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#### **Show Floor: MTV Nets to Skip Booth at Cable Show**

One rather large booth won't be found on the Cable Show's exhibit floor next month. MTV Nets/BET Nets, which attendees often crowded around to gather tchotchkes for the kids before heading home, is skipping the show floor in Boston. "Viacom remains actively engaged in the **NCTA** at all levels, from the attendance of many of our execs at the show to the seat on its board held by our Philippe Dauman, our President and CEO. Given the significant footprint of our networks and the change in the way affiliate partnerships and deals are conducted, we no longer see the same business benefit of a Cable Show booth," a spokesperson said. Sure, this is just one programmer, but for years, there have been questions about how much longer expensive programming booths would populate the floor given the evolution of trade shows. No longer is the Cable Show seen as a key deal-making venue, with nets instead in contact with distributors all year long. Networks are spending on shows where they reach a mix of consumers and press. Take a look at SXSW and Comic Con, where cable's presence has soared in recent years. And we're not just talking about the nets you'd expect at these shows. For example, HGTV will be at Comic Con in July, building an enormous hedge maze with topiaries that will riff off a major upcoming movie. Another programmer sitting out the floor at the Cable Show this year is **Outdoor Channel**. It has opted instead to host a cocktail event during the show and an executive suite for business meetings and interviews. In recent years, several programmers have nixed large booths for an executive suite, including Scripps, HBO and Hallmark. MTVN hasn't booked any exec meeting rooms, saying it will use award ceremonies, organized industry lunches. private lunches and a dinner it is hosting for buyers to engage with clients. As for the exhibition space overall, it's a bit early to talk about projections, but exhibitor space is likely to be down given consolidation (including among tech companies). Last year, there were 280 exhibitors in Chicago vs 345 in '10 when the show was in L.A. and included the very large "My World" exhibit. Attendance is another matter, though, with it likely to meet or exceed Chicago's 13K. Based on the list of registered exhibitors, there will still be plenty of programmers on the floor including Fox Networks and Discovery (with smoothies, we hope...).

**NAB:** Broadcasters deserve to be allowed to negotiate for compensation for their programming, **NAB** pres/CEO



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Gordon Smith said during his State of the Industry address Mon at the assoc's annual trade show in Vegas. "Unfortunately, some cable and satellite companies don't want to pay a fair rate for the signals of local stations," he said. "The other side says the market is broken, but with nearly all retransmission consent deals being completed successfully, the cable and satellite lobby's notion of 'market failure' is simply false." ATVA—a group populated by several cable, satellite and telco TV distributors—ran an ad in the Las Vegas Review Journal targeting show attendees. It featured a picture of a dinosaur with the headline, "Rules so old, they're pre-Jurassic" and goes on to say "Remember that megahit dinosaur movie from 19 years ago? Sadly, it's been even longer since Congress updated retransmission consent rules..." -- Leave it to James Cameron to make the case for 3DTV. Actually, he and fellow co-chmn of the Cameron/Pace Group Vince Pace, used the stage to push for 5D—where SD and 3D flows together in a single rig. "We're shooting 3D as if it's not special," Cameron said. "That's the important thing... 3D practitioners have done themselves a disservice by making 3D mysterious." Cameron spoke out against using a separate 3D crew. "Everything we're gearing for now is doing 3D for the cost of 2D. If every 3D camera has to have a 3D technician somewhere in the chain, you're dead," he said. ESPN's X-Games, which deployed 35 cameras, received repeated shout-outs during the NAB panel.

<u>Carriage</u>: DirecTV and Starz entered into a new agreement, which includes the rights to offer Starz Online and **Encore** Online on DirecTV's TV Everywhere service (currently in beta). The deal is an extension for Starz premium channels and also enables DirecTV to launch **MoviePlex**, **IndiePlex**, **RetroPlex** and their related VOD and authenticated services.

<u>VOD/PPV:</u> **WWE** said "WrestleMania XXVII" (Apr 1, Miami) set new records for PPV buys (1.3mln) and gross sales (\$67mln+). The throw-down featured a match between *The Rock* and *John Cena.* -- **Cox** said it's the 1st cable provider in the US to offer **TED On Demand**, letting Cox subs experience talks from the world-renowned non-profit's stage in their living rooms. Many of the TEDTalks will be featured in HD.

<u>I-F-C-ya</u>: IFC and Sundance Channel pres Evan Shapiro will join Participant Television as pres, effective May 7. Participant, whose feature films include "Good Night, and Good Luck" and "The Help," is looking to get into the TV business. Shapiro will be responsible for conception, development and production of original programming, reporting to Participant Media CEO Jim Berk. The change comes as **AMC Networks** is, according to COO Ed Carroll, "laying some big bets" on Sundance and exploring scripted series.

<u>At the Portals</u>: Rep Anna Eshoo (D-CA) supports the **FCC**'s proposed rulemaking to require political ad sales disclosures for broadcasters to be posted on the Web. In a letter to the FCC chmn, she noted that she also supports future action to bring the public files of cable and satellite online as well.

<u>Ratings:</u> MSG's average Nielsen HH rating for the first 2 Rangers-Senators games in the opening round of Stanley Cup playoffs is up 19% compared to the Rangers' first 2 playoff games last season (3.33 HH vs 2.79). Sat's game averaged a 3.24 HH rating after Thurs' game scored a 3.41. -- Comedy series "Girls" bowed on HBO Sun to an audience of 1.1mln viewers across its 2 telecasts. "Game of Thrones" continued its reign, with 4.5mln turning in to its 2 runs. The Season 3 finale of "Eastbound & Down" was watched by 1.6mln viewers for the night



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- Time Warner Cable Media 2011 New York International Auto Show / Automotive On Demand

#### Ad/Series of Ads - Programmer

- ▶ A&E The Glades Season 2 Axe Unit
- Starz Entertainment, LLC Spartacus: Gods of the Arena Digital Online Campaign
- Turner Sports NBA.com/ESPN Fantasy Basketball
- ► Turner Sports NBA TV "Bobble Heads"

#### Best Overall Website - Cable Network - Large

- AMC AMCtv.com
- ► CNBC CNBC.com
- ► E! Entertainment E! Online
- ▶ G4 G4tv.com

#### **Best Overall Website - Cable Network - Small** and MidSize

- ► FEARnet FEARnet.com
- MSG Varsity MSGVarsity.com
- ▶ nuvoTV mynuvotv.com
- Outdoor Channel OutdoorChannel.com

#### **Best Overall Website - Cable Operator**

- Comcast Cable Comcast.com
- Cox Communications Inc Customer Centered Online Experiences
- Time Warner Cable TimeWarnerCable.com

#### Best Overall Website - Regional/Local **Programmers**

- ▶ BayNews 9 baynews9.com
- Central Florida News 13 cfnews13.com
- Comcast SportsNet Mid-Atlantic -CSNWashington.com
- Comcast SportsNet Philadelphia CSNPhilly. com (online home of Comcast SportsNet Philadelphia)
- YES Network YESNetwork.com

#### **Best TV Everywhere App**

- ► AT&T U-verse AT&T U-verse App
- ► CNN The CNN App
- Comcast Corporation The XFINITYTV app
- MSG Varsity MSG Varsity

#### **Blog or Series of Blogs**

- ► AMC HanksBlog
- ