GLOBAL UNVEILS ITS EXPLOSIVE 2017/18 PRIMETIME LINEUP FEATURING SIX NEW DRAMAS AND FOUR NEW COMEDIES JOINING 23 RETURNING SERIES

Six New Dramas Join the Network including *S.W.A.T.*, *SEAL Team*, *Law & Order True Crime: The Menendez Murders*, *The Brave*, *Wisdom of the Crowd*, and *Instinct*

Four New Comedies Hit the Schedule including *Will & Grace*, *9JKL*, *Great News,* and *Superior Donuts*

New Series are Headlined by Hollywood A-Listers including Jeremy Piven, Debra Messing, Eric McCormack, Shemar Moore, Edie Falco, David Boreanaz, Alan Cumming, Nicole Richie, Anne Heche, Andrea Martin, and More

"The real star of The Menendez Murders isn't the eponymous crime; it's Edie Falco as defense attorney Leslie Abramson." – [EW.com](#) *on* **Law & Order True Crime: The Menendez Murders**

"It's visually strong thanks to director Justin Lin, there's no question that Shemar Moore can carry a show, and the supporting cast is full of interesting people." – [The Hollywood Reporter](#) *on* **S.W.A.T.**

"The first full-length trailer for the show's revival has arrived and it's amazing. And, if you've ever longed to see Will, Grace, Jack and Karen break into song again, you're in luck!" – [Today](#) *on* **Will & Grace**

"Needless to say, hilarity ensues — so much so that Martin is being buzzed about in industry circles as a serious Emmy contender." – [The Hollywood Reporter](#) *on* **Great News**

*"***Superior Donuts** *has the right ingredients to make a consistently funny show that, more importantly, feels of its time, focusing less on nostalgia and more on change." –* [EW.com](#)

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TORONTO, June 5, 2017 – Today **Global** unveiled its 2017/18 primetime lineup featuring **six** new captivating and powerful dramas and **four** new coveted comedies joining **23** returning primetime series. With a solid 16 hours of weekly simulcast, Global's fall schedule builds on the Network's historic season last fall where Global celebrated #1 hit series for drama and reality, plus the #1 new comedy. Global is positioned for another powerhouse fall season with a robust schedule packed with unparalleled star power, entertaining and compelling storytelling, and buzz-worthy series.

New dramas joining the fall schedule are **_SEAL Team_**, a military drama starring David Boreanaz (*Bones*) that follows the professional and personal lives of the most elite unit of Navy SEALs as they train, plan, and execute the most dangerous missions; **_S.W.A.T._***,* a series inspired by the 1970s television show, that stars Shemar Moore (*Criminal Minds*) as a S.W.A.T. sergeant in Los Angeles; **_Wisdom of the Crowd_** starring Emmy® and Golden Globe® Award-winner Jeremy Piven (*Entourage*) as a visionary tech innovator who creates a cutting-edge crowdsourcing app to solve his daughter's murder; **_The Brave_**, a fresh, heart-pounding drama that follows a team of highly trained analysts and Special Ops forces who work together to execute missions in some of the most dangerous places in the world; and **Law & Order True Crime: The Menendez Murders** starring four-time Emmy® Award-winner Edie Falco (*Nurse Jackie*) as lead attorney Leslie Abramson, in this gripping in-depth dramatization of the notorious murder case that explores what drove two young brothers to kill their parents, examining their upbringing and issues that brought them to that horrible moment.

Global's comedy slate adds three new series this fall including the return of one of the most successful comedies in television history, **Will & Grace***.* As home to the original hit series from 1998-2006, Global welcomes back the fearsome foursome including Eric McCormack, Debra Messing, Sean Hayes, and Megan Mullally, and executive producers Max Mutchnick, David Kohan, and legendary director James Burrows. Brand new comedy **9JKL** stars Mark Feuerstein (*Royal Pains*) as an actor who's newly single and returns home to live in an apartment sandwiched between his doting, meddlesome parents on one side and his brother, sister-in-law, and their new baby on the other. And Season 2 of **Great News**, an office comedy starring Nicole Richie (*Candidly Nicole*), and Canadian Andrea Martin (*Working the Engels*) as a stay-at-home mom who decides to return to work and lands an internship at her daughter's news show.

"On the heels of Global's most successful fall season in a decade, this year we have strategically selected new series that build on the Network's momentum, creating a schedule with the most outstanding series and the brightest stars," said Maria Hale, Senior Vice President, Global Entertainment & Content Acquisition, Corus Entertainment. "Our 2017/18 lineup combines some of the most anticipated and sought-after new series including *Will & Grace, S.W.A.T.*, *SEAL Team*, and *Law & Order: True Crime*, joining our impressive roster of returning hits like *Bull*, *Kevin Can Wait*, *Survivor*, and the *NCIS* franchise."

