

# SKYDANCE TELEVISION

## SKYDANCE TELEVISION FORMS EXCLUSIVE MULTI-YEAR OVERALL DEAL WITH OLIVIA PURNELL

**Santa Monica, CA –(August 9, 2019)** – Skydance Television today announced it has entered into an exclusive multi-year overall production deal with writer Olivia Purnell (*Y The Last Man*). Under the deal, Purnell will create, develop and produce original scripted series for the studio. The studio currently has multiple projects in development with Purnell that will be announced in the coming months.

“We fell in love with Olivia’s writing while working with her in the writers’ room for *Foundation* and knew immediately this was a creative talent we wanted to partner with,” said Marcy Ross, President of Skydance Television. “Olivia has a powerful point of view for both her characters and her storytelling. We’re thrilled to have her join our team and couldn’t be happier she chose Skydance as her creative home.”

“It’s a gift to find collaborators who want to tell new kinds of stories with boldness and precision,” said Purnell. “I’m thrilled to partner with the creative team at Skydance Television. We share a passion for making great television, and I can’t wait to get started.”

Most recently, Purnell was a writer on *Y The Last Man* at FX. Prior to that, she was a staff writer on *Foundation* the Skydance Television series for Apple TV+ and for *St. Luke’s* for AMC. Purnell got her start as a staff writer on season two of *American Gods* on Starz. Prior to becoming a full-time writer, Purnell worked as a stylist, collaborating with designers, artists, publications and styling everything from editorial shoots for *Flaunt* and *Paper* magazines to musical performances on *The Today Show* and *Saturday Night Live*. She was born in Norfolk, Virginia and raised in Dayton, Ohio, and holds a B.A. in Communication from the University of Southern California and an M.A. in Creative Writing from New York University.

Skydance Television is currently in various stages of production on five original series with a record number of projects in development. In addition to *Foundation*, its current slate includes the sixth season of the hit comedy series *Grace and Frankie*, one of Netflix’s longest running series and the second seasons of *Altered Carbon* for Netflix, *Condor* for AT&T Audience Network and *Tom Clancy’s Jack Ryan* for Amazon.

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