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"GIRLS IN TROUBLE: THE SERIES": A Bold, Feminist Retelling of Biblical Women from Across the Jewish Diaspora

PORTLAND, OR, 8 March 2024 - In a groundbreaking fusion of art, feminism, and religious reinterpretation, "Girls in Trouble TV" is set to captivate audiences with its fresh take on the stories of Biblical women across the rich and diverse cultures of the contemporary Jewish diaspora. Inspired by Alicia Jo Rabins' acclaimed song cycle, and filmed in Portland, Oregon and New York, this new indie web series weaves together traditional and original commentary, asking how stories of the Hebrew Bible might read differently with women at their center.

"This project focuses on interpretation of Biblical women's stories across the rich and varied cultures of the contemporary Jewish diaspora," says Alicia Jo Rabins, creator of the series. "Our concept is inspired by food & travel shows - but rather than visiting a location and exploring its food, culture and landscape, each GIT_TV episode explores a Biblical woman's story through storytelling, song, animation and interviews with diverse Jewish artists and activists."



The first episode is scheduled for release on March 12, 2024 in advance of the Jewish holiday of Purim (which occurs March 23rd.) This episode centers on the story of Queen Vashti, often considered an anti-hero in the Purim story, and features an in-depth interview with Persian Jewish singer, cantor and anthropologist, Galeet Dardashti (NY), original illustration by Jessica Tamar Deutsch (NY), and animation by Zak Margolis (PDX).

Set against the backdrop of ongoing societal sexism and religious conservatism, "Girls in Trouble TV" is more than just a web series; it's a call to action. "We believe in the liberatory potential of our Jewish traditions," says Rabins. "Religion has the power to be a force for good or for evil, to liberate or oppress. With 'Girls in Trouble TV,' we're contributing to a larger mosaic of progressive religious voices, building an inclusive Judaism where all are equal and beloved."

The series is set to premiere on Tuesday, March 12th, with episodes available for free on YouTube and Vimeo. Additionally, the creators are open to partnering with media outlets for exclusive or early releases for this episode as well as future episodes, which will include interviews with groundbreaking soferet (female Torah scribe) **Julie Seltzer**, chef & cookbook author **Sonya Sanford**, Black rabbi/artist/organizer **Rabbi Kendell Pinkney**, pioneering klezmer fiddler **Alicia Svigals**, and queer radical Jewish herbalist **Dori Midnight**.



Don't miss your chance to experience "Girls in Trouble TV" and join the conversation about reshaping religious narratives for a more inclusive and equitable future.

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About "Girls in Trouble: The Series":

"Girls in Trouble TV" is an indie web series co-created by two Portland-based Alicia's - musician/writer Alicia Jo Rabins and filmmaker Alicia J. Rose - produced by Lara Cuddy. After their successful collaboration on award-winning feature film "A Kaddish for Bernie Madoff," the Alicia's are now bringing their focus to stories of Biblical women. Based on Rabins' song cycle of the same name, the series examines the stories of Biblical women through a feminist diasporic lens, challenging patriarchal interpretations and celebrating the characters' resilience and strength.

For more info about Girls in Trouble, visit www.girlsintroublemusic.com.