The new series joining Global's schedule are teamed with a dynamite lineup of returning hits. Last fall's #1 drama **Bull*** is back on the schedule along with last fall's #1 new comedy **Kevin Can Wait**. Reaching more than 5.5 million Canadians every week last fall** the blockbuster **NCIS** franchise – including **NCIS**, **NCIS: LA**, and **NCIS: New Orleans** – returns, and the power of the franchise continues with **Chicago Fire**, **Chicago PD** heating up the schedule, with **Chicago Med** moving to mid-season. Following Season 34 which averaged more than 2 million viewers (2+) each week***, the perennial Top 10 program and last fall's #1 reality series, **Survivor** returns with its 35th season titled **Survivor: Heroes v. Healers v. Hustlers**. And freshman drama **Taken** comes back to the schedule joining Global's Friday night lineup alongside Friday night's #1 and #2 series **MacGyver** and **Hawaii Five-0**. Then, Canada's #1 late-night series **Saturday Night Live** returns, and **The Late Show with Stephen Colbert** – which saw a 9% growth in audience year over year*– continues weeknights on Global.

Newly acquired series also join the Network's mid-season schedule including *Instinct*, a drama starring Alan Cumming (*The Good Wife*) as a gifted author, university professor, and former CIA operative who is lured back to his old life by the NYPD when they need his help to stop a serial killer; and *Superior Donuts*, a comedy about the owner of a small doughnut shop that's located in a quickly gentrifying Chicago neighbourhood. Viewers can catch up on Season 1 of *Superior Donuts* on CMT Canada this fall before Season 2 joins Global's schedule in 2018. Rounding out Global's mid-season lineup are additional returning series including fan-favourite *Timeless*, last fall's #2 new comedy *Man with a Plan*, Season 3 of Jennifer Lopez's gripping cop drama *Shades of Blue,* and Season 6 of the Sherlock Holmes procedural *Elementary*.

GLOBAL'S FALL 2017 PROGRAMMING SCHEDULE-AT-A-GLANCE
*All times are ET and subject to change. New programs **bolded**.*

Monday

7 p.m.	Entertainment Tonight
7:30 p.m.	Entertainment Tonight Canada
8 p.m.	Kevin Can Wait
8:30 p.m.	**9JKL**
9 p.m.	NCIS: New Orleans
10 p.m.	**The Brave**
11:35 p.m.	The Late Show With Stephen Colbert

Tuesday

7 p.m.	Entertainment Tonight
7:30 p.m.	Entertainment Tonight Canada
8 p.m.	NCIS
9 p.m.	Bull
10 p.m.	**Law & Order True Crime: The Menendez Murders**
11:35 p.m.	The Late Show With Stephen Colbert

Wednesday

7 p.m.	Entertainment Tonight
7:30 p.m.	Entertainment Tonight Canada
8 p.m.	Survivor
9 p.m.	**SEAL Team**
10 p.m.	Chicago PD
11:35 p.m.	The Late Show With Stephen Colbert

Thursday

7 p.m.	Entertainment Tonight
7:30 p.m.	Entertainment Tonight Canada
8 p.m.	Superstore
8:30 p.m.	The Good Place
9 p.m.	**Will & Grace**
9:30 p.m.	**Great News**
10 p.m.	Chicago Fire / **S.W.A.T.**
11:35 p.m.	The Late Show With Stephen Colbert

Friday

7 p.m.	Entertainment Tonight
7:30 p .m.	Entertainment Tonight Canada
8 p.m.	MacGyver
9 p.m.	Hawaii Five-0
10 p.m.	Taken
11:35 p.m.	The Late Show With Stephen Colbert

Saturday
11:30 p.m.   Saturday Night Live

Sunday
7 p.m.   Border Security
7:30 p.m.   The Simpsons
8 p.m.   **Wisdom of the Crowd**
9 p.m.   NCIS: LA
10 p.m.   Madam Secretary

SERIES DESCRIPTIONS FOR NEW PROGRAMMING COMING TO GLOBAL:

NEW DRAMAS:

SEAL Team
SEAL Team stars David Boreanaz in a military drama that follows the professional and personal lives of the most elite unit of Navy SEALs as they train, plan, and execute the most dangerous, high stakes missions. Deployed on clandestine missions worldwide at a moment's notice, and knowing the toll it takes on them and their families, this tight-knit SEAL team displays unwavering patriotism and fearless dedication, even in the face of overwhelming odds.

