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# UPFRONT 2017: TNT greenlights new docu-series "Who Run the World?" from Sarah Jessica Parker, Morgan Spurlock & Refinery29

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## TNT Greenlights New Docu-Series *Who Run the World?* (working title), From Executive Producers Sarah Jessica Parker, Morgan Spurlock & Refinery29

### Series to Take on Women's Issues

Turner's TNT has greenlit *Who Run the World?* (working title), a new documentary series executive-produced by Emmy® winner **Sarah Jessica Parker** (*Sex and the City*, *Divorce*), Oscar® nominee **Morgan Spurlock** (*Super Size Me*, *The Greatest Movie Ever Sold*) and **Refinery29**. The new docu-series will focus on the issues that women face in today's world. *Who Run the World?* is produced by Spurlock's **Warrior Poets** and Parker's **Pretty Matches Productions**, in partnership with Refinery29 and in association with Turner's **Studio T**.

*Who Run the World?* is part of TNT's ongoing shift to more premium scripted dramas and high-profile documentary programming. Slated to premiere later this year, the series will unpack the most divisive and complicated issues facing women today, from the policing of their bodies and judgments of their family planning choices, to the micro-aggressions they face in the media, the workplace and everyday life. Exploring the complexities, advances and persistent inequalities that encapsulate how far women have come and how far society still has to go, it will ask if - and how - we can ever live in a truly equal world.

"It is important to me to explore the gendered experience, including the successes as well as the challenges," said Parker. "As we continue the fight for equality in pay, access to healthcare, childcare and more, I hope we can give a voice to the unheard and invite every human to be a part of the conversation. I am thrilled to be partnered with Warrior Poets, Refinery 29 and TNT on this timely and important project."

"There's never been a better time for this series than right now, and I couldn't have asked for better partners to make it happen," said Spurlock. "I'm so excited to tell these stories with Pretty Matches & Refinery29 and to share them with the world on TNT."

"Sarah Jessica and Morgan are great storytellers who know how to be both informative and enormously entertaining," said **Sarah Aubrey, executive vice president of original programming for TNT**. "*Who Run the World?* provides us with the opportunity to work with our producing partners at Refinery29 on a project that will resonate with their powerful, young female audience."

"We are so thrilled to be collaborating with Morgan and his amazing team again, as well as the iconic Sarah Jessica Parker on our first foray into television," said **Amy Emmerich, Chief Content Officer of Refinery29**. "This series represents our enduring commitment to put women first through relatable and culturally responsive content. Turner and TNT have been invaluable partners to us, and we're inspired by their active efforts to change the way women are seen on-screen."

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### **About Refinery29**

Refinery29 is the leading digital-media and entertainment company focused on women with a global audience footprint of 500 million across all platforms. Through a variety of lifestyle stories, original video programming, and social, shareable content across all platforms, Refinery29 provides its audience with the inspiration and tools to discover and pursue a more independent, stylish, and informed life. Please visit [www.refinery29.com](http://www.refinery29.com), [www.refinery29.uk](http://www.refinery29.uk), and [www.refinery29.de](http://www.refinery29.de) for more information and to browse content.

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### **About Pretty Matches Productions**

Pretty Matches Productions is a production company founded by Emmy® and Golden Globe Award®-winning actress and producer Sarah Jessica Parker with a first look deal at HBO. Pretty Matches produces scripted and unscripted television, as well as narrative and documentary feature films, including HBO's Golden Globe-nominated *Divorce*; Bravo's *Work of Art: The Next Great Artist*, which sold into multiple territories internationally; the award-winning documentary *Pretty Old*; AOL On's *City.Ballet*. and the upcoming independent feature starring Parker slated to film summer of 2017 in New York City. Pretty Matches is lead by Parker and Executive Producer Alison Benson.

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### **About Warrior Poets**

Warrior Poets is a New York-based production studio founded in 2004 by Academy Award® nominated filmmaker Morgan Spurlock. His first film, *Super Size Me*, premiered at the Sundance Film Festival in 2004, winning Best Directing honors. The film went on to win the inaugural Writers Guild of America Best Documentary Screenplay award as well as garner an Academy Award nomination for Best Feature Documentary. Since then he has directed, produced, and distributed multiple film and TV projects, including *The Greatest Movie Ever Sold* and *Where in the World is Osama Bin Laden?* Jeremy Chilnick, an Emmy-nominated writer and producer, is Partner and President of Production at Warrior Poets. Since the production studio's creation, this powerhouse team, along with Partner Matthew Galkin, have produced multiple award-winning films, digital series and television programs, with recent credits including the Oscar®-shortlisted *The Eagle Huntress* and IDA award-winning CNN series *Morgan Spurlock: Inside Man*.

Additional films under the Warrior Poets banner include the fly-on-the-wall documentary *No Man's Land*, Toronto International Film Festival Midnight Madness selection *Rats*, Sony Pictures' *One Direction: This Is Us*, and Magnolia Pictures' *Freakanomics*. Television & digital projects include the award-winning FX series *30 Days*, Showtime's *7 Deadly Sins*, ESPN's *The Dotted Line*, Emmy®- and

Writer's Guild Award-nominated *The Simpsons 20th Anniversary Special in 3D on Ice!*, Hulu's *A Day in the Life* and Yahoo's *Mansome*.

Warrior Poets' upcoming slate includes the *Untitled Human Intelligence Project*, a feature-length documentary following the pioneers working to unlock the greatest tool in history - the human brain. Spurlock will direct and produce with Jeremy Chilnick. Chilnick is currently writing for Spurlock to direct the untitled feature film about Hollywood superagent Sue Mengers, based on Brian Kellow's bestselling bio *Can I Go Now?*

**Website:** [warrior-poets.com](http://warrior-poets.com)

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## About TNT

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