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## ABC AUDIO LAUNCHES 'GMA' APPLE PODCASTS CHANNEL AND ANNOUNCES THREE NEW PODCAST PROJECTS

New Content Includes 'Good Morning America' Podcast, 'Life Out Loud with LZ Granderson' Season Two and 'Close Up' Hosted by Kelley Carter



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Today, **ABC Audio** launched its new [“GMA” channel](#) on Apple Podcasts and announced three new podcast projects: a [“Good Morning America”](#) podcast; the second season of [“Life Out Loud with LZ Granderson”](#); and new entertainment podcast [“Close Up,”](#) hosted by **Kelley Carter**. ABC Audio’s free “GMA” channel will house these new projects, as well as all of ABC News’ lifestyle, culture and entertainment on-demand audio content, including its popular “In Plain Sight: Lady Bird Johnson” podcast. All of ABC Audio’s podcasts are available across major podcast platforms.

Beginning today, the **“Good Morning America”** podcast will allow both the first and second hours of “Good Morning America” to be available to listeners as a podcast. Now, every day, listeners will be able to listen to the morning show wherever they go and stay up to date on the latest news, entertainment and Deals & Steals.

The trailer and first episode of season two of **“Life Out Loud with LZ Granderson”** are available now, with new episodes posting Thursdays. The second season comes on the heels of a successful first season, recently selected by Spotify as one of the “Best New Podcasts of 2021” and by GLAAD to receive a Special Recognition Award at their upcoming Media Awards. In season two, ABC News contributor and Emmy® Award-winning journalist **LZ Granderson** explores timely topics that impact the LGBTQ+ community, ranging from queer friendships, body positivity, non-monogamy, religion, parenting and on-screen representation. Granderson speaks with celebrity guests who help the community celebrate and cope, including award-winning actress Ariana DeBose; GRAMMY® winners Jody Watley, Stephanie Mills and DJ Tracy Young; TikTok sensation “The Old Gays”; New York Times best-selling authors Dan Savage, Rob Bell and Chasten Buttigieg; actor Daniel Franzese; celebrity fitness trainer Shaun T; and Ts Madison, reality TV star. In addition, Granderson speaks with experts who break down the latest research and information regarding these issues.

The new entertainment podcast **“Close Up,”** hosted by Emmy Award-winning journalist **Kelley Carter**, will feature interviews with Hollywood’s biggest stars, including Steven Spielberg, Aaron

Sorkin, Rachel Zegler, Peter Dinklage, Michael B. Jordan, Corey Hawkins, and Aunjanue Ellis, who discuss their careers and craft. Carter will also dissect the latest entertainment news with fellow industry experts. An audio preview is out now. The series will debut on Wednesday, Feb. 9, the day after the 2022 Oscar® nominations, with new episodes posting each Wednesday.

“Good Morning America,” “Life Out Loud with LZ Granderson” and “Close Up” will all be available for free on major listening platforms, including Apple Podcasts, Spotify, Amazon Music, Google Podcasts, iHeartRadio, Stitcher, TuneIn, Audacy and the ABC News app.

#### **About Good Morning America:**

“Good Morning America” is a two-hour, live program anchored by Robin Roberts, George Stephanopoulos, Michael Strahan; and Ginger Zee is the chief meteorologist. The Emmy Award-winning morning news program airs Monday-Friday (7:00-9:00 a.m. ET), and Saturday and Sunday (check your local listings) on ABC. Season to date, “GMA” is the No. 1 morning show in total viewers for the 10<sup>th</sup> year in a row. Simone Swink is the executive producer.

#### **About LZ Granderson:**

LZ Granderson is an Emmy Award-winning journalist and op-ed columnist for the Los Angeles Times. In 2021 the Equality Forum listed Granderson among its “LGBTQ History Month Icons,” and the Los Angeles Press Club as well as California News and Publishing Association named him the year’s top columnist. In 2016 he was inducted into the National Lesbian and Gay Journalists Association Hall of Fame and his TED Talk, “Myth of the Gay Agenda,” has more than 1.7 million views. Granderson received recognition for his work from major LGBTQ+ organizations in the nation, including the Human Rights Campaign, GLSEN and GLAAD. The Advocate, the nation’s most prominent and oldest LGBTQ+ magazine, frequently includes him as one of the 50 most influential LGBTQ voices in media.

#### **About Kelley Carter:**

Kelley L. Carter is a two-time Emmy Award-winning journalist who currently hosts the celebrity interview series, “Another Act,” for ESPN’s The Undeclared. Carter regularly appears on TV networks like ABC News, CNN and MSNBC to discuss her deep knowledge of music, film and television. The go-to for commentary on everything pop culture, Carter has interviewed many of Hollywood’s elite and top recording music artists, including Brad Pitt, Jay-Z, George Clooney, Samuel L. Jackson, Angelina Jolie, Denzel Washington, Drew Barrymore, Beyoncé and many more.

#### **About ABC Audio:**

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