



## **“KEY AND PEELE” SHOWRUNNERS IAN ROBERTS AND JAY MARTEL TO HEAD UP TV LAND COMEDY PILOT “TEACHERS”**

New York, NY – May 7, 2014 – Ian Roberts and Jay Martel, showrunners of the hit Comedy Central series “Key and Peele,” will be showrunners on TV Land’s new scripted comedy pilot “Teachers,” it was announced today by Larry W. Jones, President, TV Land. “Teachers,” based on the popular web series of the same name, revolves around six elementary school teachers who are trying to mold the minds and lives of America’s youth, but they don’t really seem to have their own lives together at all. From making their class help them stalk exes online to altering a grade because the art teacher is “kind of a b\*\*\*\*,” these teachers are certainly changing the world, one student at a time. “Teachers” is set to tape this summer.

“As TV Land begins to explore different comedic styles, we’re excited to collaborate with such talented showrunners like Ian and Jay,” said Jones. “And we’ll finally unveil one of childhood’s great mysteries: what REALLY goes on behind the door to the teacher’s lounge.”

“We recognize that teachers are the backbone of America,” Martel & Roberts said in a statement. “Having said that, we look forward to mocking them in a half-hour format.”

In addition to helping the Peabody Award-winning “Key and Peele,” Ian Roberts and Jay Martel won a WGA Award for their work as head writers on “Blake Shelton’s Not So Family Christmas” special for NBC. Their most recent feature screenplay, “Get Hard,” is currently in production at Warner Brothers with Will Ferrell and Kevin Hart starring. Roberts is also a founding member of The Upright Citizen’s Brigade (UCB) and has appeared in numerous TV series and films including “Parks and Recreation,” “Arrested Development,” “I Love You, Man” and “Step Brothers.” Martel wrote and directed the independent feature “Terrorists,” served as producer and head writer on Comedy Central’s “Strangers with Candy,” and has been nominated for two Emmy® Awards and three additional WGA Awards. Roberts and Martel are represented by Verve and Principato-Young.

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“Teachers” will be executive produced by Alison Brie (“Community”) and stars Caitlin Barlow, Katy Colloton, Cate Freedman, Kate Lambert, Katie O’Brien and Katie Thomas – also known as The Katydids – who starred in the web series.

Matt Miller and Cap Gun TV are executive producers of the pilot alongside Brie, and Jones and Keith Cox will serve as executive producers for TV Land.

“Teachers” is one of the many new projects for TV Land, which includes the network’s first ever single camera comedy “Jennifer Falls” starring Jaime Pressly and Jessica Walter, premiering Wednesday, June 4<sup>th</sup> at 10:30pm ET/PT, and the recently picked-up single camera series “Younger,” starring Sutton Foster, Hilary Duff, Debi Mazar and Miriam Shor, from “Sex and the City” creator Darren Star.

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