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with 2024 Barbara Bridges Inspiration Award Winner

HANNAH WADDINGHAM

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A WELCOME MESSAGE FROM DENVER FILM'S CEO KEVIN SMITH

Dear Esteemed Guests,

It is with great pleasure and anticipation that I extend a warm welcome to each and every one of you to the 2024 Women+Film Luncheon. Today marks a significant moment in our ongoing commitment to championing the voices and achievements of women in the film industry.

This year, we are privileged to honor the exceptional talent and inspiring presence of acclaimed actress Hannah Waddingham. With her profound performances and unwavering dedication to her craft, Waddingham has not only captivated audiences worldwide but has also become a beacon of empowerment and representation for women in film.

As we gather here today, let us celebrate not only the remarkable achievements of Hannah Waddingham but also the collective efforts that have brought us together in support of our shared mission. Through your generous contributions and unwavering support, we are able to continue our vital work in advancing diversity, inclusion, and equity within the cinematic landscape.

I extend my heartfelt gratitude to our esteemed corporate sponsors and high-level donors whose generosity makes events like today's luncheon possible. Your commitment to our cause serves as a testament to the transformative power of film and the profound impact it can have on our society.

Together, let us embark on this journey of celebration, reflection, and empowerment as we honor Hannah Waddingham and the countless trailblazing women who continue to shape the future of cinema.

Warm regards,
Kevin Smith
CEO of Denver Film



WOMEN+FILM LUNCHEON PROGRAM

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Amy Weiner Weiss

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Denver Film, a 501(c)(3) cultural arts organization, operates the Sie FilmCenter, the organization's year-round cinematic home, presents the annual award-winning Denver Film Festival in November and a series of spotlight festivals throughout the year.

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- **SEEKING MAVIS BEACON**
- **SHOW HER THE MONEY**
- **THE QUEEN OF MY DREAMS**
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Panels

- **REDEFINING REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS, JUSTICE, AND HEALTH**
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ABOUT WOMEN+FILM FESTIVAL

As a flagship program of Denver Film, Women+Film inspires a safe and inclusive space, fostering meaningful dialogue and sharing vulnerability around crucial issues of representation, diversity, and empowerment. The Women+Film platform connects audiences to compelling stories from emerging and established filmmakers, shedding light on issues affecting women and advocating for gender equity.

Denver Film's commitment to highlighting women-driven storytelling extends beyond the screen; we cultivate a vibrant community through panels, resources, activations, and partnerships, uplifting women-led organizations and businesses and driving positive change in the industry and beyond.

JOIN THE PREMIERE CIRCLE

Women+Film would not be possible without the Premiere Circle. This special community of Women+Film supporters generates important conversations at screenings, luncheons, panels, Q&A's, receptions, and more, and supports our Women+Film programming all year round. Join this passionate group celebrating women in film, and directly help Denver Film support the important work of these filmmakers.

Contact Amy Weiner Weiss at amy@denverfilm.org to learn more.

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Founder of Women+Film

Special thanks to the singular Barbara Bridges. Your tireless dedication and vision in service of championing women in front of and behind the camera has built this community around women in film.



BARBARA BRIDGES INSPIRATION AWARD

The Barbara Bridges Inspiration award, named in honor of the eponymous Women+Film founder, recognizes incredible women in film and entertainment.

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ABOUT KELLY WERTHMANN, MODERATOR

Kelly Werthmann is an Emmy-winning journalist, and CBS News Colorado's weekend evening anchor and weekday reporter. She loves calling Denver home and has a true passion for sharing Colorado's stories.



If you've watched CBS News Colorado at any time over the last decade, you've likely seen Kelly —reporting in the field, anchoring in the studio, streaming online— she's on air almost every morning, afternoon, or night! She has served a variety of roles since first joining the CBS Colorado Mornings team in 2012. From morning reporter to late-night storyteller, weekend morning anchor, even a brief stint as sports anchor -- you name it, she's done it!

