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## MIPCOM Third Hub for LATAM Television Biz

he number of Latin American buyers attending MIPCOM increases every year, with the South Cone still sending the largest contingent of total buyers. New entries are represented by Central America and the digital platforms, while pan-regionals are maintaining a steady level.

It is estimated that over 100 LATAM buying companies are now circulating in the Palais. In addition to direct buyers, there are a large number of Latin American distributors who attend MIPCOM to buy LATAM rights in order to replenish their distribution pipes.

On average, sellers meet with 30 to 50 total buyers (representing some 25 buying companies) while buyers tend to have between 10 and



15 meetings a day. The U.S. studios are LATAM buyers' priority, whether or not they have deals with them. Second on their list are LATAM companies, followed by non-LATAM sellers, especially for formats.

Azteca's Margarita Black reported that 20 percent of her agenda is

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#### Japan Gets Top MIPCOM Honor & Spirited Sake

This year, Japan is MIPCOM's country of honor. Under the theme "Spirit of Imagination," the market kicked off with a Japanese producer workshop and co-sponsored Press Breakfast, along with the 4K HDR world premieres of WOWOW's Cold Case Japan and Moribito from NHK. Plus, the Opening Party featured live performances from Japanese DJs and musicians. In addition to the festivities, conferences on day one of MIPCOM included a Japanese market analysis headed by a senior consultant from Mistubishi Research Institute and formatfocused Treasure Box Japan, which

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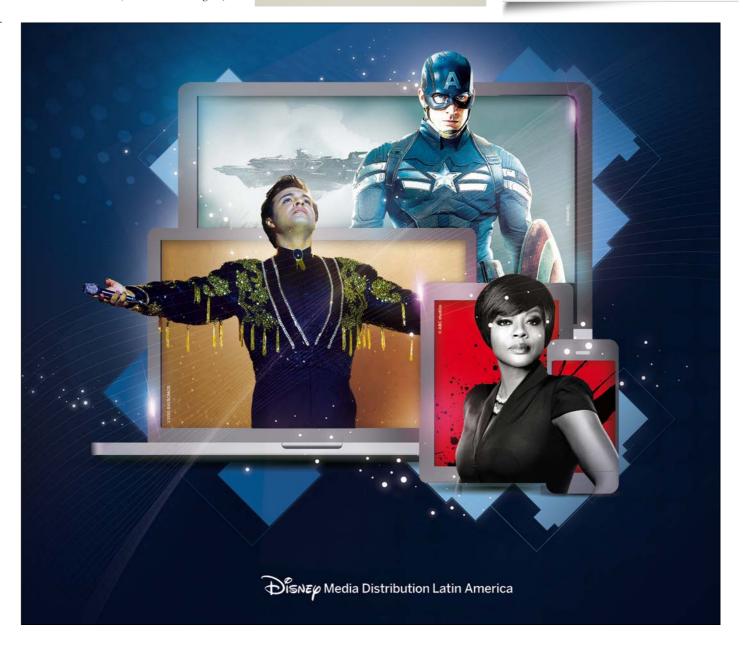
#### Road to Discop Africa Paved with TV Sales

Johannesburg there are some figures collected here in Cannes that are good to keep in mind.

The Sub-Saharan region covered by Discop has 48 countries looking for films, TV series, Bollywood and Nollywood content, game shows and sports. Program acquisition prices range from U.S.\$100 an hour up to U.S.\$5,000.

In the region, some 97 million people speak French even though English is gaining ground, with English the official language in 26 African countries. Other languages spoken in the region are Portuguese (five countries) and Spanish (one country). About 200 buying African companies, represented by some 500 executives, attend Discop in Johannesburg at the Sandton Convention. The market offers 180 booths accommodating some 250 companies, including the Chinese Pavilion and a new entry this year,

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#### **Discop Africa**

the American Umbrella. The pavilion consists of stand space and the umbrella of just meeting tables. Each exhibitor is expected to meet, on average, eight to 12 buying companies a day.

Contracts with local TV stations are usually written in order to obtain 50 percent of the license fee before getting material, with the balance paid up to 60 days after delivery. There are reports that collections are slow and some small TV outlets pay in local currencies (instead of the preferred U.S. dollar or euro) also due to currency exchange issues.

In terms of the market's outlook, the Sub-Saharan region is served by 250 TV broadcasters (80 percent privately owned) offering some 400 TV channels to 58 million TVHH. Of these, 14 million receive TV via satellite and 11 million are pay-TV subscribers, who generate the equivalent of U.S.\$3.5 billion a year in total revenues. South Africa is the largest TV market.

The pay-TV market is mainly controlled by a few players: DSTV, StarTimes, Azam TV and Zuku TV. Plus, Nigeria is also covered by a few local pay-TV services.

Additionally, 10 pan-regional networks are active in the region. They are mostly part of U.S. TV groups, which also acquire content from independent distributors.

Even though local production is increasing, imports make up most of the local TV schedules. Excluding sports and news, which takes a big chunk of airtime, 90 percent of programming schedules comes from imports: both regionally and outside Africa. Regional production imports come mainly from South Africa, Nigeria, Ivory Coast, Senegal, Tanzania and Kenya.

#### **LATAM at MIPCOM**

devoted to LATAM companies, while for 8 Star Entertainment's Cida Goncalves, her focus is LATAM sellers. From Uruguay, Cecilia Presto will be "meeting with U.S. studios, as always."

