

BRYAN SAFI

BIOGRAPHY

Over the past few years, Emmy-award winning writer, actor, host, and comedian Bryan Safi has quickly become known as one of the most multi-faceted talents in the entertainment industry today. In 2017 Safi can be seen co-hosting (along with Erin Gibson) the brand new late night show "Throwing Shade," premiering on TV Land Tuesday, January 17th. Based on the duo's highly successful podcast, "Throwing Shade" is a clever, timely, and boundary-pushing show, where Gibson and Safi bring their unique perspective to the hottest topics of today. From politics to feminism and gay rights, and the latest celebrity nonsense – Safi and Gibson address it all, in front of a live studio audience.

Aside from working on "Throwing Shade" (the podcast and the television series) Safi recently co-starred in Lifetime's highly buzzed about thriller, "A Deadly Adoption" starring Will Ferrell and Kristen Wiig. Safi was a scene-stealer as Charlie, a man who runs a local organic food stand with his best friend Ellen [Wiig]. The movie premiered on June 20, 2015, and made nationwide headlines. Safi has also recently been seen on ABC Family's hit series, "Young and Hungry," portraying the character of Alan Lowenstein. Safi's portrayal of perfectionist, decisive, and always blunt Alan [husband to Elliot Park, played by Rex Lee] quickly made him a fan favorite on the show.

On the film front, Safi can be seen in the indie feature "You're Killing Me," which debuted to positive reviews at the Inside Out LGBT Film Festival in Toronto in June 2015. IndieWire raved, "You're Killing Me is thoroughly engaging, coming together in large part thanks to its very talented cast... in the sea of gay films coming at us via LGBT film festivals this summer, it makes for an example of one that actually, you know, says something."



Though working in the scripted world is a passion for Safi, he also loves hosting and is a regular contributor for national syndicated, weekday television entertainment news program, "Access Hollywood Live." Safi can be seen contributing his quick-witted commentary on their panels, and occasionally sits in as co-host for the show.

While not working on television Safi continues to stay busy with his hit weekly comedy podcast, "Throwing Shade," co-hosted by Erin Gibson. Called one of the top 20 podcasts of 2015 by Entertainment Weekly and Rolling Stone, the show's topics include: women's rights, gay rights, pop culture, adult topics, and politically incorrect ideas. "Throwing Shade" currently lives on the Maximum Fun Podcast Network and debuted on November 9, 2011. Since then, it has earned the People's Choice Podcast Award for the Best LGBT Podcast in 2012, 2013, and 2015. The podcast has become so successful, that aside from turning into a bonafide series on a network, Safi and Gibson often take their act to the road and have toured nationally with the "Throwing Shade Live" show.

Safi won his first Emmy Award for his writing efforts on "The Ellen DeGeneres Show" in 2010. Since then, he has been a staff writer/performer for the Emmy winning comedy website "Funny or Die" which was founded by Will Ferrell and Adam McKay. Safi is also well known for creating and hosting the Webby Award winning That's Gay video series. He has been named one of OUT Magazine's "Out 100," and has been featured in publications including The New York Times, USA Today, and The Hollywood Reporter.

Safi is an alumnus of the Sunday Company at the Groundlings, and performs regularly at the Upright Citizens Brigade Theatre in Los Angeles.



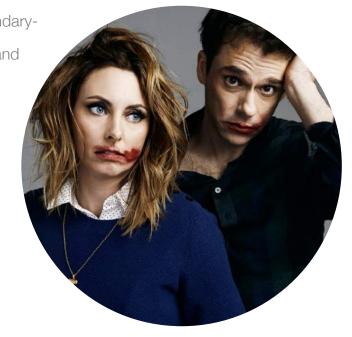
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THROWING SHADE

"Throwing Shade" is a clever, timely, and boundary-pushing show based on the popular podcast and Funny or Die web series of the same name.

Hosts Erin Gibson and Bryan Safi bring their unique perspective to the hottest topics of today- from politics, feminism and gay rights to the latest celebrity nonsense – in front of a live studio audience.

