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## Duo trapped for 'Tourist' at Spyglass

By Jay A. Fernandez

Charlize Theron and Sam Worthington have finally got their passports.

The Oscar-winning actress and the much-in-demand Aussie

star, who is taking over for Tom Cruise, have signed to star in Spyglass Entertainment's thriller remake "The Tourist."



Theron



Worthington

Theron, who has long been attached to the project, and Worthington will be the leads in the redo of the 2005 French spy thriller *continued on page 12*

## A funny person finds himself at crossroads

By Steven Zeitchik

NEW YORK — In the wake of Judd Apatow's latest film "Funny People" opening to a middling \$22.6 million, Hollywood was eager to pass judgment on the hyphenate's stock.



Apatow

Their verdict: It's still very high. Managers, agents and developers *continued on page 13*

### TCA SUMMER PRESS TOUR



**UNDER THE HARSH GLARE OF TCA:** "Let's Make a Deal" hosts future and past, Wayne Brady and Monty Hall, meet the critics Monday at the TCA summer press tour in Pasadena. The game show returns Oct. 5 on CBS.

## Feeling written off

Scribes: Emmycast snip is a 'symbolic attack'

By James Hibberd

The proposed time-shifting of two writing categories from this year's Primetime Emmy

Awards is proving to be the most controversial change to the telecast format this year.

More than 100 top TV showrunners and executive producers on Monday protested the move.

John Wells ("Southland"), Matthew Weiner ("Mad Men"), Carol Mendelsohn ("CSI"), Shawn Ryan ("Lie to Me"), Marc Cherry ("Desperate Housewives"), Doug Ellin ("Entourage"), Seth MacFarlane ("Family Guy"), Jason Katims ("Friday Night Lights"), Shonda Rhimes ("Grey's Anatomy"), David Shore ("House") and Damon Lindelof & Carlton Cuse ("Lost") were among the 100-plus who signed a statement

opposing the shifting of the presentation of two TV writing categories (writing for a dramatic series and writing for a movie/miniseries) out of the live Emmy telecast.

▶ CBS exec Nina Tassler is looking forward to 10 p.m. **PAGE 3**

"This decision conveys a fundamental understatement of the importance of writers in the creation of television programming and a symbolic attack on the primacy of writing in our industry," the statement read. "We implore ATAS to restore these awards to their rightful place in the live telecast of the 2009 Emmy Awards."

Although the proposed time-shifted categories are split among directing, writing, acting and producing, writers point out that there were only four writing categories in the primetime telecast to begin with.

"Medium" creator/showrunner Glenn Gordon Caron, who *continued on page 12*

## ABC feels the love for Milano

By Nellie Andreeva

ABC will be "Romantically Challenged" this midseason. The network is close to picking up the multicamera comedy pilot starring Alyssa Milano to series with a 13-episode order.

"Challenged," from Warner Bros. TV and writer Ricky Blitt, centers on a thirty-something man who is torn between his new girlfriend and needy best friend.

The pilot, which was shot in the spring, was a serious contender for a berth on ABC's fall schedule, with female lead Milano getting strong buzz for her performance.

"Challenged" was one of three ABC pilots, along with "This Little Piggy" and "Solving Charlie," which remained in midseason contention after options for some of their cast members were extended in June.

On "Challenged," ABC and WBTV extended the options on Milano, who plays the girlfriend; Kyle Bornheimer, the best friend; and Kelly Stables, Milano's younger sister.

The other roles are expected to be recast.

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Alyssa Milano