However, LATAM sellers based in Miami would prefer meeting buyers who are based in Florida (like, for example, the pan-regionals) in their offices, and save their schedule at MIPCOM for non-LATAM buyers instead. Similarly, buyers do not meet with sellers from their same countries while in Cannes. *VideoAge* estimates that there are over 200 sellers from LATAM, which makes MIPCOM the best venue to promote Reed Midem's MIP Cancun market scheduled for next month.

MIPCOM has now become the third largest market for LATAM television, after NATPE Miami and the L.A. Screenings. To celebrate LATAM participation, last evening the Mexican Pavilion organized "La Fiesta del Tequila."

On the sellers side, Somos' COO Jose Espinal said that at MIPCOM "our special strength is in the Spanish speaking territories, but we also have business dealings with Eastern Europe, France, Italy, Middle East and Asian territories. We have close to 20 [scheduled] daily meetings. We're

offering dramas from Turkey, Greece, India, Spain, Poland and other countries, as well as series and movies."

Hugo Treviño, Logistics and Events for Televisa, reported that MIPCOM "is a very busy week for all our sales teams from Latin America, Europe, Africa, Asia, and MENA."

Esperanza Garay, senior vice president Sales Latin America for Telemundo Internacional, said that at MIPCOM she meets "five to seven clients a day from Latin America; we focus on Mexico, Argentina, Colombia, Chile, Brazil, Bolivia, Panama, Uruguay and Peru."

And Jesús Iriépar, International Sales Europe and Middle East at Caracol, meets "with mostly clients from the Middle East and Europe. More or less 12-15 daily, but the meetings are a mix."

Pictured on the cover is the Disney Media
Distribution Latin America team. ■

#### **Country of Honor**

highlighted the latest trends in formats. Kazuo Hirai, president and CEO of Sony Corporation, lead the opening keynote.

Yesterday, the program featured a Japanese documentary showcase with works presented by broadcasters, production companies and independent filmmakers, conferences Japanimation Out of the Box, about the future of Japanese animation, and Japanese Drama Beyond Borders, focused on Japanese dramas that have succeeded on the international market.

In celebration of Japanese culture, people in traditional geisha clothes served sake and a matcha tea ceremony from the Japanese Plaza. There was also a Japanese umbrella, and a Japan Pavilion where the sake tasting was courtesy of Tohokushinsha Film Corporation.

#### **MIPCOM Floor Bits**

• Mediaset Distribution, Malaysian pay TV broadcaster Astro and Global Station have inked a production and distribution deal for Mediaset series *Tuscan Passion*.

The series will be adapted for Malaysian and Southeast Asian audiences, and marks the first collaboration between Astro and Mediaset. Astro has also closed an agreement for Mediaset's original series Intelligence, For Love Alone, Beyond The Lake and Kissed By Love, which are set to premiere in the coming months.



Pictured: Mediaset's Manuela Caputi, Comarex's Martha Contreras, 2b-tube's Hugo Tapia.

- Televisa and Somos Distribution closed a deal on Greek telenovela *Stolen Dreams* from Mega TV. Somos has been characterized by marketing dramas from nontraditional producers (Turkey, India, Greece, Poland among others) in Spanish-speaking territories.
- RAI Com, along with Planeta Junior, DQ Entertainment and Gruppo Alcuni, has introduced 3D CGI comedy *Pio Rocks! The Series* at a special event during this year's MIPJunior. The series, aimed at 5-8-year-old digital natives, follows the adventures of Youtube star Pulcino Pio at music school. *Pictured: Gruppo Alcuni's Francesco Manfio, Ignacio Segura of Planeta Junior, RAI Com's Gian Paolo Tagliavia and DQ's Taapas Chakravarti.* In addition, RAI Com has appointed Castalia Communications as its distribution agent for its All'Opera productions in Latin America.



- NBC has picked up the rights to **Telefe**'s *Un año para recordar*. The network will adapt the Argentine series, which will be called *A Year to Remember*. Capital Entertainment and Telefe USA will be in charge of the series' production, making it the first project run by the Argentine channel since it arrived in the U.S.
- Animation studio **Rainbow** has announced that the Russian version of *Regal Academy* will feature Alisa Kozhikina singing the theme song. Kozhikina won the first season of *The Voice Kids Russia* in 2014. In addition, Rainbow has sold *Regal Academy, Maggie & Bianca Fashion Friends*, and *World of Winx* to Russia's Karusel.
- Telemundo's super series *El Chema, Sin Senos Sí Hay Paraíso* and *Guerra de Ídolos*, among others, will premiere exclusively on Netflix in Latin America, including Mexico and Brazil, and will also be available exclusively in Spain and in the U.S. The deal also includes multi-territory on-demand rights for series including *La Reina del Sur* and *Pasión de Gavilanes. El Chema* will be exclusive to Netflix after it premieres on Telemundo in the U.S.
- Mondo TV as secured a production agreement for three new animation projects in 3D CGI with China's Henan York Animation, to be completed by November 2020. The companies are currently partners on a project connected to animated TV series *Invention Story*. The first 3D production project (working title *The Rowly Powlys*) will be targeted to preschoolers and begins production this November. *Pictured: Henan York's Sophia Song, Eric Song and Mondo TV's Matteo Corradi*.



