

# SKYDANCE TELEVISION

**AWARD-WINNING SKYDANCE TELEVISION PRODUCER-WRITER MARTI NOXON  
NAMES MARIA GRASSO PRESIDENT OF TINY PYRO**

**Grasso To Oversee All Development for Noxon, Including Skydance's *Dietland***

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**Santa Monica, CA, July 8, 2016** – Skydance Television today announced that award-winning producer-writer Marti Noxon, who has a multi-year overall development deal with the Company, has named Maria Grasso to the newly created position of President of Tiny Pyro, effective immediately. Grasso will report to Noxon and in her new role will oversee all development for Noxon's production company, including Skydance's *Dietland*, an adaptation of the novel by the same name written by Sarai Walker. Set against the backdrop of the beauty industry, this part character drama and part revenge fantasy will explore society's obsession with weight loss and beauty in a bold, original and funny way. Tiny Pyro was founded in 2015 and in addition to its current production of CBS medical drama *Code Black*, has multiple projects in development.

"As our priority development slate with Skydance Television rapidly expands, I am thrilled to have found in Maria a new creative partner to help shepherd Tiny Pyro's efforts in bringing a diverse slate of high quality series to the screen," commented Marti Noxon.

"Maria is an extremely accomplished creative executive whose depth and breadth of experience will serve as a strong extension to Skydance Television's already highly productive working relationship with Marti and the Tiny Pyro team," added Marcy Ross, President of Skydance Television.

"I have long admired Marti's talent and taste in material. At the same time, I am so impressed with Skydance Television's deep commitment to storytelling and the outstanding reputation it has earned among writers, so joining this team is an incredibly exciting next step for me and I cannot wait to get started," said Grasso.

Grasso has vast experience as a television executive running development and programming departments at a number of networks and studios, including Lifetime, The WB, Warner Bros and Universal. She has developed and overseen production of such hit series as *Supernatural*, *Army Wives*, *One Tree Hill* and *Everwood*. At Grasso's own production company, One-Two Punch Productions, she oversaw projects at such premium outlets as HBO, AMC and Amazon, and also executive produced *Finding Carter* for MTV. Deb Spera, Grasso's partner at One-Two Punch, will continue to run the production company under a first look deal at ITV Studios America.

### **About Skydance Media**

Skydance is a diversified media company founded by David Ellison in 2010 to create elevated, event-level entertainment for global audiences. The Company brings to life stories of immersive worlds across platforms, including feature film, television and interactive. Among Skydance Media's commercially and critically successful feature films are *Mission: Impossible – Rogue Nation*, *Terminator Genisys*, *World War Z*, *Jack Reacher*, *G.I. Joe: Retaliation*, *Mission: Impossible – Ghost Protocol*, *Star Trek Into Darkness* and *True Grit*. Its 2015 feature films, *Mission: Impossible – Rogue Nation* and *Terminator Genisys*, together grossed over \$1 billion at the worldwide box office. Skydance's feature film slate includes *Star Trek Beyond* on July 22, 2016, *Jack Reacher: Never Go Back* on October 21, 2016, *Life* on March 24, 2017 and *Geostorm* on October 20, 2017. Skydance Media's rapidly growing and critically acclaimed television division launched in 2013. The Company's television slate now features a variety of projects across a number of networks, including Emmy-nominated *Grace and Frankie* and *Altered Carbon* on Netflix, *Red Mars* on Spike TV, *Jack Ryan* on Amazon and *Condor* on DirecTV. In 2016, Skydance acquired leading game developer The Workshop Entertainment and formed Skydance Interactive, a new division that creates and publishes virtual reality experiences.

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