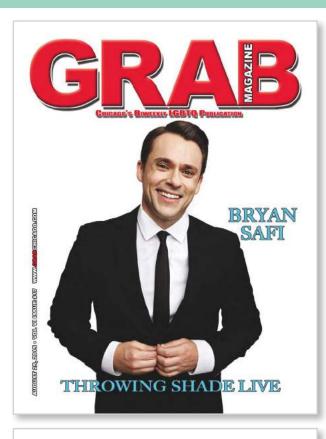
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GRAB BRYAN

Emmy winning writer, actor, host and comedian Bryan Safi

By Mark Nagel

them. I just annoyed people to death until coming to Chicago Friday August. 28 for two shows at Lincoth Hall. Bryan, who is also staring in season two of Young and Hungry on ABC Family Charled with GRAB Magazines Mark Nagel.





Donald Trump can get away with it. Why is that? B.S: [Laughs] That is the best comparison in my life.

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M.N. Why do you get away with it made so much more sense to write your own material and go up on stage verses waiting for someone to write something for you that something for you that something for you that something for you that something for many that it like to be their Donald Trump perfect fit. The winding came for me secondary.

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white guy. When you have been told to shut your mouth for a very long time and have not. Donald Trump just has no self-awareness

M.N.! was watching your Funny or Die about you warting to be the first gay commentator at the Super Bowl and it did not happen at the last Super Bowl. Do you have a goal for the next one? B.S.! am hoping to end up on the SO-yard line giving all the play by the super Bowl. Do SO was a goal for the next one? B.S.! am hoping to end up on the SO-yard line giving all the play by the super Bowl and I am expecting an ESPN contract any day now.

so game. Our relationship off camera was what you see on camera, and he would just look at me and say, what are you doing? He was so much fun to do it with him He is just the best.



M.N: You can almost compare it today to that level with Caitlyn Jenner.



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B.S: You really can. It's all the same questions. Is it real is it just for attention? I remember when Ellen was on Oprah and her audience was just so nasty. Ifeel because of people like Ellen, it's why we have come so far. She is not only a trailblazzer but so talented.

M.N.: Lunderstand you are on season two of Young and Hungy. What is your character all about? B.S.: My character is Rex Lee's character's Boytiend and I am definitely a very stubborn character with the reverse eye-to-eye on anything but we love it. We fight constantly and I am a know-it-all and love it.

M.N: So, you are playing yourself? B.S: [Laughs] I was meeting with the producers and they said I was so arrogant and obnoxious, they had to write me in the show.

M.N: Lets talk about the reason you are coming to Chicago on Friday August 28 to Lincoln Hall

for two shows. The 9 p.m. show is already sold out. Is it a "Throwing Shade" show with Erin (Isibson) coming also?

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M.N: Best way for fans to keep up with you? B.S: Probably on Twitter, @bryansafi.

You can purchase You can purchase tickets to see Bryan Safi and Erin Gibson in "Throwing Shade" August 28 at Throwingshade.com/ tourdates.

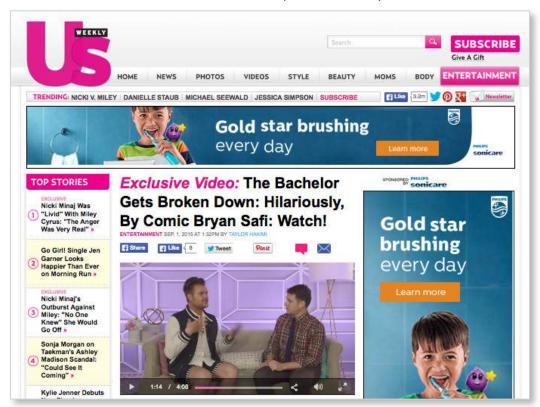




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MADE IN THE SHADE

WE CHAT WITH NATIVE TEXAN, EMMY AWARD-WINNER AND HOST OF PODCAST THROWING SHADE BRYAN SAFI, WHO BRINGS HIS SHOW TO STATESIDE THEATRE THIS WEEK



Throwing Shade, Bryan Safi's popular podcast with writer and actress Erin Gibson, rolls into town Sept. 25 for a live show at the historic Stateside Theatre at the Paramount. The duo, according to Safi, "take a weekly look at all the issues important to ladies and gays, and treat them with much less respect than they deserve." The live show is combination of what followers hear during the regular podcast along with audience participation and some improv games.

In addition to the long-running podcast, Safi currently stars as Alan, who owns a karaoke bar and has a crush on Rex Lee's character in ABC Family's Young & Hungry and recently costarred in this summer's Lifetime Original Movie A Deadly Adoption alongside Kristin Wiig and Will Ferrell. The comedian and actor spoke with us about his unexpected Texas pride, his first death scene and comedy as activism.

