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Provocative web series “SEND ME” blends slavery with time travel

Press release

Los Angeles, CA, October 9, 2014 — Would you go back in time to slavery? That’s the question at the center of the provocative new web series “SEND ME,” about a woman named Gwen (**Tracie Thoms**) who has the power to send fellow African Americans back to the plantation days as a way to build character and explore their family roots. **Gabrielle Carteris** (“Beverly Hills, 90210”) plays Gwen’s friend and confidant who keeps the time-travel a secret. Based on a short story by **Steve Harper**, an award-winning TV writer, playwright and actor, the six-episode web series will go into production in early 2015. Visit www.sendmebacktoslavery.com for information about the series.

A crowdfunding campaign on Indiegogo runs from Oct. 10 to Nov. 23. Harper says one half hour of network programming can cost millions of dollars to produce while the first season of “SEND ME” (at 28 minutes total) will cost \$120,000. The 6-week Indiegogo campaign is expected to raise the bulk of the funds with foundation support and private donations covering the rest. “SEND ME” is a sponsored project of **Fractured Atlas**, a non-profit arts service organization. Contributions for the charitable purposes of “SEND ME” must be made payable to “Fractured Atlas” only and are tax-deductible to the extent permitted by law. A comic book version of the first episode created by illustrator and storyboard artist **Vincent Lucido** will be offered as one of the perks for donors to the campaign.

“Whenever I’ve seen stories about time travel I’ve wondered how things might change if the travelers were people of color,” Harper says. “In the series, many people want to go back, to get a sense of their history or to take a look at their lives from a new perspective. Among the series leads are a black husband and wife, a white family friend and a young gay man who works for the couple. The opportunity is to recognize that all Americans have some connection to our country’s history.”

“SEND ME” lead **Tracie Thoms** was a regular on the long-running CBS series “Cold Case” and has appeared on “The Good Wife” and “Veep”. On film she appeared in “Rent” and “Looper” and she’ll be seen later this year Columbia Pictures’ remake of “Annie,” opposite Jamie Foxx and Quvenzhané Wallis. This fall Tracie will star in the world premiere of David Auburn’s “Lost Lake,” an Off-Broadway production at

Manhattan Theatre Club.

Gabrielle Carteris is well known for playing Andrea Zuckerman for five seasons on “Beverly Hills, 90210.” Other TV credits include roles on “Longmire,” “The Middle,” “Criminal Minds,” “Nip/Tuck,” “NYPD Blue” and “Another World.” Gabrielle is executive vice president of SAG-AFTRA.

Steve Harper was on the writing staff of the USA Network show “Covert Affairs”. His plays include “Princeton Theory” (about a meeting between Paul Robeson and Albert Einstein) and “Urban Rabbit Chronicles” (nominated for the Weissberger Award). Steve’s work often explores “the invisible things” that percolate just below the surface, including spirituality, sexuality and race. His plays have been read, workshopped and performed at venues across the country including The American Airlines Theatre on Broadway, New York Theatre Workshop and L.A.’s Celebration Theatre. He won the Millenium Telly Award for his writing, co-producing and acting work on the Baltimore kids show “The Fox-45 Clubhouse”.

Series creator and some cast members are available for interviews about “SEND ME.” Selected script material from the series is available upon request.

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