SEAL Team stars David Boreanaz (*Bones*) as Jason, Max Thieriot (*Bates Motel*) as Clay, Neil Brown Jr. (*Insecure*) as Ray, A.J. Buckley (*CSI:NY*) as Sonny, Toni Trucks (*NCIS: New Orleans*) as Diaz and, Jessica Paré (*Mad Men*) as Mandy.

S.W.A.T.
Inspired by the television series and feature film, *S.W.A.T.* stars Shemar Moore as a locally born S.W.A.T. sergeant newly tasked to run a specialized tactical unit that is the last stop in law enforcement in Los Angeles. Torn between loyalty to the streets where he was raised and allegiance to his brothers in blue, former Marine Daniel "Hondo" Harrelson (Moore) has everything it takes to successfully bridge the divide between his two worlds and excel at leading his dedicated team of brave men and women as they risk their lives to protect the community.

S.W.A.T. stars Shemar Moore (*Criminal Minds*) as Daniel "Hondo" Harrelson, Stephanie Sigman (*Narcos*) as Jessica Cortez, Alex Russell (*Unbroken*) as Jim Street, Jay Harrington (*Benched*) as David "Deacon" Kay, Lina Esco (*Kingdom*) as Christina "Chris" Alonso, Kenny Johnson (*Chicago Fire*) as Dominique Luca, and Peter Onorati (*Goodfellas*) as Mumford.

Wisdom of the Crowd
Wisdom of the Crowd stars Emmy® and Golden Globe® Award-winner Jeremy Piven as a visionary tech innovator who creates a cutting-edge crowdsourcing app to solve his daughter's murder, and revolutionizes crime solving in the process. Inspired by the notion that a million minds are better than one, Silicon Valley entrepreneur Jeffrey Tanner (Piven) develops "Sophe," an online platform for publicly shared information, and recruits the original cop who searched for his daughter's killer, Det. Tommy Cavanaugh (Richard T. Jones), to work with him. As Tanner taps into the "wisdom of the crowd," his unexpected success fuels his determination to solve even more cases than just the one that's personal to him.

Wisdom Of The Crowd stars Emmy® and Golden Globe® Award-winner Jeremy Piven (*Entourage*) as Jeffrey Tanner, Richard T. Jones (*Hawaii Five-0*) as Det. Tommy Cavanaugh, Natalia Tena (*Game of Thrones*) as Sara Morton, Blake Lee (*Parks and Recreation*) as Josh Novak, Jake Matthews (*Bosch*) as Tariq Bakari, and Monica Potter (*Parenthood*) as Alex Hale.

Law & Order True Crime: The Menendez Murders
Starring the incomparable Emmy® and Golden Globe® Award-winner Edie Falco, this new eight-episode true-crime installment of the powerhouse *Law & Order* franchise delivers a gripping in-depth

dramatization of the notorious murder case that changed America forever. When the Menendez brothers were tried for brutally killing their parents in Beverly Hills, and their trial broadcast on TV, their story became a national obsession. Now, the first edition of this anthology series delves into the players, the crime, and the media circus, detailing the day-to-day battles of the trial and unveiling the shocking truth of what really went down when the cameras stopped rolling.

Law & Order True Crime: The Menendez Murders stars Edie Falco (*Nurse Jackie*).

The Brave
From Keshet Studios and Avi Nir (executive producer of *Homeland*) comes a fresh, heart-pounding journey into the complex world of America's elite undercover military heroes. While D.I.A. Deputy Director Patricia Campbell (Anne Heche) and her team of analysts wield the world's most advanced surveillance technology from Washington, D.C., Adam Dalton and his heroic Special Ops squad of highly trained undercover specialists use their unbreakable bond and commitment to freedom to save lives of innocent people and execute missions in some of the most dangerous places in the world.

The Brave stars Anne Heche (*Men in Trees*) as Patricia Campbell, Mike Vogel (*Under the Dome*) as Michael Dalton, Sofia Pernas (*Jane the Virgin*) as Hannah Archer, Tate Ellington (*Quantico*) as Noah Morgenthau, Natacha Karam (*Homeland*) as Jasmine "Jaz" Ervin, Demetrius Grosse (*Westworld*) as Anthony "Preach" Carter , Noah Mills (*Sex and the City 2*) as Joseph J. McGuire, and Hadi Tabbal (*Circumstance*) as Amir AL-Rasani.

NEW COMEDIES

Will & Grace
That's right, honey! A decade after their unforgettable eight-season run, comedy's most fabulous foursome is back. Eric McCormack, Debra Messing, Sean Hayes, and Megan Mullally reprise their infamous roles as Will, Grace, Jack, and Karen in this exclusive 12-episode event. The legendary James Burrows, director of every original *Will & Grace* episode, returns along with a slew of razor-sharp jabs and dirty martinis. Behold once again, from the minds of Max Mutchnick and David Kohan, TV's wittiest ensemble ever.