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'Throwing Shade' Late-Night Comedy Gets Series Pickup At TV Land

TV Land is the latest cabler to enter the late night arena. The network has ordered ten episodes of hit podcast and Funny or Die series *Throwing Shade* for premiere in January 2017.

The political and pop culture show, which will have a live audience, will air in the 11 PM timeslot. Erin Gibson (Parks and Recreation, Kroll Show) and Bryan Safi (Modern Family, Superstore) star as themselves, sharing their perspective on today's hot topics.

The TV Land pickup comes amid an explosion of late night shows, including History's upcoming Night Class comedy block, a companion to Craig Ferguson's new late-night show, Join or Die, along with TBS' Full Frontal with Samantha Bee, TruTV's Late Night Snack, and the list goes on.

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A New Frontier for Throwing Shade

Erin Gibson and Bryan Safi have worked together in a lot of venues.

Since first meeting as writer-performers at the legendary comedy troupe the Upright Citizens Brigade, they've teamed up to bring a signature blend of pop-culture patter and political commentary to audiences at live shows around the country, set earbuds buzzing with their popular podcast *Throwing Shade*, and taken their act to Youtube under the umbrella of comedy powerhouse Funny or Die.

Now, starting January 17th, TV Land will be the home of their new late-night show, also called $\it Throwing\ Shade$.

They introduce themselves at the beginning of each videocast episode as "feminasty Erin Gibson" "homosensual Bryan Safi," and they mix LGBT and women's issues with straight-up topical silliness.



http://www.emmys.com/news/online-originals/new-frontier-throwing-shade



'Throwing Shade' is the extra boost of comedic snark the Trump presidency requires

There's a new weekly primetime talk show that doesn't fit the mold. Instead of correspondents, it has sketches. It has two hosts: a woman and a gay man, and they are proud to be "liberal coastal elites." And they're also tackling niche issues that impact everybody's daily lives, whether they know it or not.

https://thinkprogress.org/throwing-shade-interview-73837e1ab023



'Throwing Shade' hosts Erin Gibson and Bryan Safi talk mixing politics and pop culture

When you hear the phrase "throwing shade," you're more likely to think about petty celebrity Twitter feuds than late-night television. But, if Erin Gibson and Bryan Safi have anything to say about it, that may soon well change.

"Throwing Shade," premiering on Tuesday, Jan. 7 on TV Land, is an off-shoot of the comedians' irreverent podcast and web series, both with the same name. Instead of being compared to the current darlings of late-night cable television, Samantha Bee and John Oliver, though, Gibson and Safi would rather you let their upcoming show speak for itself.

https://www.aol.com/article/entertainment/2017/01/16/throwing-shade-erin-gibson-bryan-safi-interview/21655496/

Throwing Shade clip: 'Tom Brady, stop Jordan Catalano-ing Donald Trump!'

▶ ▶ ▶ Patriots superstar Tom Brady is usually the one who can be found throwing things (see: footballs), but in this exclusive clip from tonight's episode of *Throwing Shade*, it seems it's time for Brady to find himself on the receiving end for once (see: said shade).



http://ew.com/tv/2017/01/31/throwing-shade-tom-brady-donald-trump/



Throwing Shade hosts take on The Bachelor, Harry Potter, more

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The Queer Audacity of Throwing Shade

From the electric colors and incongruous visuals of its opening credits, *Throwing Shade* brings us to camp and lets us stay there. TV Land's new weekly late night news satire, created by and starring Erin Gibson and Bryan Safi, is the hefty dose of queer joy we need to process politics and culture.

Based on their podcast of the same name, which has been running since 2011, the TV version of *Throwing Shade* launched Jan. 17 and airs on Tuesdays at 10:30 p.m. Eastern. It resembles other late-night news shows like Last Week Tonight

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Will Cult L.A. Podcast *Throwing Shade* Find Its Audience on Late-Night TV?

