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New York Women in Film & Television Announces:

A BEQUEST FROM EMMY AWARD-WINNING TELEVISION DIRECTOR PIONEER NANCY MALONE

Generous Gift of \$340,000 to Fund Three Programs for Women Kicking Off NYWIFT's 40th
Anniversary Year

New York City (September 25, 2017) - New York Women in Film & Television (NYWIFT) is pleased to announce the receipt of a generous bequest of \$340,000 from The Nancy Malone Living Trust. One of the first women directors in television, Nancy Malone was an Emmy Award-winning producer and director, and a founding member of Women in Film in Los Angeles who dedicated her life to women's advancement in TV, film and digital media. In Malone's honor, NYWIFT has named three programs to provide additional opportunities, growth and acknowledgement for women.

With Nancy Malone's gift, NYWIFT will establish the following:

- The Nancy Malone Intern/Mentor Program, to provide a rare opportunity for people with film/communications degrees and those with entry-level knowledge of the film industry to interact with professionals in the industry and to gain experience under the guidance of NYWIFT members who will serve as their mentors.
- Starting this December 2017, NYWIFT will present the Nancy Malone Directing Award for an outstanding female director in film, television, and/or digital media each year at the Muse Awards. The Muse Awards is an annual gala luncheon celebrating women of vision and achievement both in front of and behind the camera. This year's ceremony will be Thursday, December 14th in midtown Manhattan. The recipient of the Directing Award has been confirmed and will be announced among the other honorees in the coming weeks.
- To honor Malone's legacy as one of the very first women directors in television, NYWIFT will create a new program to help open more doors for women directors in the television industry. The program is in development and its creation will be a hallmark of NYWIFT's 40th anniversary celebration.

"We are so pleased to honor Nancy, who was both a longtime supporter and a personal

friend, with programs that exemplify her values and pay tribute to her spirit as a groundbreaking female director,” said NYWIFT Executive Director Terry Lawler. “Nancy’s longtime support helped found our organization, and her generous gift will help NYWIFT serve future generations of women in the industry.”

“As we are now in our 40th year, the bequest comes at a most auspicious time for NYWIFT and for women making strides in our industry,” said NYWIFT President Simone Pero. “Supporting women directors is one critical piece of the gender equity puzzle which Ms. Malone’s bequest will help solve for our members.”

A longtime supporter of NYWIFT, Malone became the first female vice-president of television at 20th Century Fox in 1976. She won an Emmy Award for producing *Bob Hope: The First 90 Years* (1993) and was nominated for Emmy Awards for directing episodes of *Sisters* in 1991 and *The Trials of Rosie O'Neill* in 1992. In 2007, she was inducted as an honoree into the "She Made It: Women Creating Television and Radio" collection at the Paley Center for Media.

NYWIFT has named these programs in honor of Nancy Malone, in recognition of a woman never failed to reach down to lend a hand up to the women coming behind her.

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About New York Women in Film & Television:

New York Women in Film & Television supports women calling the shots in film, television and digital media. NYWIFT energizes the careers of women in entertainment by illuminating their achievements, providing training and professional development, and advocating for equality.

The preeminent entertainment industry association for women in New York, NYWIFT brings together more than 2,200 women and men working both above and below the line. NYWIFT is part of a network of 50 women in film chapters worldwide, representing more than 10,000 members. NYWIFT produces over 50 innovative programs and special events annually, including the Muse Awards for Vision and Achievement, which honors women in front of and behind the camera, and Designing Women, which recognizes costume designers, makeup artists and hair stylists in the industry.

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