

[For DGA directors.]

## AGREEMENT TO DIRECT TELEVISION SERIES EPISODE

THIS AGREEMENT made effective as of the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

BETWEEN:

[NAME OF PRODUCER(S)]  
(the "Producer")

- and -

[NAME OF DIRECTOR]  
(the "Director")

### 1. Definitions and Interpretation

1.1 Wherever used throughout this Agreement, the following words and phrases shall have the following meanings:

"DGA Basic Agreement" shall mean either the Director's Guild of America, Inc. Basic Agreement of 1993 or any agreement in extension or replacement thereof.

"this Agreement", "herein", "hereunder", "hereto" and similar words shall refer to this Agreement and any schedules, exhibits or attachments hereto.

1.2 All references to currency herein shall mean lawful money of the United States of America.

1.3 Section and paragraph headings used in this Agreement are for convenience of reference only and shall not affect the construction or interpretation of this Agreement.

1.4 Words importing the singular number include the plural and vice versa and words importing the masculine gender include the feminine and neuter genders.

### 2. Engagement of Director

2.1 Producer hereby hires Director to direct a \_\_\_\_\_ minute episode (the "Episode") currently entitled "[name of Episode]" of the television series "[NAME OF SERIES]" (the "Series"), and Director accepts such employment upon the terms and conditions contained in this Agreement, and subject to the terms of the DGA Basic Agreement.

2.2 Director shall render services to Producer, on an exclusive basis, with respect to the production of the Episode, including all services required in connection with rehearsals, production, photography, trailers, promotionals, and other film or tape material to be exhibited with respect to the Episode, and otherwise as required until Producer secures and approves a fully edited composite print of the Episode.

2.3 Director's services shall be rendered solely and exclusively to Producer during the period beginning with commencement of Director's services as specified in Paragraph 3 hereof through the delivery of the final cut or master videotape recording of each episode of the Series for which Director is employed hereunder.

### 3. Commencement of Services

Director shall render the services to Producer commencing on or about \_\_\_\_\_ [insert date] or such other date as Producer and Director shall mutually determine, and continuing for a period of not less than \_\_\_\_\_ days (the "minimum guarantee period") until the completion of Director's services hereunder. Principal photography is scheduled to begin on or about \_\_\_\_\_ [insert date]. A day's work by Director in connection with preparation, rehearsals and cutting need not run consecutively with other work days or with shooting dates.

**4. Performance of Services**

4.1 Director shall render all services required hereunder at \_\_\_\_\_ *[insert name of studio]* or such other studio(s) as Producer may from time to time designate, or such location or locations as are reasonably required by Producer from time to time during the term of this Agreement.

4.2 Director shall perform all services in a diligent and conscientious manner, and to the best of Director's ability, and shall comply promptly and faithfully with all reasonable instructions, directions, requests, rules and regulations (including those relating to matters of artistic taste and judgment) made by Producer. Director shall render all services under the supervision, direction and control of Producer, as exercised by Producer from time to time.

4.3 If required by Producer, Director shall also render any other services usually and customarily rendered by persons similarly employed in the preparation and the production of motion pictures, television motion pictures, and television programs in the motion picture and television industries.

4.4 No services rendered for Director's own account or for any third party shall in any way interfere with Director's performance under this Agreement.

**This is a 9-page contract.**