Her time on the morning show turned out to be a turbulent time in Colorado's history, with destructive wildfires and floods as well as the tragic mass shooting in an Aurora movie theater. In 2013, Kelly traded early mornings for late nights to join the CBS Colorado News at 10 team. As part

of the late-night crew, Kelly often served as a fill-in anchor for the CBS Colorado Sports team. She helped cover Super Bowl XLVIII in New York and CBS Colorado's special coverage of Super Bowl 50 in California. That launched Kelly into the CBS Colorado Mornings weekend anchor chair for a little more than a year before returning to CBS Colorado News at 10.

Then in early 2020, CBS News Colorado launched its new 24-hour streaming channel and Kelly proudly accepted the role as its evening anchor. It quickly became a critical platform as the coronavirus pandemic hit Colorado. People across the state, and other parts of the country,



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turned to CBS News Colorado for the latest information on COVID-19.

Nearly ten years into her journalism journey in Denver, Kelly returned to the "weekend warrior" team – this time as evening anchor. You can join Kelly and the dynamic weekend team every Saturday and Sunday night at 5pm and 10pm.

Kelly's broadcast journalism career began in Billings, Montana. After working in the Big Sky State for five years, Kelly was called

home to Colorado Springs where she worked at FOX21 as a general assignment reporter. Though born in Montana, Kelly (a so-called "Army Brat") was raised in Colorado Springs and considers Colorado home. When she's not Covering Colorado First, Kelly enjoys volunteering at Colorado Horse Rescue in Longmont, exploring the outdoors and snuggling up with her dog, Penny.



2024 BARBARA BRIDGES INSPIRATION AWARD WINNER

HANNAH WADDINGHAM

The Barbara Bridges Inspiration award, named in honor of the eponymous Women+Film founder, recognizes incredible women in film and entertainment.

Hannah Waddingham is an Emmy Award-winning film, television, and theatre actress and singer. Best known to audiences as 'Rebecca Welton,' in the award-winning Apple TV+ series *Ted Lasso*, Waddingham has garnered Emmy and Critics Choice wins, as well as two Golden Globe and SAG nominations for this role.

Upcoming, Waddingham will star in Universal's upcoming action film, *The Fall Guy*, which has an ensemble led by Ryan Gosling and includes Emily Blunt and Aaron Taylor-Johnson. The film is slated for release on May 3rd, 2024. Additionally, Waddingham can be seen next in Sony Pictures animated adaptation of *Garfield*, opposite Chris Pratt, set to be released on May 24th, 2024. She will also be seen in *Mission: Impossible – Dead Reckoning Part Two* alongside Tom Cruise, which is slated for a 2025 release.

Past feature film credits include; Disney's *Hocus Pocus 2* in the role of 'Mother Witch' and the MGM feature *The Hustle* with Anne Hathaway

and Rebel Wilson. Waddingham will also soon start production on a forthcoming action-adventure television series alongside Octavia Spencer. The untitled series will produce eight episodes for Prime Video across the world.

Additional television credits include FOX animated series *Krapopolis*. The show debuted as the highest rated animated series in over a decade and Netflix's hit show *Sex Education*.

Previously on television, she starred as the villainous 'Jax-Ur' in season two of the Warner Bros series *Krypton* for E4/SyFy. She is probably best known on screen, however, from her scene-stealing run as "Septa Unella", the Shame Nun, in HBO's groundbreaking series *Game of Thrones*. Waddingham also appeared as "Magdalena" in television adaptation of *12 Monkeys* for SyFy and played "Dr. Stone" in Kay Mellor's prime time BBC drama *In The Club*. Waddingham was recently seen in PBS Masterpiece and ITV's *Tom Jones*, BBC 2's "*The Entire*

Universe" alongside Eric Idle, Warwick Davis, Noel Fielding and Prof. Brian Cox, which also aired on PBS in America.

In late 2023, Waddingham premiered her Christmas concert special on Apple TV+ entitled *Hannah Waddingham: Home For Christmas* to rave reviews. Recorded live at The Coliseum in London, one of London's oldest and most beautiful theaters, the one-hour special features Waddingham ringing in the season with musical performances of beloved Christmas classics. This TV special earned her a BAFTA TV Award nomination, in addition to a nomination for her hosting duties at the Eurovision Song Contest 2023.

