



**“10 THINGS I HATE ABOUT YOU,” THE NEW ORIGINAL SERIES BY ABC FAMILY,
LAUNCHES THIS SUMMER ON TUESDAY, JULY 7 AT 8:00PM ET/PT**

Series to be Directed by Gil Junger (Who Also Directed the 1999 Hit Film)

**Larry Miller to Reprise His Role as the Father of the Stratford Sisters,
Portrayed by Lindsey Shaw and Meaghan Martin**

**Ethan Peck (Gregory Peck’s Grandson) Takes on the Role of Patrick Verona,
Originated by Heath Ledger in 1999 Film**

Burbank, CA (Wednesday, May 27, 2009) – ABC Family premieres its new original series, “10 Things I Hate About You,” a half-hour, single-cam series inspired by the 1999 hit movie of the same name, **on Tuesday, July 7 (8:00 – 8:30 p.m. ET/PT)**. Gil Junger, who directed the movie, will be at the helm of the ABC Family series through its first several episodes, and the weekly series will be executive-produced by Carter Covington (“Greek”). Larry Miller will also reprise his role as Walter Stratford, the over-protective father to the Stratford sisters -- Kat, a feminist with a razor-sharp tongue, portrayed by Lindsey Shaw (“Aliens in America”), and Bianca, a girl with a plan to climb the social ladder at her new school, portrayed by Meaghan Martin (“Camp Rock”). Ethan Peck (“Adopt a Sailor”) takes on the role of resident bad boy Patrick Verona (originated by Heath Ledger in the 1999 film). Peck is the grandson of the legendary Gregory Peck. Nicholas Braun (“Princess Protection Program”) will portray Cameron James, Padua High’s “nice guy,” and Dana Davis (“Heroes”) will portray head cheerleader Chastity Church.

“As huge fans of the ‘10 Things I Hate About You’ film, it was very important to us that this new series carry on its spirit, and at the same time introduce new stories and characters that will resonate with the movie’s fans and our Millennial audience,” said Kate Juergens, EVP, Original Programming and Development, ABC Family. “With director Gil Junger helming the series and Larry Miller back as the father to the Stratford girls, the film’s unique charm is alive and well.”

The half-hour series will center on the Stratford sisters, Kat and Bianca, as they start at their new high school with very contradictory goals. Kat is a strong-willed, in-your-face feminist who is looking to save the world and get out of high school as fast as she can. Bianca is a social butterfly whose only concern is that she be popular, at any cost. As they both start out on a bumpy year at Padua High, can the girls find what it is they want navigating the popular crowd, boys and their over-protective Dad?

Part of the Disney/ABC Television Group, ABC Family is distributed in over 97 million homes. ABC Family features programming reflecting today’s families, entertaining and connecting with adults through relevant stories about today’s relationships, all told with diversity, dysfunction, passion, humor and heart. ABC Family’s programming is a mix of network defining original series and original movies, quality acquired series and blockbuster theatricals. ABC Family is also the destination for annual Holiday events with “13 Nights of Halloween” and “25 Days of Christmas!” ABC Family. A New Kind of Family.

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