

TCA WINTER 2019

Black Monday

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PANELISTS

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| Don Cheadle | – Maurice “Mo” Monroe / Executive Producer |
| Andrew Rannells | – Blair Pfaff / Producer |
| Regina Hall | – Dawn Towner / Producer |
| Paul Scheer | – Keith Shankar |
| David Caspe | – Creator, Executive Producer, Showrunner |
| Jordan Cahan | – Creator, Executive Producer, Showrunner |

SYNOPSIS

The 10-episode SHOWTIME® comedy series BLACK MONDAY takes us back to October 19, 1987, aka Black Monday, the worst stock market crash in Wall Street history. To this day, no one knows who caused it – until now. The series was created and executive produced by David Caspe (*Happy Endings*) and Jordan Cahan (*My Best Friend’s Girl*), who also serve as showrunners. Emmy® nominees Seth Rogen and Evan Goldberg executive produced and directed the pilot. James Weaver and Don Cheadle also serve as executive producers. BLACK MONDAY is a co-production between SHOWTIME and Sony Pictures Television.

It's all happening at The Jammer Group, a ragtag Wall Street firm headed by Maurice "Mo" Monroe (Emmy nominee and Golden Globe® winner Don Cheadle). Mo leads his team of misfit traders, including no-nonsense Dawn (Regina Hall, *Girls Trip*), eager-to-please Keith (SAG Award® winner Paul Scheer, *The League*), wild man Wayne (Horatio Sanz, *Saturday Night Live*), and hotshot Yassir (Yassir Lester, *Making History*). Into this motley mix walks Blair Pfaff (Tony® Award nominee and Grammy® winner Andrew Rannells, *Girls*), a young wide-eyed trader who gets in way over his head. Together, they take on the moneyed, blue-blood, old-boys club of New York finance and end up unwittingly crashing a Lamborghini limousine, the glass ceiling and the world's largest financial system in this scathing comic commentary on 1980s excess.

Recurring guest stars are Casey Wilson (*Happy Endings*) as Blair's girlfriend, Kurt Braunohler (*Bunk*) as Jammer foe Ty Daverman, Ken Marino (*Wet Hot American Summer*) as the Leighman Brothers and Eugene Cordero (*Kong: Skull Island*) as a Jammer Group trader. Among the many guest stars are Emmy and two-time Oscar® nominee Bruce Dern as legendary trader Rod, Melissa Rauch (*The Big Bang Theory*) as Keith's loving wife Shira and Kadeem Hardison (*A Different World*) as Dawn's husband Spencer, with Vanessa Bell Calloway (*Shameless*) and Tim Russ (*Star Trek: Voyager*) as Dawn's artist mother Ruth and professor father Walter. Julie Hagerty (*Airplane!*, *Instant Family*) and Phil Reeves (*Veep*) are heads of a designer denim empire and Jason Michael Snow (*The Book of Mormon*) plays Mike, a Broadway actor.

BIOS

EXECUTIVE PRODUCERS

DAVID CASPE

Creator/Executive Producer/Showrunner

DAVID CASPE grew up in San Francisco and Chicago. He spent most of his life pursuing visual art, receiving an MFA in painting from The School of Visual Arts in Manhattan before realizing his art was shitty. He moved to Los Angeles in 2007 to focus on feature writing. In television, he created and executive produced *Happy Endings* and *Marry Me*. Caspe also co-created the new show *Champaign ILL*.

JORDAN CAHAN

Creator/Executive Producer/Showrunner

JORDAN CAHAN grew up in Chicago. He writes movies and television. Cahan co-created two new shows, BLACK MONDAY and *Champaign ILL.*

CAST

DON CHEADLE

Maurice "Mo" Monroe / Executive Producer

Academy Award nominee DON CHEADLE is, without question, one of the most highly sought-after and premier actors of his generation. Cheadle starred in and executive produced five seasons of the SHOWTIME series *House of Lies*, which earned multiple nominations for the series and Cheadle himself, including four Emmy nominations, an NAACP Image Award and five additional NAACP Image Award nominations, a Golden Globe Award and two additional Golden Globe nominations and a SAG Award nomination.

Cheadle will soon reprise his role of Colonel James Rhodes in the Marvel film *Avengers: Endgame*, which is scheduled to be released in April. The character first appeared in the mega-box-office-hit film *Iron Man 2* and subsequently in *Iron Man 3*, *Avengers: Age of Ultron*, *Captain America: Civil War* and *Avengers: Infinity War*. He is also set to star alongside Lil Rel Howery and Kevin Hart in *Black Stallions*, a comedy about rival brother jockeys. In 2016, Cheadle starred in, directed, co-wrote and produced his first feature film, *Miles Ahead*, based on the life of legendary jazz artist Miles Davis. He received an NAACP Image Award nomination and the film won the 2017 Grammy Award for Best Compilation Soundtrack for Visual Media.

A prolific producer, Cheadle produced *St. Vincent*, *The Guard* and *Traitor*. Additional film credits include his breakout performance opposite Denzel Washington in *Devil in A Blue Dress*, *Talk To Me*, the Oscar winning Best Picture *Crash*, which Cheadle also produced, *Hotel Rwanda*, for which his performance garnered Academy Award, Golden

Globe, Broadcast Film Critics Award and Screen Actors Guild Award nominations for Best Actor, *Ocean's Eleven*, *Ocean's Twelve*, *Ocean's Thirteen*, *Reign Over Me* with Adam Sandler, the Academy Award winning film *Traffic*, *Out of Sight*, *Boogie Nights*, *Bulworth*, *Swordfish*, *Mission To Mars*, *Rosewood*, for which Cheadle earned an NAACP Image Award nomination, *Flight*, *Family Man*, *Colors*, *Hamburger Hill*, *Manic* and *Things Behind The Sun*.

