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THE PALEY CENTER FOR MEDIA ANNOUNCES THE FIRST *PALEY FRONT ROW PRESENTED BY CITI* PROGRAM OF 2021

The First Selected Program is *FOX's Prodigal Son: Season Two Preview*,
Featuring a Conversation with the Cast, Including Tom Payne, Michael Sheen, Bellamy Young, Lou
Diamond Phillips, Halston Sage, Keiko Agena, Aurora Perrineau, and Franks Harts; Plus Executive
Producers, Writers, and Showrunners Chris Fedak, Sam Sklaver,
and Moderator Kevin Frazier

Conversation will Premiere on the Paley Center's Dedicated Channel on Verizon Media's Yahoo
Entertainment, on Thursday, January 7 at 8:00 pm EST/ 5:00 pm PST

New York, NY, January 6, 2021 – The Paley Center for Media today announced the first selection to its 2021 *Paley Front Row Presented by Citi* series: *FOX's Prodigal Son: Season Two Preview*. This behind-the-scenes look at the hit FOX show will premiere on the Paley Center's dedicated channel on Verizon Media's Yahoo Entertainment on Thursday, January 7, at 8:00 pm EST/5:00 pm PST.

“Upon its premiere, *Prodigal Son* was an immediate audience hit for FOX, featuring one of the most incredible casts in television,” said Maureen J. Reidy, the Paley Center's President & CEO. “After a jaw-dropping season one finale, the Paley Center is thrilled to present this conversation with the cast and showrunners ahead of the highly anticipated season premiere, airing Tuesday, January 12.”

“We set out to make a show that can have a little fun with the bleakest parts of life: murder, psychopathy, and parenting. Kidding! Well, kinda kidding. Still, we're incredibly excited to join the Paley Center's *Front Row* series with our cast to share the thrills and chills of making a show about murder during a pandemic. Finding the fun and humor in *Prodigal Son* helped us get through 2020, and we hope it helps our audience get through 2021,” said *Prodigal Son* executive producers and showrunners Chris Fedak and Sam Sklaver.

Prodigal Son from Emmy Award-nominated executive producers Greg Berlanti and Sarah Schechter, follows Malcom Bright (Tom Payne), a criminal profiler with a rare talent for getting inside the minds of killers. He learned how they think because his father, Martin Whitly, was a notorious serial killer known as “The Surgeon.” Now Bright is using his twisted genius to help the NYPD solve their most puzzling murders. Bright's team, led by his longtime mentor, NYPD Lieutenant Gil Arroyo (Lou Diamond Phillips), includes Detectives Dan Powell (Aurora Perrineau), JT Tarmel (Frank Harts), and medical examiner Dr. Edrisa Tanaka (Keiko Agena). Season two picks up with Bright's personal life in disarray after the shocking actions of his sister, Ainsley (Halston Sage), in the season one finale. Now, Bright must “take care” of her and protect his mother, Jessica Whitly (Bellamy Young), from a secret that could tear the family apart all over again. Further complicating matters, Martin seeks to deepen his relationship with Bright, his prodigal son, but forging this bond leads to shocking twists and revelations. Season two guest stars include Christian Borle and Michael Potts.

Paley Front Row Presented by Citi brings television fans all the best behind-the-scenes stories of today's top television shows. Recent programs include *A Conversation with Eva Longoria*, *BET+'s Tyler Perry's Ruthless*, *Telemundo's La Reina del Sur: A Conversation with the Stars*, *A Conversation with Alex Rodriguez*, *PBS at Fifty: An Anniversary Celebration*, *CBS's The Amazing Race*, and *The Simpson's Treehouse of Horror*, and can be found on the Paley Center's dedicated channel on Verizon Media's Yahoo Entertainment.

For more information, please visit paleycenter.org.

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About The Paley Center for Media

The Paley Center for Media, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization with locations in New York and Los Angeles, leads the discussion about the cultural, creative, and social significance of television, radio, and emerging platforms. Drawing upon its curatorial expertise, an international collection, and close relationships with the leaders of the media community, the Paley Center examines the intersections between media and society. The Paley Center's premier programming sponsored by Verizon can be viewed through Verizon Media's distribution channels, including being featured on the [Yahoo Entertainment channel](#), as well as *Paley@Home presented by Citi* on the [Paley Center's YouTube channel](#) and the Paley Center's [Facebook page](#). The general public can access the Paley Center's permanent media collection, which contains over 160,000 television and radio programs and advertisements, and participate in programs that explore and celebrate the creativity, the innovations, the personalities, and the leaders who are shaping media. Through the global programs of its Media Council and International Council, the Paley Center also serves as a neutral setting where media professionals can engage in discussion and debate about the evolving media landscape. Previously known as The Museum of Television & Radio, the Paley Center was founded in 1975 by William S. Paley, a pioneering innovator in the industry. For more information, please visit paleycenter.org.