



"ALMOST ASIAN" PREMIERES NEW EPISODE WITH HORATIO SANZ

Follow webseries from creator, Katie Malia, as she journeys through everyday life in Los Angeles as a half-Asian.

Los Angeles, CA - July 1, 2015 - The unique and witty webseries, *Almost Asian*, from actress and writer Katie Malia, premieres its new episode today on almostasian.com featuring Saturday Night Live alum, Horatio Sanz. The episode follows Katie and Horatio on a night out at an authentic Japanese karaoke bar that proves to be possibly less than pitch perfect. Still in its first season, *Almost Asian* is a satirical exploration of the ethnic dichotomies and racial diversities prevalent in youth culture today.

Each episode polaroids Katie's personal and professional struggles as she awkwardly attempts to maneuver through life as a half-Asian mix. From stereotypes to expectations to identity and acceptance, *Almost Asian* wants to create an open forum and dialogue for other Gen-Y "halfers" as well as celebrate their success and strife with tongue-in-cheek humor. The writing is unapologetic and voice, brash, as Katie half-sheds the quiet and submissive Japanese female stereotype and elbows her way to a seat at society's set table. New episodes are released every month and are both directed and edited by award-winning creatives.

FROM THE CREATOR

"Growing up half-Asian was very confusing. From filling out ethnicity sections in college applications to introducing lunch trades with pre-trending Japanese food on the grade school playground, before the United Colors of Benetton effect took hold, being the bi-product of an interracial couple was new. Nobody was talking about it, especially in suburban America. Before Obama and yes, Keanu came along, there was no half-anything to admire as a role model, particularly a female one. It's really no surprise that my best friend growing up was also half-Japanese due to our relatable childhood experiences. And by expanding on these shared experiences, my intention with *Almost Asian* is to celebrate the nuanced mixed-ethnic identity and challenge our social conventions regarding race and culture through a heightened-comedic lens."

ABOUT THE CREATOR

Katie Malia is an "ethnically-ambiguous" working actress and writer in Los Angeles. Having appeared in over 100+ national commercials and print campaigns and featured on HBO's *Hello Ladies*, *How I Met Your Mother*, *The Mindy Project*, *Sleepy Hollow* and *Ground Floor*, Katie continues to write and create her own content for *Funny or Die* playing numerous original characters, one of which was featured on *Funny or Die*'s homepage. She also performs stand up around LA's comedy clubs, was a contributing writer for *DailyCandy* and *Time Out LA*, and also produced the short film, *VARMiNT*, which won the Grand Jury Prize at Dances with Films Festival in Hollywood, the Audience Award at New Orleans Film Festival in 2013, and was a Vimeo "Staff Pick" in 2014. Katie lives in Silver Lake. Oh yeah, and she hates the term "ethnically-ambiguous."

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latest episode - <http://bit.ly/1K97Vck>

imdb - <http://www.imdb.com/title/tt3643382>

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