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**TRACY UNDERWOOD
NAMED PRESIDENT OF ABC SIGNATURE**



ABC Signature/Matt Petit*

Tracy Underwood has been named president of ABC Signature, it was announced today by Eric Schrier, president of Disney Television Studios and Global Original TV Strategy for Disney Entertainment, to whom she will report. In her new role, Underwood, who has been at the studio since 2010, will oversee all creative affairs, including the studio's development of drama, comedy and limited series, as well as the current series slate. Most recently, Underwood served as executive vice president of creative affairs for ABC Signature.

Sydnee Rimes, senior vice president of Series, will continue to lead the current series team, now reporting into Underwood. Susan Lewis, senior vice president of Drama Development and Danny Feldheim, senior vice president of Comedy Development, will continue to report into Underwood.

"As a proven leader at ABC Signature, Tracy has been an instrumental force behind the studio's development of award-winning and culture-piercing series for over a decade. In this new role leading the studio, Tracy will build on her excellent relationships with our creative and platform partners to grow the studio's legacy of producing undeniable television," said Schrier.

"I'd like to thank Dana Walden for her extraordinary leadership and Eric Schrier for entrusting me with the opportunity to step into this role. The prospect of leading the studio that I've called home for over 10 years is a professional dream come true. Along with the exceptional teams, we will continue to create spectacular, impactful and relevant television during one of the most transformative chapters in our industry," said Underwood.

Underwood has shepherded some of the studios' most-lauded shows, including Emmy®-nominated "Bad Sisters" for Apple TV+, "Fleishman Is In Trouble" for FX and "Tiny Beautiful Things" starring Kathryn Hahn for Hulu, as well as recent Humanitas recipient "A Small Light" for Nat Geo. Additional recent series under Underwood's purview include the critically lauded comedy "This Fool" and Onyx Collective's "UnPrisoned," starring Kerry Washington and Delroy Lindo, and drama series "Reasonable Doubt." Upcoming series include "Death and Other Details" starring Mandy Patinkin, "Under The Bridge" starring Riley Keough for Hulu, as well as the new drama series "High Potential" starring Kaitlin Olson for ABC. She has worked on some of the most celebrated shows across Disney Entertainment, including the launch of several of the first original series for D+, including "The Mighty Ducks: Game Changers," "Big Shot," "The Muppets Mayhem" and "National Treasure: The Edge of History."

Previously, Underwood was appointed to establish a new division of ABC Studios in 2013, targeting the cable and streaming business. Under her leadership, this innovative, artist-driven specialty arm developed across all cable networks and streaming platforms, where she was responsible for shepherding the series "Godfather of Harlem" for MGM+, Hulu series "Dollface" and "High Fidelity," "SMILF" for Showtime and the Emmy-nominated limited series "Little Fires Everywhere" for Hulu. Prior to this role, Underwood served for two years as vice president of Drama for ABC Signature (then ABC Studios). She previously had a successful career as a senior executive and producer in feature films. Her credits include "Source Code," "White Oleander" and "Nearing Grace." Underwood is on the advisory board for Brilliantly Strategic, a start up in support of the breast cancer community.

About ABC Signature

One of the Disney Television Studios, ABC Signature produces many of ABC Entertainment's most significant hits, including "Grey's Anatomy" and "Station 19"; co-productions "The Good Doctor," and "The Rookie"; and late-night talk show "Jimmy Kimmel Live!" ABC Signature's series include "grown-ish" for Freeform; "Godfather of Harlem" for MGM+; "Bad Sisters" and "Five Days at Memorial" for Apple TV+; "Fleishman Is in Trouble" for FX; "Criminal Minds: Evolution" for Paramount +; "Reasonable Doubt," "This Fool," "Tiny Beautiful Things" and "UnPrisoned" for Hulu; as well as "A Small Light" for Nat Geo.

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