• Zee Entertainment has recently unveiled the Format Factory. As part of the initiative, the company is presenting six new and current formats. Unscripted formats include dance reality show, *Dance India Dance*, and game show *Moksha*. Their scripted formats include: *Phantasmagoria*, *The Eclipse Harvest*, *Hum Paanch* (*Five Is A Crowd*) and *Kareena Kareena*.



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#### Jornadas de Cable: South Cone's Premier Show

t the start of last month's *Jornadas de Cable*, or Cable Days, the busiest in the annual event's 26 years, the ascending escalator in the basement of the venue, the Hilton Buenos Aires, broke down, causing a jam in the elevators. Perhaps fortunately, of the three days the event took place only half were busy: the afternoon of the opening day, and the second day.

The *Jornadas*, the most important trade show for the cable TV industry in the South Cone of Latin America, is organized by two Argentinean associations: ATVC and CAPPSA. The former is the association of cable TV operators and the latter, the association for content providers with a board made of representatives from HBO, Turner, Disney ESPN, Telefe, etc.

During one of the 23 conferences, the Argentinean Minister of Communications Oscar Aguad announced that by 2020, 90 percent of Argentineans will be connected to wideband. Dataxis Argentina's Carlos Blanco also pointed out that Claro and Telefonica control 61 percent of cellular telephony in the country.

Total participants at the event, which started on September 14, numbered



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4,200, mostly from Argentina and the South Cone, with some presence from the U.S., Spain, France, China and Japan, while the 58 exhibitors were equally divided between hardware companies and content and video signal providers.

Pictured above is Telemundo Internacional's Raul Miranda at the company party. Miranda is marketing manager of NBCUniversal Southern Cone, Telemundo's parent company. Pictured below are Telefe's Daniel Otaola (l.) and Ariel Katz.



#### Carlos Barba and VéoNet

rom his Miami, Floridabase, Carlos Barba is back in action as chairman of VéoNet, a Spanish subscription streaming service. VéoNet is accessible to all viewers and potential subscribers on Veonet. tv, in the U.S. and Puerto Rico.

Barba, a pioneer in the creation of several Hispanic TV channels incuding Telemundo and Univision in the U.S., is now making many hours of programming available, all of them in Spanish without subtitles.

"Opening VéoNet is for me like a dream come true, bringing so many excellent programs to all our Hispanic television lovers in America," commented Barba. president of VéoNet, Efren Carranza, former Producer at Sabado Gigante, added: "This rollout is just the beginning as the VéoNet team is uploading hundreds of additional hours in the days to come. Even if our first target today is the 34 million Hispanic viewers in the U.S., we are counting on a network of affiliates all over Latin America and Spain to cover the whole American continent."



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#### Crime Stories And More at RAI Com

AI Com, the international sales and marketing division of Italian public broadcaster RAI, is in Cannes with its catalog of theatrical movies, TV series, animation, performing arts, formats and documentaries. The division is now under newly appointed president, Gian Paolo Tagliavia, a former executive of MTV Italia.

At MIPCOM, RAI Com is also promoting all of its international channels, which include RaiItalia, RaiNews24 and Rai World Premium for outside Europe, and Rair, Rai2, Rai3, RaiScuola and Rai Storia within Europe.

The company's MIPCOM slate is topped by crime series Close Murders (Non uccidere), following a woman on the Turin Homicide Squad who fights against domestic and community-based violence (pictured).

The Bastards of Pizzofalcone (I bastardi di Pizzofalcone) is a drama series about five new hires at a corrupt police department in a small town. Despite their secrets, the new recruits have the chance to redeem themselves.

In **Detective Montalbano** (*Il commissario Montalbano*) Luca Zingaretti stars as Salvo Montalbano, who balances friendships, romance and intricate police cases.

Set in the 1950s, drama series The Ladies' Paradise (Il paradiso delle signore) is about a store in Milan that sells luxury and beauty at an affordable price range.





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Pio Rocks! is aimed at kids ages 5-8, and features animated rocker Pulcino Pio as he starts class at the Highnote High music school and needs to make friends.

Directed by Gabriele Muccino, feature film Summertime (L'estate addosso) is a comingof-age film about four youth from Rome, San Francisco, New Orleans and Cuba. The film's soundtrack is by Italian rap star Jovanotti.

Feature These Days (Questi giorni), directed by Giuseppe Piccioni, is the story of four college girls who embark on a road trip to Belgrade.

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www.rai-com.com

#### Shonda Rhimes' **Fast Facts**

onight Shonda Rhimes will be honored as MIPCOM 2016 Personality of the Year, here are a few fast facts about the successful producer and writer.



- Born in 1970 in Chicago. Illinois.
- · Company: ShondaLand founded in 2005 in Hollywood.
- Actor: The Mindy Project's, The Devil Wears Land's End (2014).
- Author: "Years of Yes," published in 2015.
- Director: Blossoms and Veils (1998).
- Producer-creator: Grey's Anatomy, Scandal, How to get Away With Murder, The Mindy *Project, The Catch...* Over 70 hours of primetime TV.
- The first fully credited script: Introducing Dorothy Dandridge for HBO in 1998.
- Rhimes started as an intern at Denzel Washington's Mundy Lane Entertainment, after a stint at McCann Erickson in San Francisco in 1991.
- Mom to three daughters.
- Alma Mater: Dartmouth College.



