

5A  5B

the series

NOT MAKING IT IN NEW YORK CITY...

together



Meet 5A5B

A FABULOUS FAMILY OF CHOICE

STRIVING AND THRIVING UP ON 140TH STREET



Genre & Ambition

A FARCE OF URBAN SURVIVAL

In a time of unprecedented global instability, *5A5B* taps into the **COMFORT AND CONNECTION** found within an **INTERSECTIONAL FRIEND GROUP** as they navigate an ever-evolving city with plucky panache.

Based on queer creator Michael Cicetti's real-life besties, the series is a timely exploration of shifting friendship paradigms in relation to age, gender, sexuality, race, and family... **UNITING LGBTQ AND DIVERSITY ENLIGHTENED AUDIENCES WITH STRAIGHT MIDDLE-AGED FEMALES** (many of whom are single and divorced!)

1/2 HOUR | SINGLE-CAMERA | DRAM-COM





Meet the neighbors



(30'S, GAY) A neurotic well-intended naïf with a genuine passion for earth sciences. Kev is a dreaming, scheming, romantic Idealist, who is determined to escape the mediocrity of his Akron, Ohio roots.

The first Ruskin to attend college, let alone pursue a PhD, Kevin has Great *—if not crushing—* Expectations to reverse climate change, secure an ideal husband, and be the proudest, gayest, Greenest adoptive father who ever lived in a consciously rehabbed Brownstone above 145th St... and all before the age of 30! There's just one problem: Kev is 35.

Kevin

THE THINKER

(50S, STRAIGHT) A daring divorcée and mother of two from Orangetown, New Jersey. Jan can fire a flambé in one hand, whilst rolling an impressive joint in the other. She is known for her unassuming wit, regular dispensation of life advice, and captivating pantsuits. In short: she's gay man's dream! And unbeknownst to Kev and Andre, Jan was once a well-known fixture of the East Village new-music scene back in the '90s! Now, after a twenty-year hiatus mothering in the suburbs, Jan has returned to New York to reclaim her voice as a composer.

Jan

THE FEELER





(MID-30S, GAY) A pragmatic hustler, aesthete and provocateur from Springfield Garden, Queens. Andre is a rising persona in the queer nightlife scene where he produces costumed, fashion-forward, iconic happenings all over the city (His most recent MTA festivity, B-Train Babylon, made it all the way to Page 6!) Prone to burning the candle at both ends, and frequently overbooked with regular bedfellows, Andre is an unabashed hedonist and sophisticated Culturista, with dreams of evolving his event producer brand into a couture label.

Andre

THE DOER

Friends & Family



Cherry

(35, STRAIGHT)

John's fabulously doltish
personal assistant
(Played by Shaotian Cai)



Ray

(50S, STRAIGHT)

Jan's unconventional mom-pal
from Jersey
(Type: Wanda Sykes)



Nancy

(55-65, LESBIAN)

Kevin's PhD advisor
An academic Prophetess
(Type: Patti Lupone)



John

(45-55, GAY)

Kevin's ex-partner
A blue-blooded stallion
(Played by Dan Domingues)



Rowan

(50S, STRAIGHT)

Jan's old flame. A renowned
composer and divorced dad
(Type: Paul Sparks)

a.k.a L.P@K



Lola Pak

(30S, BISEXUAL)

Andre's nightlife co-partner
A strutting rapster
(Type: Awkafina)



Dori and Gavin

(20S, TWINS) (TRANS-FEMALE) AND (MALE)

Jan's Janus-Faced twins who visit
5A5B from time to time
(Type: Finn Wolfhard)



Boule

(40S, LESBIAN, FRENCH)

The neighbors' jaded
catering captain boss
(Played by Amanda Bruton)



Vishal

(30S, GNC, QUEER)

Andre's fiery
non-monogamous playmate
(Type: Alok Vaid-Menon)

The World

5A5B is a quirky eclectic land of **ABSURD ADVENTURE** where local battles of social competition unfurl against a hairy backdrop of existential crises: Climate Burn, Pandemics, the impending private purchase of Central Park. It is a not-so-implausible world of happenstance, in which a diverse cross-section of society – drag queens, liberal moms, and Russian oligarchs – collide to form a bevy of bizarre alliances.



