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Produced by the Walter Kaitz Foundation, **The Hollywood Creative Forum** is a professional development and networking experience designed to connect diverse content creators with network and studio executives with the resources to advance authentic and inclusive storytelling across the entertainment landscape.

THEME

This year's theme, *Stories from the Diaspora*, focuses on the broad narratives of diverse communities both in the US and across the globe. We believe that stories from the diaspora represent the stories of the collective. Good stories should not be limited to geography and culture but instead create opportunities for different voices to be heard and told.

AUDIENCE

For over a decade, the Forum has hosted over 1,100 vetted diverse content creators and programming executives through meet and greets, panel discussions and networking events in an invitation-only marketplace where access is granted, and opportunities are presented. As a virtual event in 2021, the composition of the audience has expanded to include content creators of various levels of their careers including directors, writers and producers, in addition to executives who greenlight projects. We are also including opportunities for executives to meet within structured working sessions to strategize and share best-practices on how they may increase the diversity within their development teams.

HISTORY OF ADVOCACY

Launched in 2009, the Forum was created to strategically increase representation in Hollywood's creative community by bringing executives face-to-face with credentialed, diverse creative professionals. At the time of its launch, creative talent, media outlets, and viewers across the country were voicing long-held concerns about the lack of representation of ethnically diverse characters and stories in film, television, and the then-nascent streaming services. HCF provided a marketplace where vetted and talented creatives were matched with network, studio and production company executives in one-on-one meetings for potential hiring opportunities, talent and execs engaged in structured networking experiences and talent were immersed in advanced professional development sessions geared toward expert navigation to their next career level.

GOALS

Our goals are simple: we want to help create an industry where creativity is encouraged and supported and offer clear steps for diverse voices and stories to be told, sold and heard.

Attendance is complimentary but you must register to attend!

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