On a soundstage in Hollywood last week, dozens of young people waited in line all night to pay homage to a newly christened saint at her candle-adorned altar. The massive framed portrait sitting atop the altar showed a young woman with bleached-blond hair, a tiny upturned nose and big, raccoon eyes. She was, of course, instantly recognizable not as a religious figure but as Tiffany Trump, the 23-year-old daughter of President-elect Donald Trump and his second wife, Marla Maples.

http://www.indiewire.com/2017/03/tv-land-throwing-shade-unpaid-maternity-leave-1201791317/



Throwing Shade Comes to TV Land: An Interview with Erin Gibson and Bryan Safi

I'm psyched about *Throwing Shade*, the new show coming to TV Land on January 17th. Comedians Bryan Safi and Erin Gibson already host an acclaimed podcast of the same name and have videos on *Funny or Die*. Much like the podcast, the TV show (executive produced by Gibson and Safi in collaboration with Funny or Die executives) will cover political topics peppered in with pop culture. With each one's signature humor and their combined comedic chemistry, the duo will address issues that affect women and gays. On each weekly podcast, Gibson introduces herself as "Feminasty Erin Gibson" and Safi

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Erin Gibson and Bryan Safi's Guide to Los Angeles

The stars of TV Land's new late-night news program, *Throwing Shade*, on political correctness and where to find them when they're not cracking jokes

http://dujour.com/culture/erin-gibson-and-bryan-safis-guide-to-los-angeles/

'Throwing Shade' Stars Erin Gibson & Bryan Safi on Their New Late Night Show & White House Ambitions

Congratulations on your show, *Throwing Shade*. You guys have such amazing banter. How did you meet?

BRYAN SAFI: We met at the Upright Citizens Brigade Theater.

ERIN GIBSON: Do you think we've known each other for 8 years?

BS: Probably. That sounds about right. We met there and then we worked a couple of jobs together writing. And then we sort of started the podcast just because we both felt, honestly, the closest comparison for Erin and me is we feel like brother and sister. We bicker that way, we agree that way. We always try to needle each other that way so I think it comes out with baseline love.



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Inside 'Throwing Shade's Journey from Podcast to Web Series to TV Show

In 2011, comedians/writers/improvisers/friends Erin Gibson and Bryan Safi were left without a place to speak on important social justice issues after the show they were correspondents on, *InfoMania*, went off the air. Luckily the freedom of the internet means that *nobody* is left without a place to speak their minds, so Gibson and Safi teamed up for the *Throwing Shade* podcast. It didn't take long for the podcast to develop a large and passionate fanbase, which meant a deal with Funny or Die, large soldout live shows across the country, and now their own TV show on TVLand which debuted on January 17th.

http://splitsider.com/2017/01/inside-throwing-shades-journey-from-podcast-to-web-series-to-tv-show/

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TV Land Is 'Throwing Shade' At Unpaid Maternity Leave – Watch

Last night's episode of TV Land's "Throwing Shade" jumped politically from the likes of Mike Huckabee to crowdfunded breast milk fro-yo. In a sketch detailing the absurdity of paid maternity not being considered a right for women, Erin and Bryan have created their own crowdfunding methods for having a baby. Because, as Erin warns, in this day and age having a baby means that "not only do you have to deal with morning sickness, now you have to learn iMovie."



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TV'S NEW KING OF SHADE



Since 2011, comedians Bryan Safi and Erin Gibson have been treating LGBT and women's issues with, in their words, "much less respect than they deserve" on their irreverent podcast. **Throwing Shade**, Episodes often conclude with "Shade or No Shade," a segment in which guests pass judgment on everything from Van Cleef & Arpels to applesauce. To celebrate Shade's leap to a late-night slot on TV Land (the show premieres lanuary 17), we asked Safi to sound off on some of today's most pressing topics, **MB**



Bryan Safi is a busy man.

His resume speaks volumes: Alum of the Groundlings and Upright Citizens Brigade Theatre.

Writer, actor, comedian, host. He won an Emmy for his writing on "the Ellen Degeneres Show" and is a staff writer on "Funny or Die". Like we said a busy man. Let's let him speak for himself.

CHILLED: Tell us a bit about the projects you are working on or have coming up.

BRYAN SAFI: I'm on a 17-city tour right now with "Throwing Shade Live," the comedy podcast I co-host with Erin Gibson. It's a lot of traveling, but it's super fun, completely insane and extremely exciting. Then I'm on the hilarious ABC Family sitcom "Young and Hungry" this fall.

Also, you can see me as a contributor on the morning show "Access Hollywood Live" on NBC at least once a week. I fill in as co-host on that show as well.

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