Episodic Structure

Each episode of **5A5B** is a **24-HOUR QUEST** down the rabbit hole of a New York City day. Episodes are crafted around a central incident — *in a novel location* — to give the effect of a satisfying urban outing with a memorable kick. Adventures are typically bookended by scenes of delicious domesticity depicting the neighbors' cozy homelife, as they gossip over a morning Mai Tai, before catapulting themselves into calamity!



Locations

5A5B features sprawling **SITES OF URBAN INTRIGUE** where multiple story lines can play out at once.

The only standing sets are the neighbors' respective apartments, **5A&5B**, situated in their lively West Harlem building.



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Award-Winning Episodes



Episode 1 | YOU'RE FIRED

Kev finds himself in hot water when he arrives at a catering gig in the West Village, hosted by his formidable ex-partner, John.



Episode 2 | HEATWAVE HOTTIES

When a Mega-Heatwave scorches NYC, the neighbors seek cooler climes... sneaking into the posh penthouse of Kev's dissertation advisor.

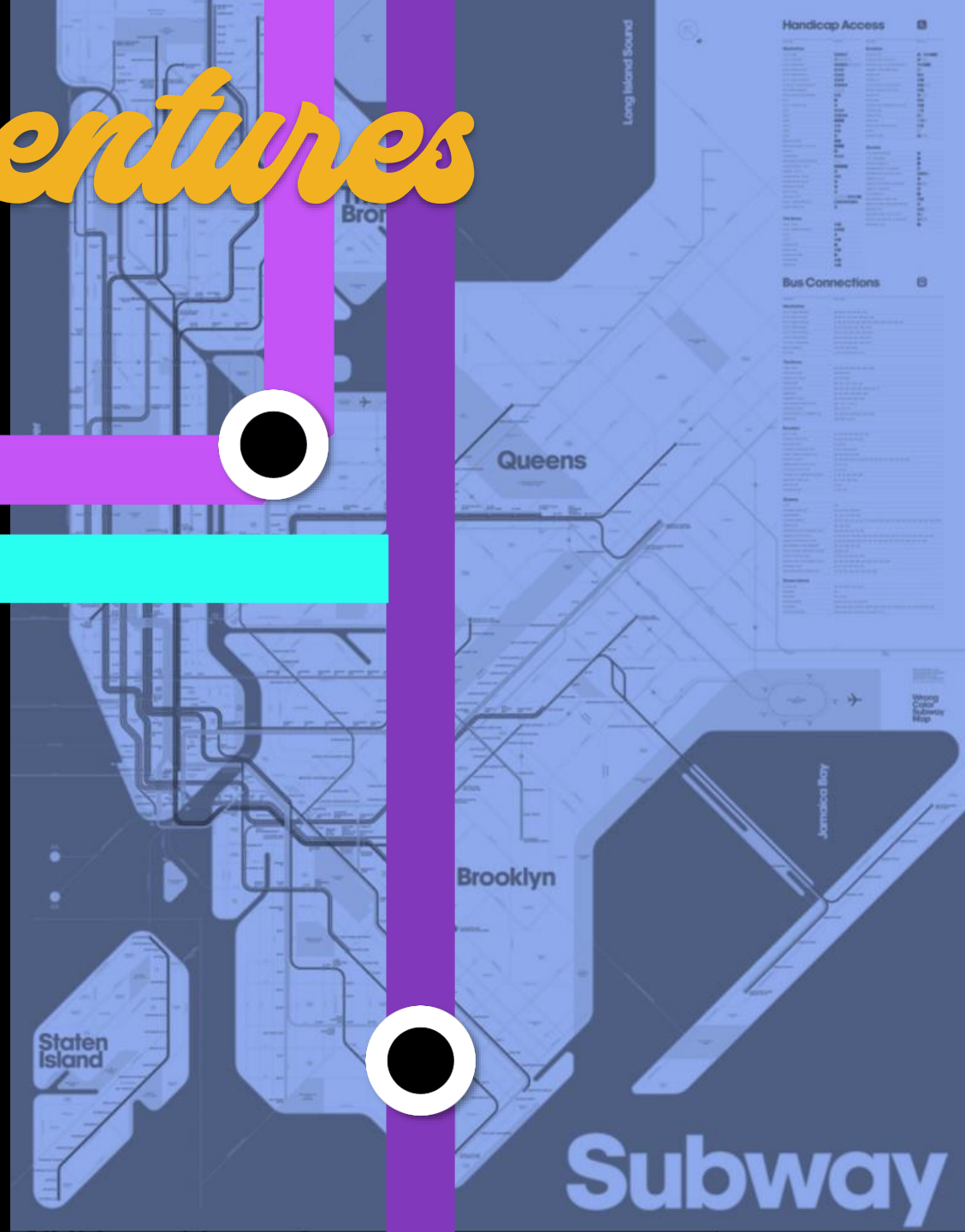
Upcoming Adventures

Andre and Kev compete in their gay dodgeball league championship, where Jan meets a promising suitor who is also rooting for his own gay besties!

Kev discovers a cruising spot for NYC's hottest MDs: the designated smoking area of Columbia Presbyterian Hospital

Jan discovers one of her sons is using her ex-husband's family's property as a quarantine cabin for European models

Andre produces a Fire Island Funeral for a deceased gay icon, commissioning Jan to compose a Requiem, and enlisting Kev as a shirtless shot boy



Character Arcs | Season One



KEV: EVOLVING FROM A DREAMER TO A DOER

