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**THE PALEY CENTER FOR MEDIA AND AARP PRESENT:
*BETTER THAN EVER: ACTRESSES ARE FIGHTING AGEISM – AND WINNING***

Exclusive On-Stage Conversation to Feature Marlo Thomas, Carol Kane, and Shelia Nevins

NEW YORK, NY – September 7, 2017 –The Paley Center for Media in New York announced today that it will present with AARP a timely new program as part of the PaleyLive NY fall season: *Better Than Ever: Actresses are Fighting Ageism – And Winning* on September 26, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

Award-winning producer and president of HBO’s documentary diversion Sheila Nevins will host a panel discussion on sustaining a career in a historically ageist industry and how several actresses are thriving in the new “golden era” of television programming. Among those joining the discussion are Marlo Thomas, who came to fame with her pioneering single woman series *That Girl* and has been recently seen on *Wet Hot American Summer: Ten Years Later* and *Ballers*; and Carol Kane, who played one of TV’s best loved sitcom characters of the 1980s, Simka Dahbiltz, on *Taxi* and is currently appearing on *Unbreakable Kimmy Schmidt*.

“Until recent years, prevailing attitudes of ageism in Hollywood have narrowly shaped and limited opportunities for actresses in both film and television,” says Myrna Blyth, SVP and Editorial Director at AARP. “We applaud the television industry, in particular, for the increased amount of quality programming in the new “golden age of television” that features women of all ages in robust, complex and multi-dimensional roles.

“It’s an honor to present this timely program with AARP,” said Maureen J. Reidy, the Paley Center’s President & CEO. “Some of the most groundbreaking, moving and comedic moments in television have come from some very intrepid and talented women, and the Paley Center takes pride in featuring year-round programs that celebrate all that women have accomplished in television.”

PaleyLive programs offer television fans the rare opportunity to engage with the cast and creative teams of their favorite programs in intimate settings held at The Paley Center for Media in New York. All PaleyLive programs are selected by the Paley Center to not only expand society’s understanding of the cultural, creative, and social significance of television, but also for their ability to educate and entertain the public.

Paley Center Supporting and Patron Members can purchase presale tickets beginning September 7, 2017 at noon ET. Tickets go on sale for Paley Center Individual Members on September 8, 2017 at noon ET, and to the general public on September 9, 2017 at noon ET. Ticket discount available for AARP members. For more information, panel updates, and to purchase tickets 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 for the professional community and media-interested public. 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 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



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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

About AARP

AARP is the nation's largest nonprofit, nonpartisan organization dedicated to empowering Americans 50 and older to choose how they live as they age. With nearly 38 million members and offices in every state, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands, AARP works to strengthen communities and advocate for what matters most to families with a focus on health security, financial stability and personal fulfillment. AARP also works for individuals in the marketplace by sparking new solutions and allowing carefully chosen, high-quality products and services to carry the AARP name. As a trusted source for news and information, AARP produces the world's largest circulation publications, AARP The Magazine and AARP Bulletin. To learn more, visit www.aarp.org or follow @AARP and @AARPadvocates on social media.