



# North Fork TV Festival Opens September 7 with Star-Studded Slate of Events

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The North Fork TV Festival—a three-day celebration of independent scripted television with premieres, panels and parties in Greenport, NY—opens on Thursday, September 7, 2017 and runs through Saturday, September 9 this year.

Headquartered in the historic Greenport Theater, this year's [NFTV Festival](#) features screenings of unique and deeply personal stories not yet available to the general public, along with panels featuring actors, emerging creators and established industry professionals, all followed up with nightly after-parties.

Opening the Festival this year on Thursday, September 7, will be a world premiere screening of the independent pilot “Greenport,” created by Shannon Goldman and Tony Spiridakis and directed by Shannon Goldman, at 7 p.m. at the Greenport Theatre. Written and shot on the North Fork, “Greenport” is a heartfelt comedy, inspired by personal chronicles, focusing on a struggling Hollywood filmmaker who is determined to show the world that an autistic kid can do anything.



Still from “Greenport.” Courtesy of North Fork TV Festival.

The VIP after-party will be held at nearby Noah’s restaurant starting at 9 p.m.

Friday, September 8, is Awards Night for the NFTV Festival, with a special presentation of the Canopy Award to actor Chris Noth at the Greenport Theatre following the New York premiere screening of “Shoot Me Nicely” at 7 p.m.

Written and directed by Elias Plagianos, “Shoot Me Nicely” explores the New York City art and fashion world through the eyes of a former superstar photographer who has lost his cushy magazine job and is forced to take odd jobs to pay the bills and his rent while his agent works overtime selling his paparazzi pics in an attempt to get him back into the spotlight of the fashion world.



Still from “Shoot Me Nicely.” Courtesy of North Fork TV Festival.

Two-time Golden Globe nominee and SAG Award nominated actor Chris Noth—perhaps best known as Detective Mike Logan on “Law & Order,” Big on “Sex and the City,” and Governor Peter Florrick on “The Good Wife”—has been named the recipient of the inaugural Canopy Award for this year’s festival. Noth will be on hand to accept the award on Friday.

Guests with VIP level tickets have access to join Noth at the official Opening Night Oyster Season Kick-Off Party at [Castello di Borghese Winery](#). Hosted by Cat Greenleaf, and with live music from the Hoodoo Loungers, the party supports the [Billion Oyster Project](#) and [East End Seaport Museum](#). Complimentary round-trip coach transportation from the theater will be provided by Hampton Jitney for all VIP ticket-holders.

On Saturday, September 9, the NFTV Festival will feature New York premiere screenings of “Death Lives” at 11:30 a.m. and “Up North” at 2 p.m. The day’s lineup will also include a “Producers Panel” at 12:45 p.m., a “Conversation With ... Julie Klausner” at 3:30 p.m., and a special screening of “From the Ashes” at 5 p.m. followed by a Q&A with Alan Eyres.



Still from “Death Lives.” Courtesy of North Fork TV Festival.

The Closing Night Party on Saturday, September 9, will be held at the [Halyard](#) at Sound View Greenport beginning at 6:30 p.m. James Beard Award-Winning chef Galen Zamarra of The Halyard will host the Closing Night Party presented by the Gersh Talent Agency. Zamarra is the chef and owner of [Mas \(farmhouse\)](#) in New York City and oversees all of the food and beverage at the newly re-opened Sound View Greenport, including the waterfront restaurant, The Halyard.

Visitors should note that the Greenport Theatre, as an historic venue, is not accessible by wheelchair; all party locations are wheelchair accessible. For all screenings and panels, guests must be 18 and over to enter. For all after-parties, guests must be 21 and over to enter. All talent appearances and event details may be subject to change.

Founded by Noah and Lauren Doyle, the NFTV Festival represents the creative vision of Artistic Director Jerry Foley and Producer Seth Unger.

Jerry Foley, the former director and producer of “The Late Show with David Letterman,” has nine Directors Guild of America award nominations and 21 Emmy nominations, a record for a single person working on a variety series.

Seth Unger, a third generation event producer, runs the [Food Film Festival](#), running October 19 to 22, 2017 in New York City and celebrating its 10th anniversary this year.

The North Fork TV Festival is a proud supporter of the [East End Seaport Museum](#) and its ongoing efforts to conserve the maritime history of the East End.

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**Basic Facts:** The North Fork TV Festival runs from September 7 through September 9, 2017 in Greenport, NY. Screenings and panels are at the Greenport Theatre, 211 Front St #A, Greenport, NY 11944. [www.northfork.tv](http://www.northfork.tv)

For 10% off on NFTV Tickets, click [here](#) and use code HAMPTONSART10.

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