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**Announcing Unscripted New York Shows & Films
Plus Supreme Honorary Improvised Theater & Film Awards
At Unscripted New York Theatre & Film Festival**

Unscripted New York Improvised Theatre & Film Festival is proud to announce the **First Annual Supreme Honorary Improvised Theater & Film Awards (SHITFAs – affectionately known as the SHITTYS)**. Unscripted New York celebrates artists who work without a script and who create their art and tell their stories entirely in the moment. This year, Unscripted New York introduces the **SHITTYS** to celebrate artists who excel and promote the acceptance of improvisational theater & film and bring a higher respect and awareness to the art form and the artists involved.

SHITFAs will be presented to performers of the 2013 Festival at **The Unscripted Players / SHITFA SHOW on Saturday, June 1, at 9:30pm at Theatre 54, 244 W. 54th St., Manhattan**. The celebratory Awards Show will feature *The Unscripted Players*, a collaboration of faculty, staff and selected participants from the festival roster, who will come together for the first time to perform unscripted one acts. This year, we honor outstanding improvised theatre performers in **six SHITFA categories: Dynamic Duo, Emerging Artist (US & Int'l); Innovative Excellence; Ensemble Performance; Excellence in Musical Performance.**

2013 SHITFA AWARD WINNERS

Dynamic Duo

Shackled – New York, NY

For outstanding collaboration and original improvised theatre

Emerging Artist – US

Ben Hauck – New York, NY

For original solo improvisation that reflects US culture

Emerging Artist – International

Mandy May Cheetham – Toronto, CA

For innovative use of improvisation in film and collaborative int'l vision

Ensemble Performance

Strange Worlds – Austin, TX

For creating a world through collaborative improvised performance

Excellence in Musical Performance

North Coast – New York, NY

For outstanding use of innovative music in improvised theatre

Innovative Excellence

Upton Abbey – New York, NY

For creative combination of improvised film and theatre

Announcing 2013 Unscripted New York Shows & Films

Showcasing more than 150 performers in a 5-day festival of improvised theatre shows, films, workshops, parties, and more, **Unscripted New York** celebrates artists who work without a script and create their art and tell their stories entirely in the moment. Unscripted New York is a member-initiated production of **Artistic New Directions**, who is proud to once again sponsor this festival and shine a spotlight on quality improvised theatre, like returning 2012 Fest Favorite, **Shackled**, featuring **Dion Flynn (Late Night with Jimmy Fallon)**. This year, new improvised shows from across the U.S. will join Unscripted New York, such as the improvised pulp hero anthology, **Strange Worlds**, from Austin, TX, and **Storybox**, an improvised character journey from

Chicago Improv Productions. Unique local alternative theatre abounds in the Festival, such as ***Upton Abbey***, an improvised TV show within a live show, and ***Face Off***, an improvised show taking place entirely in the dark! Also returning to Unscripted New York will be nationally-known acting instructors, such as **Michael J. Gellman**, from Chicago's Second City, who will lead a scenic improvisation workshop that culminates in a Festival performance by participants.

2013 Unscripted New York Shows & Films

1 Deep Saturday, June 1st – 8:00 PM
Chicago Improv Productions' Storybox Theatre Saturday, June 1st – 8:00 PM
Centralia Friday, May 31st – 9:30 PM
EagleFox Sunday, June 2nd – 5:00 PM
Face Off Unlimited presents Goon River Saturday, June 1st – 3:00 PM
IRTE presents: The Groovy Gang Adventures Sunday, June 2nd – 5:00 PM
Listen, Kid Saturday, June 1st – 3:00 PM
Mandudebro Thursday, May 30th – 7:00 PM
Michael Gellman's Scenario to Stage Show Friday, May 31st – 5:00 PM
Michelin Saturday, June 1st – 7:00 PM
Mike Brown Solo Improv Extravaganza Saturday, June 1st – 5:00 PM
North Coast Thursday, May 30th – 9:30 PM
OJ in a Sippy Cup Thursday, May 30th – 9:30 PM
Pat & Mary Save Their Marriage Sunday, June 2nd – 7:00 PM
Reverend Raymond Nader Thursday, May 30th – 7:00 PM
RuBin Wednesday, May 29th – 9:30 PM
Shackled Friday, May 31st – 7:00 PM
SHITFA Awards and The Unscripted Players Saturday, June 1st – 9:30 PM
Skycopter Thursday, May 30th – 8:00 PM / Saturday June 1st – 5:00PM
STEELE/QUINN Saturday, June 1st – 7:00 PM
Strange Worlds Friday, May 31st – 8:00 PM / Sunday, June 2nd 3:00 PM
The Lupones Wednesday, May 29th – 7:00 PM
The Improvised Play Wednesday, May 29th – 8:00 PM
The Narrator Wednesday, May 29th – 9:30 PM
The Raving Jaynes Wednesday, May 29th – 8:00 PM
Trauma Center Thursday, May 30th – 8:00 PM
Upton Abbey Sunday, June 2nd – 7:00 PM
Unscripted New York Film Screenings Sunday, June 2nd – 8:00 PM

"The Taste of Coffee"

"The Feed: Episode 5 - Clayton Harris, Beauty Pageant Judge"

"Untitled & Unscripted" - The Unscripted New York Short Film

"Trust Us... This is All Made Up" featuring TJ & Dave

PLUS! Director & Critic Choice Award Nominee for HBO's *Girls*, **Alex Karpovsky** joins us for a Q&A



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[Unscripted New York Improvised Theatre & Film Festival](#)

MAY 29 – JUNE 2, 2013 at Theatre 54, 244 W. 54th St. (12th Floor), New York, NY

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