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#### Telemundo Takes on Paradise

elemundo explores new beginnings in HD telenovela *La Doña* (pictured), which follows Altagracia, a beautiful woman who lost both her parents in a car accident. She is abused by a group of powerful young men, and eventually manages to build an empire and take justice into her own hands.

Silvana's wealthy husband abandons her and their three kids after his shady

business practices leave him broke in HD telenovela Silvana Sin Lana (Rich in Love). The family must acclimate to life in the middle class

In HD super series Señora Acero, Tercera Temporada: La Coyote (The Acero Dynasty, Third Season), Vincenta Rigores competes against other border 'coyotes' and has Homeland Security on

Sin Senos Sí Hay Paraíso (Without Breasts There is Paradise) depicts a cohort of women who shun plastic surgery and the lure of easy money. The story begins with Catalina's death, which causes her pregnant mother to deliver prematurely.



Dios, Inc (God Inc.), an HD series

produced by HBO Latin America, tells the story of Salvador Pereyra, a Mexican philosopher returning from a decade in the Middle East. When he tries to publish his work, he discovers a secret cult.

HD drama series Psi (Psy), produced by HBO Latin America, is about a psychiatrist interested in unusual cases. The series explores clinical mysteries and existential issues of modern life.

Julieta takes on the role of main provider for her family when her father dies in telenovela format Eres Mi Tesoro. She becomes a cab driver, and eventually a personal chauffer for handsome and wealthy Alvaro.

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#### **Two Husbands for Cisneros**

isneros Media Distribution explores vintage films and 21st Century drama series. Dramedy Mary for Mayor (pictured), set in a fictional Southwestern town, follows Mary's attempts to reform local politics to change an outdated law that forbids divorce.

In drama series format Just Looking (Para Verte Mejor), five couples fall in love in different ways: From love at first sight or first hip fracture, these couples meet without knowing a stalker has placed hidden cameras in each apartment.

Four couples on the verge of splitting explore new options in The Sex Sense (El Sexo Sentido). The pairs decide to open relationships in this series, and experience stronger bonds with a new kind of drama.

XRC, Top Ten highlights life's extremes, from wild weather to intense car

chases and dangerous animals. The series is available with English and Spanish narration, and can be adapted to any language.

Flor Dona and Her Two Husbands (Dona Flor e Seus Dais Maridos) is a feature film from Brazil that was nominated for a Golden



Globe in 1976. Flor's irresponsible husband dies suddenly, and she remarries a

Documentary series In the Holocaust Camps (Nos Campos do Holocausto) explores the lives of Holocaust survivors who immigrated to Brazil.

Police Operação Policial) is Brazil's first reality series. The series offers a glimpse at daily routine of the Brazilian police force.

Stand P-1.C13 www.cisnerosmediadist.com

#### Televisa Is Dressed for Mourning

elevisa Internacional delves into the spectrum of human emotion. Triplets Ana Lucía, Ana Leticia and Ana Laura are in a terrible accident, leaving Ana Lucía separated from the family in telenovela The Three Sides of Ana. After years apart, destiny brings the sisters together.

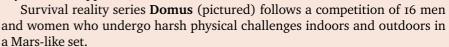
Waking up with You follows Maia and Pablo's unexpected love story. They come from different social classes, and their parents are rivals. Despite these obstacles, they remain determined to stay together.

After Luciana gets deported and her father dies, she returns to the U.S. to meet her mother and brother in telenovela **Along Came Love**. She falls for the owner of the vineyard where her family works.

Three women plan to kill their abusive and irresponsible husbands in drama series **Dressed for Mourning**. They hoped the "accident" would go undetected, but the police discover the bomb they placed under a boat.

In telenovela Love Divina, the protagonist grows up among poor children without knowing she is an heiress. She navigates her new wealth and many jealous friends.

Familia Telerin is an animated series about six characters who teach kids that the key to life is happiness, love and kindness.



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#### **Smilehood Is Really Cooking**

rom game show/cooking hybrids to kid's animated series, Smilehood Media's roster is diverse. It starts with romantic comedy Alchemy for Ana about a woman who is content with her life and career as a single woman, but when her best friend dies, she becomes guardian of her children.

Game show format Cooking at the Supermarket sees contestants competing in the aisles. A panel of chefs, and the store's customers, judge the dishes.

Vero and Gaston bicker viciously in dramedy series **Ultimatum.** The couple spends 10 days together without their kids to see if they can rekindle their love or must separate for good.

Panam & Circus is a children's musical series that has been on air for over 15 years. Laura Franco hosts the show, which encourages play and imagination.

Dilemma is a game

show that encourages interaction between the viewers and the participants, who earn money by remembering facts about the famous people they interview.

Sitcom According to Roxi narrates the life of a politically incorrect mom with lots of friends — and lots of enemies, from schoolteachers to pediatricians

In 2D animated series **Plim Plim**, a **Hero of the Heart** a child with the features of a clown and magician teaches kids positive habits, focusing on respecting the environment, cooperation, kindness and friendship.

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#### **Record TV's Biblical Tales**

ecord TV Network, one of the oldest broadcasters in Brazil (created in 1953), is in the business of epic bible stories. In HD soap opera **The Promised Land** (*La Tierra Prometida*), Joshua becomes the new leader of the Hebrews. He commands the 12 tribes with determination and courage (pictured below).

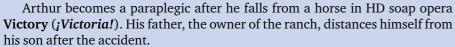
The 4K soap opera **The Slave Mother** (*La Esclava Madre*) explores the backstory of a young enslaved girl's mother.

