CASTING FOR "Droplets" (Working Title)

A WEB SERIES BY PSU TV

SYNOPSIS:

Droplets is a show about the way four very different college student's very different lives intersect and relate to one another. Through episodic storytelling, Droplets seeks to explore the identities and personal stories of each of these four characters individually, as well as explore the way they interact with one another within a shared world. It is a show with purpose, to explore the underlying connectedness of the people we often ignore, or make assumptions about, in order to create more understanding about different people's struggles and identities. Together their stories make up a narrative web that encapsulates a systematic examination of their college and it's complicated social and political landscape.

PRODUCTION TYPE: Student Filmed 5 Episode Web Series
PRODUCTION LOCATION: Portland
SHOOTING LOCATION: Portland & Surrounding Areas
ORGANIZATION: PSU TV
PRODUCER: Morgan Raymond

Compensation: *No compensation provided*. Food will be provided each day on set, credits, footage for reels, and a copy of the finished series.

<u>Audition Date:</u> May 11, 12, 13 at Portland State University; location room TBD.

<u>MUST be available for necessary shoot dates during July</u> <u>20-August 20, 2018</u>

<u>If interested, sign up using Google Forms before May</u> <u>10th.</u>

CASTING BY <u>APPEARANCE</u>:

Main Characters

Leo (Male, Age: Early 20's)

Short and skinny, medium to light-skinned Mexican-American man with dark black hair and the shadow of a growing mustache.

He is smart, determined, and caring of those around him. He works for the organization INTERmediates, which is at the forefront of advocating for student rights on campus. Unbeknownst to Daphne, he and Gerard have been having an affair in secret, which has lead Leo to have doubts about about his own self worth, as the man he loves does not acknowledge him outside of sex.

Daphne (Female, Age: Early 20's) *White woman with blond hair*.

Initially comes across as pretentious and selfish, but is actually very giving and kind. She talks with a genuine valley girl type accent. She is best friends with Grace and is dating Gerard, yet a lot of her life dissatisfies her. Though she cares a lot about her Alpha Phi Omega sorority, the day to day commitments to her sisters and the house make it hard for her to spend time with her boyfriend, Gerard, or work her job as a peer to peer student tutor. On top of that, she suspects her boyfriend is cheating on her, but she doesn't feel like she's been around him enough to know for sure, or confront him about it.

Gerard (Male, Age: Early 20's) *Tall athletically built black man*.

He doesn't have too much to be passionate about except that he loves hanging out with his bros. He and his girlfriend, Daphne, used to be very close, but have drifted apart lately due to the stresses in her life, and Gerard's own secret experimentations into his bisexuality. However despite his cheating on her, Gerard really does love Daphne. He is just trying to make due with the stress of being caught between the expectations of being a star college athlete, a closeted queer person, and a young visibly black male in a hyper masculine sports environment.

Michael (Male, Age: Early 20's) Gratuitously skinny, pale, white guy with dark brown hair and is of average height.

He was raised poor and he is the first in his family to attend higher education. Unfortunately he also struggles with a deep depression he can't seem to find adequate help for. With limited health insurance, and a school that keeps defunding resources for students like him, he finds himself in a deep downward spiral. Despite once being a happy-go-lucky kid, his main character traits now are simply just that he's always tired and perpetually lonely. His one real friendship is with Leo, his roommate, who he barely talks to, except for a few words every morning before they go their separate ways to school.

President Olum (Female, Age: Late 30's-Early 40's) *A stale, white, school administrator.*

Prides herself on turning the school into a successful, profit focused organization. She cares more about the look of the campus than she does students wellbeing.

Secondary Characters

Grace (Female, Age: Early 20's)

A young, white brunette.

Best friend to Daphne. She is outspoken, and quick to tell it like it is.

Nathan (Male, Age: Early 20's)

A young, muscular straight white guy with curly blond hair and blue or

green eyes.

He's got a quick wit but is a smart-ass. He is Gerard's current best friend.

Malik (Male, Age: Around 19 years old)

A young heavier set black man.

He is on the football team with Gerard and Nathan. He is a big fan of sexual humor and older women.

Jae (Male, Age: Early 20's)

A Korean-American athlete in his twenties, short in height but built like a tank with medium slicked back hair on top, and cut very short on the sides.

Dr. Li (Female, Age: 30's-40's)

The school's resident psychologist, Dr. Margaret Li, works with many patients at the school including Michael, who she genuinely cares for. Unfortunately her job keeps getting dialed back more and more by school budget cuts, and she finds herself having to turn more patients away while they're still in need of care.

Officer Dan (Male, Age: 30's-40's)

White male. Local police officer who gets into an altercation with Gerard.

Leo's Mother (Female, Age: 40's) *Mexican woman*.

Leo's Father (Male, Age: 40's) *Mexican man*.

Leo's Younger Brother (Male, Age: Young Teen) Mexican-American young man.

Rave Girl (Female, Age: Early 20's) *A college student, any race.* Gives a presentation in class with Daphne, Amber, and Ashley. Bold personality.

Amber (Female, Age: Early 20's) *A college student, any race.* She is in the same sorority as Daphne, Grace, and Ashley. Ashley (Female, Age: Early 20's) *A college student, any race.* She is in the same sorority as Daphne, Grace, and Amber.

Matt "The Frat" Matthewson (Male, Age: Early 20's)

A boyish fraternity pledge, any race.

He is the typical frat boy who throws a giant house party.

Beth (Female, Age: Young Teen) Young, white girl who is the sister of Michael.

She worries about Michael and is always of cautious of their father.

Robert (Male, Age: 40's) *An older "fatherly type" white male.* He is the father of Michael.

Eddie (Male, Age: Early 20's)

College student, any race. Michael's "friend" who buys prescription drugs off of him.

Randy (Male, Age: 20's-30's) *Store employee, any race.* Has a confrontation with Michael.

Jeff (Male, Age: 30's-40's) *A pawn shop owner with a goatee, somewhat heavily built. Any race.* Has a confrontation with Michael. Big, harsh personality.

*Also looking for multiple minimal roles/extras with & without speaking lines, <u>all</u> <u>ages/races/genders.</u>

(Includes roles for Cashiers, Students, Professors, Waitresses, News Reporters, among others)