Introducing Anthology Podcast 'Echoes,' a Science Fiction Exploration of Reincarnation Starring Adam Pascal, Jackée Harry, and John O'Hurley

In a near-future world where reincarnation has been scientifically proven to be real, and past life crimes are punishable with life imprisonment, an underground network develops to help 'Echoes' evade the authorities- all while hiding their own dark secrets.

NEW YORK CITY –June 28th, 2023 Series creator Holly Payne-Strange, writer for New York Times-lauded storytelling podcast Fireside Mystery Theater, is pleased to launch a new anthology podcast on June 28th: Echoes, a grounded, next-world sci-fi show that asks the question, "If reincarnation were scientifically proven to be real, how would the world change?" Co-creator in this venture is award-winning director/writer/producer, Heidi C. Bordogna, whose work includes the feature films, Asockalypse! and Confidence Game, the web-series Exiled Out East and the short film, Anticipation

With executive producer **Jeff Gomez**, CEO of Starlight Entertainment. (*Pirates of the Caribbean, Disney Fairies, Tron Legacy, Avatar, Men in Black 3, The Amazing Spider-Man 2, "*Dexter"), the anthology series examines the effect this one simple change could have on our day-to-day lives. Does love really last past death? Do you owe someone a debt even if you can't remember wronging them? If you did something wrong in a past life – really wrong, if you were a serial killer – do you deserve to be punished for it in this lifetime?

Echoes will explore these themes with performances from an exceptional cast: Braodway Star Adam Pascal (Rent, Aida, Something Rotten), iconic voice actor John O'Hurley ("Seinfeld," "SpongeBob Squarepants," "Phineas and Ferb," "Archer"), Emmy, and NAACP image award winner Jackée Harry ("Sister, Sister", "227", "Days of our lives") rising star Lee Shorten ("Man in the High Castle," "The Terror," Ghost of Tsushima) and comedian Bret Ernst ("Cobra Kai", "Weeds" "Vince Vaugn's Wild West Comedy Show").

"The genuinely captivating narrative podcast "Echoes," created by Holly Payne-Strange and Heidi C. Bordogna, explores reincarnation with a fresh, one-of-a-kind perspective and with the help of a star-studded cast." Writes <u>LA Weekly</u>. "... Payne-Strange and Bordogna have assembled a stunning series filled with gifted actors and deeply original writing... Although Echoes deals mainly with death, the show has a way of bending what could be a depressing experience into a positive one, clearly aligned with love and human connection"

The anthology will also feature a strong LGBTQIA+ presence, also partly inspired by Payne-Strange's personal experiences and her wife in particular. Though Echoes is not intended as specifically a gay sci-fi podcast, the creators are proud of the show's inherent diversity and felt it was natural to include at least one queer character in nearly every episode.

Season one, which consists of ten episodes, will become available on major podcast streaming platforms on June 21st, 2023. To stay up to date on new episodes, catch behind-the-scenes content, and get exclusive offers, check out our website at https://www.echoesshow.com
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