Moses and the Ten Commandments (Moisés y los Diez Mandamientos)

is an epic soap opera (242 episodes are currently available) that brings the story of Moses to the silver screen, starting with his birth in Egypt through the Red Sea crossing and his encounter with God on Mount Sinai.

HD series **The Miracles of Jesus** (*Los Milagros* **de Jesús**) is based on
Bible stories and explores

difficulties by people before receiving Jesus' blessings.



Also available from Record TV, **Joseph From Egypt** (*José del Egipto*) is an HD telenovela that recreates the life of the "miracle son." Born in 1716 BC to an elderly man and woman thought to be unable to have children, Joseph's brothers become envious of their parents' favoritism and sell Joseph as a slave to a merchant that takes him to Egypt.

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omos Distribution deals in multi-cultural themes at Cannes, starting with two Turkish drama series, a Portuguese telenovela and a Polish telenovela. **Matter of Respect** is a Turkish drama that chronicles a family tragedy when two very different brothers bump into the same woman.

Günes is a 35-year-old single mom who falls for a businessman from Istanbul in Turkish drama **Sunshine Girl.** Her daughters are skeptical of the new suitor — for good reason, as secrets emerge.

**Series Hasta Que te Conocí** (pictured) narrates the life and route to fame of the recently-deceased Juan Gabriel (Alberto Aguilero Valadez), a beloved

Mexican singer, from his humble beginning to superstardom.

A woman follows her passion for the culinary arts in Polish telenovela **Recipe for Life**. As she learns her way around the kitchen, her life changes for the better.

In Portuguese telenovela **Rosa Fogo**, an impostor tries to seduce Maria Mayer, who is the heir to a large pharmaceutical fortune in Argentina.

Series **La Riera** tells the story of a father who leaves his wife and children, after 40 years of marriage, to pursue his dream of opening a restaurant in Madrid.

Another Polish telenovela on Somos' slate, **39 and a Half**, explores Derek's midlife crises on the eve of his fortieth birthday, with comedic flare and drama. **Stand P-1.G14** *www.somosdistribution.net* 

#### There is Love After Love at Telefe

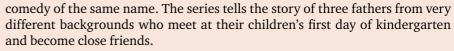
elefe International is bringing a lineup of period pieces and intricate telenovelas to Cannes. Love After Love (pictured), a new 4K telenovela, explores what happens when a friendship between two couples leads to an illicit romance. Viewers are also able to follow the storyline via a blog and with an online series offering different characters' perspectives.

**Educating Nina** is a comedy series that depicts twin sisters who were separated at birth. Mara lived a life of luxury and never had to work, while

Nina is a dancer and backing singer who dreams of becoming a pop star. The series premiered in April in Argentina and since then has kept a 40 percent share.

4K Ultra HD super series **The Return of Lucas** is a drama about a rich family that experiences a great tragedy when their four-year-old son mysteriously disappears at the beach. The superseries — shot entirely on location in Peru — is a co-production between Telefe and Peru's America TV.

**Dear Daddies** is a Chilean adaptation of Telefe's original



A co-production between Anthos for RAI (Italy) and TVE2 (Spain), docuseries Lady Travelers chronicles the adventures of female travelers from the 19th and 20th centuries. The heroines defied their times to climb mountains in Tibet, take canoe trips across Africa and crossing prohibited lands. Six half-hour episodes are available, they narrate the life stories of Giuseppina Croci, Alexandra David-Neel, Mary Kingsley, Isabelle Eberhardt, Fanny Bullock Workman, and Isabella Bird.

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www.telefe.com.ar

#### Caracol is Digging for Love

aracol Television tells stories ranging from ripped-from-headlines guerrilla tales to family comedies. **Against Our Destiny** is a literary adaptation of Nobel laureate Mario Vargas Llosa's new book *The Discreet Hero*. In this tale of privilege, extortion and greed, two young sisters are polar

opposites, but they share a dream of escaping their life.

Based on a true story, series **The Girl** (pictured) follows a girl who was forcefully recruited by the guerrilla forces and had to live through the horrors of war. She struggles to acclimate to society, and her family, when she returns from the jungle.

Original Caracol TV format **On Another Level** is an entertainment series where musicians perform songs in different genres in an elevator for 90 seconds. A panel of judges determines if they make it to the top.

In telenovela **Digging For Love**, two families who live next door to each other, the Murcias and the Oteros, try to uncover a giant golden

statue buried in their garden between their two houses before the original owner returns from jail and recovers his fortune.

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#### A Monster Calls Telefilms

