of January 3, 2018.

To support its long-standing commitment to actors and the acting community, ZBS Studios launched [S.E.A. \(Spiritually, Entertainment, Activism\) Talks](#), a video interview series in which actors and acting teachers discuss the actor’s life and art in the context of life’s biggest questions. For over 50 years, Backstage has been the most trusted place for actors and performers to find jobs and career advice. Together, ZBS Studios and Backstage will host an inter-generational panel to discuss the changing roles of women in the industry with many of the women making an impact.

The event features recent ZBS Studios breakout students, Master Class Teachers and Special Guests answering questions from the Backstage and ZBS Studios communities on the topics of: Gender Divide, the #metoo Movement, Body Image, Ageism, Diversity, and Leadership Behind and In Front of the Camera. Nationally recognized musician and activist Ivy Ross Ricci will lend her impactful song [Girls Sit Screaming](#) (Ivy Ross Ricci-guitar, vocals Matt Barrick-drums, Nate Lombard-bass, Shana Falana-vocal harmonies) to the evening.

Panelists Scheduled to Appear: [Danielle Macdonald](#) (Patti Cake\$), Academy Award nominee [Lesley Ann Warren](#) (Victor/Victoria), [Mädchen Amick](#) (Riverdale), [Justina Machado](#) (One Day at a Time), [Joelle Carter](#) (Chicago Justice), [Sandi McCree](#) (The Wire), [Victoria Moroles](#) (Teen Wolf), [Gabrielle Elyse](#) (Snatchers) and Casting Director and Backstage Columnist [Marci Liroff](#) (Mean Girls, E.T.). The conversation will be led by ZBS Master Teachers [Zak Barnett](#) and [Martha Gehman](#) and featured on the ZBS YouTube channel in early January.

“This is a watershed moment for women in the entertainment industry, a challenging and exciting time for all of us to exchange experiences, ideas and insights. We’ve come so far, but we still have so far to go—and the best way to get there is together. Backstage is pleased to support such an important conversation along with Zak Barnett, ZBS Studios, and all of the wonderful women taking part in this incredible panel.” -- Rawaan Alkhatib  
Backstage Editor-in-chief

“ZBS's philosophy is that what makes an actor unique and indispensable are the questions they ask themselves”, says Zak Barnett Founder of ZBS Acting Studios, “Specifically around the themes of Spirituality, Entertainment and Activism. There is a clarity of presence and purpose that emerges from such dialogue. We are hoping that this S.E.A. talk crystalizes and fortifies the changing role of women in the entertainment business for both actor and audience alike.”

Details for the Evening:

5:30 PM – 7:30PM screening of Jeremy Jasper's film Patti Cake\$ starring ZBS Master Class Student, Danielle MacDonald.

8PM – 9:30PM the ZBS S.E.A. Talks: “The Wonder Women of Hollywood” panel discussion begins.

Invitation only. Please direct all Media Requests to Jillian Dunn.

**About Zak Barnett Studios:** Founded by master acting teacher and coach Zak Barnett, [ZBS Studios](#) is an acting studio for the development of the whole self and the premiere acting studio offering professional training and coaching to actors ages 9 – Adult in Los Angeles. ZBS is a thriving creative community rich in conversation and support with an unparalleled teaching staff training and coaching up-and-coming talent as well as established Oscar and Emmy winners. In addition to classes, ZBS offers a S.E.A. Talk Series and podcast, which encourages students to have an open and creative discussion proposing some of life's biggest and most profound questions in the context of an actor life and art.

**About Backstage:** For over 50 years, Backstage has been the most trusted place for actors and performers to find jobs and career advice, and for casting professionals and talent seekers to find the right performers for their projects. Today, Backstage is the largest online casting platform in the United States, with over 4,000 roles posted every week, and over 100,000 members building their careers on the platform. Casting professionals can take advantage of sophisticated application management tools to make the job of finding the perfect performer a breeze.

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