On the small screen, Cheadle recently voiced Donald Duck on *DuckTales*. His performance as Sammy Davis Jr. in *The Rat Pack* earned him a Golden Globe Award and an Emmy nomination. He earned an Emmy nomination for his starring role in *A Lesson Before Dying*. Other television credits include *Rebound: The Legend Of Earl 'The Goat' Manigault*, *Picket Fences*, an Emmy nominated guest-starring role on *ER* and *The Golden Palace*. He also participated in the SHOWTIME® multi-part television event *Years of Living Dangerously*, about the global effects of climate change.

His philanthropic work includes serving as a U.N. Ambassador for the United Nations Environment Programme. He also produced the documentary film *Darfur Now*, an examination of the genocide in Sudan's western region of Darfur and, in 2007, he and George Clooney shared a Peace Summit Award at the 8th Annual World Summit of Nobel Peace Prize Laureates in Rome for their work in the region.

ANDREW RANNELLS

Blair Pfaff / Producer

ANDREW RANNELLS is a Grammy® Award winning stage, film and television actor. On television, Rannells is best known for his role as Elijah Krantz in the series *Girls*, opposite Lena Dunham. He also appeared in *The Knick*, *The New Normal* and the revival of *Will & Grace*. Previously, Rannells starred as Darren in a recurring role on *How I Met Your Mother*. Other notable television credits include *Sofia the First*, *Welcome to the Wayne*, *Drunk History*, *Another Period* and *Comedy Bang! Bang!*. He was most recently seen in Matthew Weiner's anthology series *The Romanoffs*. Rannells

is well known for his work on stage, having starred in a series of acclaimed Broadway shows including Ryan Murphy's production of *The Boys in the Band* at the Booth Theatre. He began his stage career in 2005 in the Broadway production of *Hairspray*, followed by a run on Broadway in *Jersey Boys*. Rannells originated the role of Elder Price in *The Book of Mormon*, for which he received Tony® and Drama Desk Award nominations. As a soloist on the show's original cast recording, he received a Grammy Award for Best Musical Theater Album. Rannells starred as Hedwig in the 2014 Broadway revival of *Hedwig and the Angry Inch* and as King George III in the acclaimed *Hamilton*. He recently played Whizzer in the 2016 Broadway revival of *Falsettos*, for which he received his second Tony nomination, and performed as part of *Live from Lincoln Center Presents – Stars in Concert* series. His film credits include *A Simple Favor*, *Why Him?* and *The Intern*. In addition, he has voiced numerous characters, including the *Pokémon* series, *Sonic X*, *Archie's Weird Mysteries*, *Yu-Gi-Oh! Chaotic*, *The Simpsons* and *Big Mouth*. Rannells' first literary project, *Too Much Is Not Enough*, will be published this year.

REGINA HALL

Dawn Towner / Producer

REGINA HALL began her acting career in the late 1990s while simultaneously earning a master's degree from New York University. With numerous film and television credits to her name, Hall has emerged as one of Hollywood's most sought-after actresses. Hall can be seen in the film *The Hate U Give*, which premiered at the prestigious Toronto Film Festival and has been praised by critics and fans alike. She also starred in *Support the Girls*, which was released last summer and was recently nominated for an Independent Spirit Award for her work in the film. In 2019, Hall will be seen in the comedy *Little* with Issa Rae and Marsai Martin. She executive produced the film alongside *Girls Trip* producer Will Packer and *Black-ish* creator Kenya Barris. She will also be seen starring in *SHAFT* opposite Samuel L. Jackson, which will open wide June 2019. Last year, Hall was seen in the fan favorite *Girls Trip* alongside Jada Pinkett Smith, Queen Latifah and Tiffany Haddish. The film went on to make more than \$140

million worldwide and was one of the year's biggest and most talked-about films. Past films include *When the Bough Breaks*, *Barbershop 3*, *The Best Man Holiday*, the sequel to *The Best Man*, *Think Like A Man Too*, a sequel to *Think Like A Man*, *About Last Night*, *Law Abiding Citizen* and *Scary Movie*, as well as its three sequels. Hall had supporting roles in *Love & Basketball* and *Disappearing Acts*. On television, she appeared in guest roles on *Grandfathered*, *Insecure* and *Black-ish*. Other credits include *With This Ring*, *Married*, *Law & Order: LA* and *Ally McBeal*.

PAUL SCHEER

Keith Shankar

PAUL SCHEER is a SAG Award winning actor, writer and director who has established himself as one of today's go-to comedic artists in film and television. He recently appeared in the Oscar nominated film *The Disaster Artist*, alongside Chance the Rapper in the feature *Slice* and in the SXSW film *Summer '03*. He was recently cast opposite James Cromwell and Naturi Naughton in the Civil War era film *Emperor*. His other recent films include *Popstar: Never Stop Never Stopping*, *Daddy's Home* and the Nicholas Cage satire *Army of One*. On television, Scheer can be seen in a recurring role on the Emmy winning series *Veep*. He can also be seen in the new series *Rob Riggle's Ski Master Academy*. Scheer co-created and produced the late-night sketch show *Party Over Here* and wrote, directed and starred in *Drive Share*. Additionally, he co-hosts one of iTunes's most popular podcasts, *How Did This Get Made* and, most recently, *Unspooled* which debuted as the #1 podcast in TV and Film and in the top 20 in the top 100 podcasts on iTunes. Scheer is also the host of *Hanging Out with Paul Scheer Live at Largo*, a live show at the Largo with some of the biggest names in Hollywood.

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