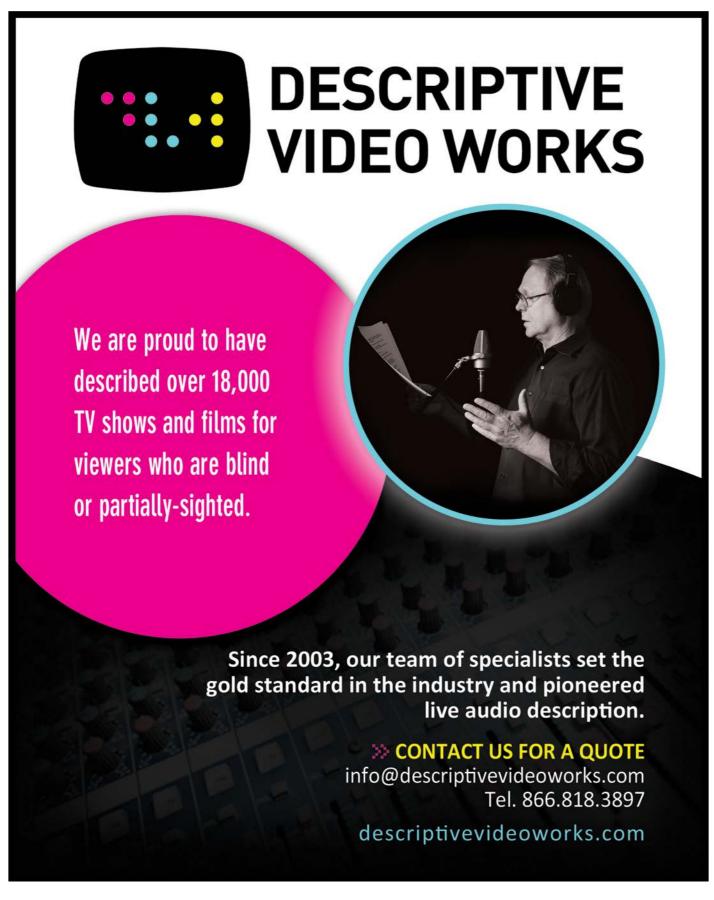
elefilms brings feature films spanning from kid's fantasy to historical war movies to MIPCOM. Three overworked moms are pushed to the limit in **Bad Moms**, directed by Jon Lucas and starring Mila Kunis, Kristen Bell, Jada Pinkett Smith, Kathryn Hahn and Christina Applegate. They indulge in some long-overdue fun and freedom. In Gustavo Loza's ¿Qué Culpa Tiene El Niño?, Maru becomes pregnant after a drunken one-night stand. She is determined to marry him and stick to tradition.

Dev Patel, David Wenham and Nicole Kidman star in **Lion**, a movie about a five-year-old orphan from Calcutta who seeks his biological family at the age of 25.

Mel Gibson-directed Hacksaw Ridge chronicles the life of WWII American Army medic Desmond T. Doss, who refused to kill people during the Battle of Okinawa. He was the first conscientious objector in American history to receive the Medal of Honor.

Juan Antonio Bayona's drama A Monster Calls is based on the children's fantasy novel. A 12-year-old boy, Conor, escapes the harsh reality of bullying and his mother's illness





to a fantastical world. Sigourney Weaver, Felicity Jones, Liam Neeson, and Lewis Macdougall star in the film.

**Stand P-1.C2** www.telefilms.com.ar

#### Strong Latin Presence At ATF

he Latin American presence in Singapore for the Asia TV Forum (ATF) international market, is, as usual, impressive. It is not so much for the number of exhibiting companies, but for the number of programming hours they sell to the Southeast Asia region.

This year, the 17th annual ATF will be held December 7-9 at the usual Marina Bay Sands Convention Center, with a pre-market event on Tuesday, December 6.



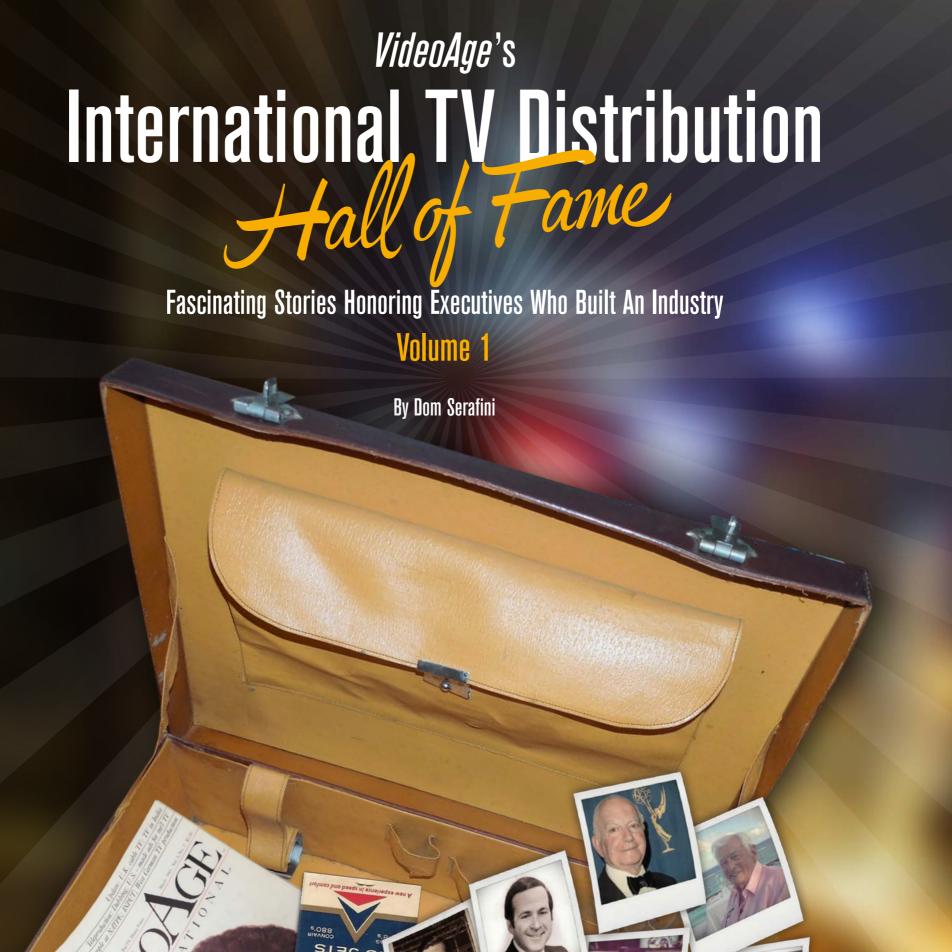
So far, the LATAM presence amounts to some 10 exhibitors covering five countries, including Telemundo and Televisa.