Waddingham made her hosting debut in 2023 with the Olivier Awards in London and will return as host in 2024.

As well as her extensive film and television work, Waddingham has a wealth of experience in theatre and is most known for her contribution to West End musical theatre over the last twenty years with three Olivier nominations for her roles in *Kiss Me Kate* as Kate/Lilli Vanessi (Old Vic/Dir. Trevor Nunn), *A Little Night Music* as Desiree Armfeldt (Garrick & Menier Chocolate Factory/Dir. Trevor Nunn) and Monty Python's *Spamalot* as The Lady of The Lake (Palace Theatre/Dir. Mike Nicholls) for which she won the Broadway.com Award for Best

Newcomer when she reprised the role at the Shubert Theatre on Broadway. She also won the WhatsOnStage Award for Best Supporting actress in a Musical as The Wicked Witch of The West in *The Wizard of Oz* (London Palladium/Dir. Jeremy Samms).

Other theatre work includes *The Witch in Into The Woods* (Regent's Park Open Air Theatre), Madame Pinglet in *A Little Hotel on The Side* (Theatre Royal Bath), Fay Hubbard in *A Chorus of Disapproval* (Clwyd Theatr Cymru), Satan in *Tonight's the Night* and Rizzo in *Grease* (Victoria Palace Theatre), Christine Warner in *The Beautiful Game* (Cambridge Theatre. Critics' Circle Award nomination), Suzanne Valadon in *Lautrec* (Shaftesbury Theatre. Awards for Best Actress in a Musical and Best Newcomer), Shimmy Girl in *Smokey Joe's Café* (UK tour), Chesty Prospects in *Saucy Jack and the Space Vixens* (Queen's Theatre).

Waddingham resides in London.



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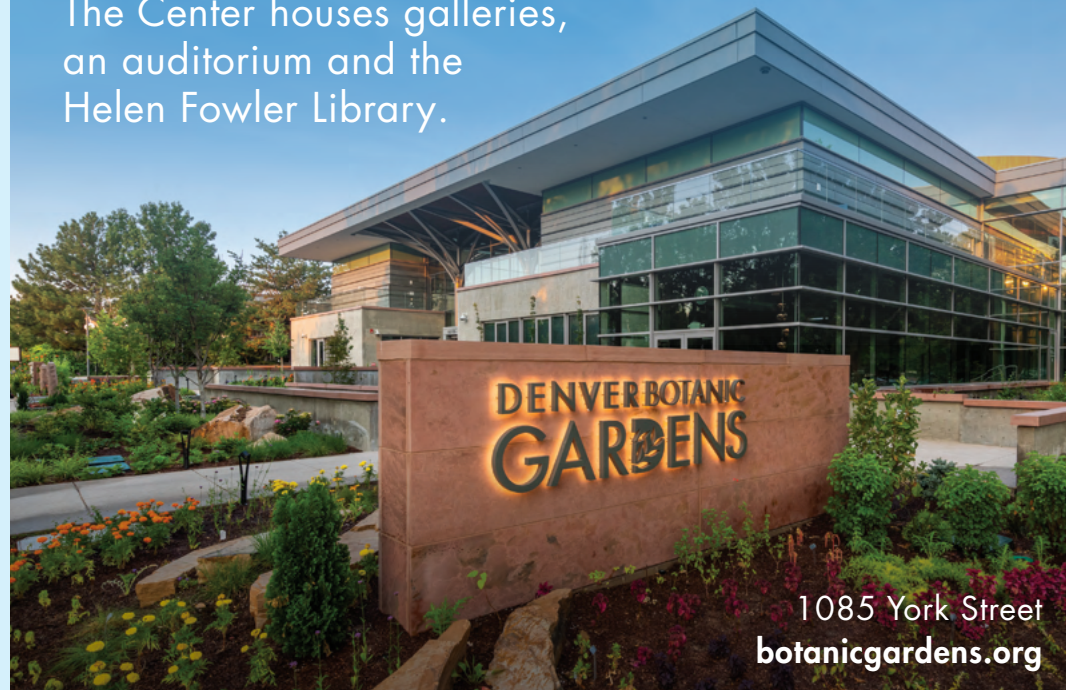
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