Famous Cast Words

A new ALL ARTS series giving viewers an insider’s peek into the entertainment industry with intimate discussions about representation and inclusion with stage and screen actors. Hosted by Lynne Marie Rosenberg (“High Maintenance”), the series features conversations with Amber Gray (“Hadestown”), Aneesh Sheth (“Jessica Jones”), Emilio Delgado (“Sesame Street”) and Maysoon Zayid (“Find Another Dream”).

Premieres Wednesday, February 5 at 12 p.m. on the ALL ARTS streaming app, YouTube, Facebook and allarts.org &

Wednesday, February 19 at 8 p.m. on the ALL ARTS broadcast channel

Synopsis
Hosted by actor and writer Lynne Marie Rosenberg ("High Maintenance"), in Famous Cast Words stars from the stage and screen discuss representation and inclusion issues facing the entertainment industry. “Famous Cast Words” blends hilarious readings of language from the casting world with an earnest investigation into what’s wrong, and what’s changing in the business.

Running Time:
• Digital Episodes: 14 minutes
• Broadcast Episodes: 30 minutes

Digital Episode Premieres:
• Wednesday, February 5 at 12 p.m. – Famous Cast Words: Amber Gray
• Wednesday, February 12 at 12 p.m. – Famous Cast Words: Maysoon Zayid
• Wednesday, February 19 at 12 p.m. – Famous Cast Words: Emilio Delgado
• Wednesday, February 26 at 12 p.m. – Famous Cast Words: Aneesh Sheth

Broadcast Episode Premieres:
• Wednesday, February 19 at 8 p.m. – Famous Cast Words: Amber Gray & Maysoon Zayid
• Wednesday, February 26 at 8 p.m. – Famous Cast Words: Emilio Delgado & Aneesh Sheth
About the Cast:

**Lynne Marie Rosenberg** – Actor, writer, producer, casting advocate, and creator and host of *Famous Cast Words*. She has an extensive background in comedy, theater, film and TV, but her proudest achievement has been her work changing representation and inclusion in the industry through close examination of casting practices.

**Amber Gray** – Tony-nominated actress and singer. Notably known for her roles as “Persephone” in the Tony Award-winning musical *Hadestown* and “Hélène” in the Broadway musical *Natasha, Pierre, & the Great Comet of 1812*. She is also set to star in the upcoming TV series *The Underground Railroad* as the character “Gloria.”

**Aneesh Sheeth** – Actress, singer, producer, director, writer, and transgender activist. Notably known for her role as “Carly” in the critically acclaimed Public Theater production of *Southern Comfort* and “Gillian” in Marvel’s *Jessica Jones* on Netflix.

**Emilio Delgado** – Actor and Singer. Best known for his 44 years in the role of “Luis” on *Sesame Street*.

**Maysoon Zayid** – Actress, comedian, writer, and disability advocate. She is the co-founder/co-executive producer of the New York Arab American Comedy Festival and The Muslim Funny Fest. Maysoon’s TED Talk was the most viewed of 2014. She has also appeared in Adam Sandler’s *You Don’t Mess with the Zohan*, has a recurring character on *General Hospital*, and in 2019 released an audio memoir titled *Find Another Dream*.

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**Production Credits**

*Famous Cast Words* is an ALL ARTS original and a production of WLIW LLC for WNET. Lynne Marie Rosenberg is Creator and Host. Anna Campbell is Series Producer. Jake King and Elizabeth Svokos are Producers.

For ALL ARTS Kristy Geslain is Senior Producer. Joe Harrell is Senior Director. Diane Masciale and Neal Shapiro are Executives in Charge.

**About ALL ARTS**

ALL ARTS is breaking new ground as the premier destination for inspiration, creativity and art of all forms. This new arts and culture hub is created by WNET, the parent company of New York’s PBS stations. With the aim of being accessible to viewers everywhere, ALL ARTS programming – from digital shorts to feature films – is available online nationwide through [allarts.org](allarts.org), the free ALL ARTS app on all major streaming platforms, and @AllArtsTV on YouTube, Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter. New York area TV viewers can also watch the 24/7 broadcast channel. For all the ways to watch, visit [allarts.org/_everywhere](allarts.org/_everywhere).

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**About WNET**

WNET is America’s flagship PBS station: parent company of New York’s *THIRTEEN* and *WLIW* and operator of *NJTV*, the statewide public media network in New Jersey. Through its new *ALL ARTS* multi-platform initiative, its broadcast channels, three cable services (THIRTEEN PBSKids, Create, and World), and online streaming sites, WNET brings quality arts, education, and public affairs programming to more than five million viewers each week. WNET produces and presents a wide range of acclaimed PBS series, including *Nature, Great Performances, American Masters, PBS NewsHour Weekend*, and the nightly interview program *Amanpour and Company*. In addition, WNET produces numerous documentaries, children’s programs, and local news and cultural offerings, as well as multi-platform initiatives addressing
poverty and climate. Through THIRTEEN Passport and WLIW Passport, station members can stream new and archival THIRTEEN, WLIW, and PBS programming anytime, anywhere.

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