As with other countries' sales presence, the Latin Americans go to the Singapore TV market with just one or two executives and some tour the region before or after attending the ATF.

Of the conferences so far scheduled for ATF, none deals with Latin America or has a panelist from that region.

Pictured above are Televisa's Mario Castro and Xavier Paez, pictured below is Comarex's Marcel Vinav.





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## Gershman Joins Hall of Fame

mong former U.S. studios TV distribution presidents, there were some who were larger than life, and Larry Gershman is one of them. And after almost 60 years in the TV business, he's still going strong.

One would think that, after his recent soul-revealing book *A Kid From Brooklyn* (available on Amazon) all that there is to know about Larry would be known, but that's not the case, as the November/December Issue of *VideoAge* will reveal in its 14th International TV Distribution Hall of Fame feature.

Brooklyn, New York-born Gershman has long been a man of strong convictions. With a no-nonsense attitude, the former president of MGM/UA Television Group and co-founder of World International Network (WIN) has been described as a businessman with the aggressiveness and physique of a rodeo cowboy. But, he is also a refined wine expert, a food connoisseur and a raconteur.

Perhaps, due to this larger-than-life image (and not only for his imposing 1.90 m), just mentioning the name "Gershman" to his industry peers increases their blood pressure (visible through reddened faces). However, his bark is bigger than his bite and in effect, he still is a very gentle, generous and honest man.

VideoAge's feature will follow Gershman from his start in 1957 at the National Television Associates (NTA), a U.S. syndicator based in New York City to Channel 13, followed by CBSTV, RKO, NBC-TV, Don King Productions and Viacom, until reaching MGM/UA and postWIN: a 60-year span filled with fascinating stories.





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#### Fall TV Season's Eulogies Premature

Routinely, U.S. TV network executives, for one reason or another, have the urge to change the paradigms of the television business. Usually, it is for financial reasons (to save a few million dollars), as in the case of trying to do away with pilots. But these moves tend to result in audience flops more than financial flips.

Now there's the move toward trying to do away with the fall season premiere schedule in an attempt to compete with cable (which gets a fraction of the audience FTA does) and digital (which, according to Nielsen, actually increases FTA viewing, though for a shorter period).

Indeed, it's been over a decade now since we've been hearing about the U.S. networks' year-round programming. And while it's true that some of the most critically acclaimed shows premiere at the beginning of the year, and now even in the summer, the fall TV season isn't dead yet, wrote Mike Hale, a *New York Times* TV critic. And we'd have to agree. (Also important to note: the Upfronts aren't dead either, though people have, for years, been saying that they don't fit the current TV schedule and system).

But Hale pointed out that 80 new and returning network shows will be rolled out this fall season. Include cable and streaming in that list, and you can add another 35 series.

According to Hale: "Fall has become TV's equivalent of the summer movie season — it's popcorn time, the concentrated period in which profits need to be made. Fall is still where most of the tent-pole franchises reside, the remaining handful of shows capable of drawing a critical mass of viewers week in and week out — *The Big Bang Theory, NCIS, Empire* and, on the cable side, *The Walking Dead*, the highest-rated scripted show in the 18-to-49 demographic that advertisers find so desirable."

"Will the fall season, as it's currently constituted, survive? The seemingly inexorable move of series television toward an à la carte, on-demand model argues against it," wrote Hale. But as long as there's a possibility of highly lucrative syndication sales (based on 100-plus episode runs), some vestige will, he added.

"But in a binge-watching world, with viewers increasingly choosing to focus on one series at a time, it probably makes more sense to spread your shows across the calendar rather than pile them into a few months," Hale wrote. "In the meantime, anecdotal evidence suggests that for a lot of TV watchers, fall represents a good time to binge on the shows they missed earlier in the year."

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Honoring Executives Who Built An Industry, covers the first 14 of the more than 30 pioneers that VideoAge is planning to feature with the induction in the Hall of Fame over the years.

This book will allow readers to understand where the international TV industry is coming from and where it is headed by reviewing past hurdles and comparing them to today's challenges.

Sponsored by NAB, Viacom and WIN Australia, the first book features pioneers from Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Cuba/U.S., Germany, Italy, Mexico, U.K./Canada and the U.S.

The International TV Distribution Hall of Fame was created by *VideoAge* to recognize and honor the contributions of pioneers in the international TV distribution business from all over the world who, with their creativity, resourcefulness and professionalism, created an industry responsible for the development of television as we know it today.

This VideoAge endeavor is important also because no TV organization around the world



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LN Television, Canada's multilingual media company, featured the Cinema Paradiso Film Festival on September 6-18. According to data gathered by NLogic, over half a million movie fans tuned into 13 evenings featuring English-subtitled awardwinning foreign films. The TV event also debuted four first-time Canadian premieres.