Will & Grace stars Eric McCormack (*Travelers*) as Will, Debra Messing (*Smash*) as Grace, Sean Hayes (*Grimm*) as Jack, and Megan Mullally (*Bob's Burgers*) as Karen.

9JKL
9JKL stars Mark Feuerstein in a family comedy inspired by his real life. Josh Roberts (Feuerstein) is a new divorcé and actor between projects who moves home to New York to regroup, living in an apartment sandwiched between his doting, meddlesome parents on one side and his brother, sister-in-law, and their new baby on the other. As Josh's family literally comes at him from both sides, he realizes he desperately needs to establish some personal boundaries, because his loving family is always going to be right there for him. Always.

9JKL stars Mark Feuerstein (*Royal Pains*) as Josh Roberts, Linda Lavin (*The Intern*) as Judy, Elliott Gould (*Ray Donovan*) as Harry, David Walton (*Bad Moms*) as Andrew, Liza Lapira (*Crazy, Stupid, Love.*) as Eve, Matt Murray (*Rookie Blue*) as Nick, and Albert Tsai (*Dr. Ken*) as Ian.

Great News
Getting along with office colleagues can be rough, but working with your mom? That's a whole different story, and it's the headline for Katie Wendelson (Briga Heelan), a smart, ambitious news producer at national cable news show *The Breakdown*. After 30 years of being a stay-at-home mom, Carol (Canadian Andrea Martin) decides that it's never too late to follow your dreams and lands an internship at her daughter's news show. This is Katie's worst nightmare, until she comes to realize that with her biggest cheerleader at her side, she and her mom both might just make it after all. Sitting in the co-anchor chair at *The Breakdown* is Chuck Pierce (John Michael Higgins), the blowhard, difficult-to-please news desk veteran. Chuck intimidates everyone on staff except for Carol, who uses her polished mom skills to deal

with him. Alongside him is Portia (Nicole Richie), the young, very hip co-host who brings a different perspective to old-fashioned journalism. Leading the news team is Greg (Adam Campbell), the dashing young executive producer. Katie's closest friend at the office is Justin (Horatio Sanz), the laid back video editor who has seen it all and is always more than happy to dole out his zen-like advice. Rounding out the newsroom is Beth (Tracey Wigfield), the creepy resident meteorologist who is far from your stereotypical weather girl.

Great News stars Briga Heelan (*Love*) as Katie, Andrea Martin (*Working the Engels*) as Carol, Adam Campbell (*NCIS*) as Greg, Nicole Richie (*Candidly Nicole*) as Portia, Horatio Sanz (*Saturday Night Live*) as Justin, and John Michael Higgins (*Yes Man*) as Chuck.

MID-SEASON:

Instinct
Instinct stars Alan Cumming as a former CIA operative who is lured back to his old life when the NYPD needs his help to stop a serial killer. Dr. Dylan Reinhart (Cumming) is a gifted author and university professor living a quiet life teaching psychopathic behaviour to packed classes of adoring students. But when top NYPD detective Lizzie Needham (Bojana Novakovic) appeals to him to help her catch a serial murderer who is using Dylan's first book as a tutorial, Dylan is compelled by the case, comes out of retirement, and taps into his old skill set. Though Dylan and Lizzie initially clash, when it comes to catching killers, they realize they will make an ideal team if they both trust their instincts.

Instinct stars Alan Cumming (*The Good Wife*) as Dr. Dylan Reinhart and Bojana Novakovic (*Shameless*) as Lizzie Needham.

Superior Donuts
Based on the play by Pulitzer Prize and Tony Award-winning writer Tracy Letts, *Superior Donuts* stars Judd Hirsch as an owner of a doughnut shop in Chicago who, after a half-century in business, hires young go-getter Franco who is bent on freshening the shop. With his business in jeopardy, Arthur grudgingly realizes that he had better embrace the change around him and that Franco could be exactly what he – and the doughnut shop – need to thrive.

Superior Donuts stars Judd Hirsch (*Independence Day*) as Arthur Przybyszewski, Jermaine Fowler (*Friends of People*) as Franco Wicks, and Katey Sagal (*Sons of Anarchy*) as Randy DeLuca.

Source: Numeris PPM Data, Total Canada, FL'16 (Sept 12-Dec 18/16), conventional rankers based on AMA (000), 3+ airings, excludes World Cup of Hockey and Rio Paralympics, key demos (A25-54, A18-49, F18-49, F25-54) and A18-34 unless otherwise noted, *Ind.2+, **Ind.2+ avg wkly reach, *** SP'17 std (Jan 2 – May 7/17) ranker excludes NFL & NHL playoffs

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