

AGTA Confirms the 2017 AGTA Spectrum Awards™ Celebrity Talent for Winning Collection Photo Shoot

DALLAS, TX (June 16, 2017) - [The American Gem Trade Association](#) (AGTA) is thrilled to announce that Garcelle Beauvais and Tricia Helfer have been confirmed to headline the 2017 [AGTA Spectrum Awards™](#) collection photo shoot. Taking place in Los Angeles, California in August, this industry-unique event follows the AGTA Spectrum Awards™ competition, North America's premier colored gemstone and cultured pearl jewelry design competition. "The stars are definitely coming out to take part in this amazing photo shoot. These talented women will beautifully showcase this year's winning designer jewelry pieces," stated AGTA CEO, Douglas K. Hucker. This year's photo shoot will be shot by renowned photographer, Andrew Macpherson, and will be produced and styled by fashion expert, Tod Hallman of THPFashion, Inc.



Named one of PEOPLE Magazine's highly-coveted 50 Most Beautiful in 2014, Haitian-born model [Garcelle Beauvais](#), transitioned to acting in the Aaron Spelling series "Models, Inc," and continues to expand her horizons in film and television with several high-profile current projects. Garcelle was also seen as the host of "Window Warriors," a store front skill-based design reality series on GSN, and has also completed filming her latest film project "Spider-Man: Homecoming." The wildly anticipated addition to the super-hero series will be release July of 2017. In addition, Garcelle also served as host on Fox's daytime talk-show, HOLLYWOOD TODAY LIVE.

A seasoned actress, Garcelle Beauvais recently starred in the upcoming indie film, "A Girl Like Grace," from executive producer Dan Garcia. "A Girl Like Grace" is a coming of age story about a young girl Grace from a small town discovering her purpose in this world. Garcelle plays Lisa, her alcoholic single mother lost in her youth trying to live a caviar life on a spam budget at the expense of her daughter. "A Girl like Grace" released in Atlanta, New York, Detroit, Ohio, D.C. and Los Angeles in December 2016.

She has been inspired by motherhood to write a children's book series entitled 'I AM,' addressing identity issues relevant to many children today. The first book 'I AM MIXED,' about being siblings of mixed ethnicities, was released in 2013. The second book, "I AM LIVING IN TWO HOMES," released in 2014, addresses the difficulty of having parents who are no longer together as they discover the benefits of having two very different homes to explore and enjoy. "I AM AWESOME" was published in 2015.

Garcelle is best known for roles in "The Jamie Foxx Show" and "NYPD Blue," as well as recent stints on "Franklin & Bash," "Grimm," "The Mentalist" and "Eyes." Film roles include "Wild Wild West," "White House Down," "American Gin," "Women in Trouble," "Barbershop 2: Back in Business," and "Bad Company."



[Tricia Helfer](#) is a Canadian cover girl model turned actress who has developed her resume beyond the catwalk to include many diverse roles highlighting her versatile and natural screen presence. Best known as the face of the series, and for her Leo award-winning lead performance as the humanoid, Cylon 'Number Six' in the critically acclaimed Syfy series, "Battlestar Galactica," Helfer has since gone on to book leading roles on a wide variety of networks. Most recently, Tricia has joined the season two cast of the FOX drama, "Lucifer." She takes on the series regular role of playing Lucifer's mother "Charlotte" in the series.

Prior to "Lucifer," Tricia was cast in a recurring role in season two of the Playstation & Sony Picture TV series, "Powers." Just before that, Helfer also played the lead of the Syfy channel's original miniseries "Ascension" co-starring Brian Van Holt. In early 2014, Helfer starred as the lead of the ABC series, "Killer Women," the Sophia Vergara-produced series followed beautiful Molly

Parker (Helfer), in the notorious Texas Rangers frontier patrol, as she pursued justice despite being embroiled in a continuous fight for her peers' respect.

Adding to her impressive resume, Helfer has done prolific voiceover work in mega-hit video game franchises including, playing the roles of Commander Veronica Dare in Halo: ODS1, EDI in Mass Effect 2 and 3, Sarah Kerrigan in Blizzard Entertainment's StarCraft II: Wings of Liberty, for which she won the 2010 VGA for Best Performance by a Human Female, as well as in StarCraft II: Heart of the Swarm. She also showcased her voice talent in animated productions, "Green Lantern: First Flight," a Cartoon Network TV movie, on Disney XD's "The Spectacular Spiderman", and on Disney XD's TRON: Uprising.

Next up, is her thriller, "Isolation" co-starring Luke Malby, a film that will portray the true events of a couple vacationing in the Bahamas. The getaway quickly spirals out of control, forcing the couple into survival mode.

About the AGTA Spectrum Awards™

The AGTA Spectrum Awards™ competition has, for over 30 years, recognized distinctive

jewelry design which incorporates colored gemstones and pearls, along with the Cutting Edge™ competition, which highlights extraordinary gemstone cutting and carving. Awards for jewelry design are presented in five categories: Bridal, Classical, Business/Day Wear, Evening Wear and Men's Wear. Additional Spectrum Awards are sponsored by Platinum Guild International (Platinum Honors™) and the Women's Jewelry Association (Gem DIVA™). Almost 500 entries, received from across the U.S. and Canada, will be judged during this year's competition.

June 30, 2017 - Mail-In Entry Deadline
July 11th, 2017 - New York Drop-Off

To get started, download the entry form [here!](#)

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