"This unique TV event was inspired by grumblings over recent years about TIFF not being accessible to everyone," said TLN President, Aldo Di Felice. Di Felice pointed out that the audiences for TLN's Cinema Paradiso Festival outnumbered TIFF's attendance. As a result, TLN has decided to permanently add Sunday subtitled foreign films on the channel.

#### DISCOP Dubai Premieres in January

he inaugural edition of DISCOP Dubai will take place at the Madinat Jumeirah Resort from January 29 to January 31, 2017.

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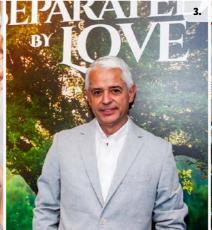




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## My 2¢

Pure digital media buys miss "Point of Purchase" objectives. As a buyer reported to VideoAge: "It is always hard to prepare a schedule; after 23 years of attending markets, I have not yet found the best formula." Visibility at the markets is still the best media option.



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ately, an increasing number of content distributors are opting for a pure "digital media" buy, either to save marketing costs or due to erratic market data information. Usually, the buy is reserved for pre-market awareness, since marketing executives know that during a market such as MIPCOM buyers don't have the time to go online except to check their e-mails.

Nonetheless, pure digital media buying tends to be discredited by various credible sources, and it misses the basic marketing imperative of reaching buyers at the "point of purchase," to use a retail store terminology, or in our case, "point of influence" or "point of relevance."

However, the problem of the erratic market data lies with many digital media publishers themselves, some of whom claim up to 30,000 recipients of their online offerings.

Now, expert marketers know that MIPCOM, the world's largest content market, has 14,000 participants, which

pretty much represents the whole international TV industry.

Of those, some 8,000 are active TV executives, while the rest are support personnel, journalists, PR staff, observers, exhibition suppliers and talent.

Furthermore, each U.S. studio's international buyer universe (the largest of any content distributor) is made of no more than 3,000 acquisition executives. So, when a digital media publisher says that they reach 30,000 people, there are two possibilities:

- 1. They're exaggerating
- 2. They reach people who have nothing to do with buying and selling content.

Now, picture the typical content buyer who receives up to 10 newsletters from publishers and up to 15 from content distributors each day.

To have an overall view of digital media's influence in the TV business, *VideoAge* contacted several international program buyers.

In Ireland, RTE's Dermot Horan receives 10 daily newsletters from publishers, and from distributors, "mainly seasonal or program specific." However, a buyer from Hungary who didn't want to be named reported that he receives up to 15 newsletters from distribution companies daily, in addition to those from publishing companies.

In the U.K., FOX's Jeff Ford receives up to 10 daily newsletters, four of which are from distribution companies. He favors those from trades because, "content [companies]

have to catch me if I think it's relevant in its opening messaging," he said.

Patricia Daujotas of Canal 10 in Uruguay receives 15 daily online newsletters and she reads only "one or two, depending on the highlights."

From Spain, a RTVE program acquisition executive said that he receives seven digital newsletters per day from publishers and two per week from distributors. Of those, he opens three. Benedicte Steinsrud of Discovery Norway receives up to 10 digital media daily and reads two or three per week.

With such a saturation point, and all the distributors doing the same thing at the same time, the most effective ways for a distributor to reach buyers are: Before a market, in order to secure an appointment, to send a personalized e-mail indicating their new shows and at the market, to utilize the traditional "Point of Purchase" media.

As recently reported by *The Guardian*, there is also a problem with the information found on Internet, which is ripe with false and inaccurate info.

Plus, now Silicon Valley is closely tracking the proliferation of ad blockers for digital ads. In 2016, close to 70 million Americans will use an ad blocker, a 35 percent increase since 2015. This is in addition to concerns about fake Web traffic generated by computerized "bots."

And, as if these reports weren't enough to discredit pure digital media buys, at

the recent Upfronts in New York City, FOX Network group president Toby Byrne, commented: "Using TV's audience metric, 14 million viewers on YouTube would equate to 1,620 people. On the other hand, by using digital metrics, 14 million viewers of FOX's World Series [baseball] broadcast would translate in 6.8 billion viewers."

In conclusion, the most efficient way to reach buyers is still the "point of relevance" contact achieved only with printed media distributed at the market, which consists of monthly, daily publications and billboards.

Most buyers contacted reported that the best way to secure an appointment is to e-mail a couple weeks before the market or call their office (not on their cell phones).

And, added Daujotas, "It is always hard to prepare a schedule, after 23 years of attending markets, I have not yet found the best formula."

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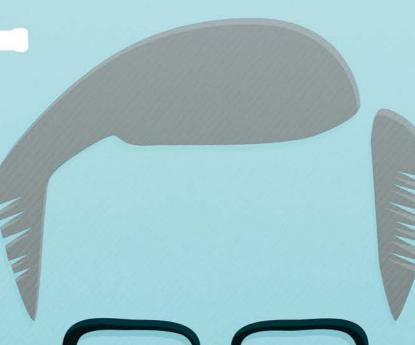
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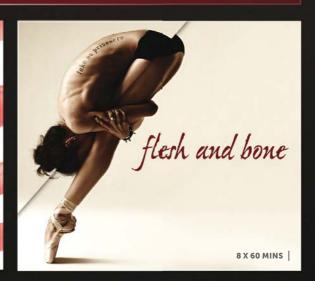
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