OBSTACLE #1: Win back his ex-partner, after being replaced by a younger beau

OBSTACLE #2: Finish his dissertation or be expelled from his PhD program



JAN: LEARNING TO CARE FOR HERSELF FIRST, AND THEN GIVE FROM THE OVERFLOW

OBSTACLE #1: Salvage the music career that she left in NYC to be a mother in suburbia

OBSTACLE #2: Navigate hookup culture after 20 years of marriage



ANDRE: GROWING FROM THE LIFE OF THE PARTY, TO A LEADER IN THE COMMUNITY

OBSTACLE #1: Protect his nightlife brand, after it attracts an unintended fan following

OBSTACLE #2: Decide whether to stay in his open relationship or take a risk on monogamy

Future Seasons



Season 1 | EMERGENCY RESPONDERS

The neighbors seek survival essentials: food, wine, and earth-shattering sex!

Season 2 | SHELTER IN PLACE

As crisis scenarios on the island escalate, the career and relationship scenarios sewn in Season 1 find absurd complication in Season 2

Season 3 | ESCAPE TO PARADISE

Escaping the daily disasters of NYC living, the neighbors hatch a plan to relocate their motley tribe to a novel location

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NEWFEST: NEW YORK CITY'S 31ST LGBTQ + FILM FESTIVAL | 2019
QUEERX MEDIA FESTIVAL | 2019
REELING: CHICAGO'S 37TH LGBTQ+ FILM FESTIVAL | 2019
LIGHTHOUSE INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL | 2019
RIO WEBFEST | 2019
FILM FESTIVAL OF COLUMBUS | 2019
THE WINDY CITY INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL | 2019
MIAMI INDEPENDENT FILM FESTIVAL | 2017
NEW YORK CINEMA FESTIVAL | 2017
QUEERBITS FILM FESTIVAL | 2017
NORTH CAROLINA GAY AND LESBIAN FILM FESTIVAL | 2017
GLITTER! OKLAHOMA GAY AND LESBIAN FILM FESTIVAL | 2017



Awards



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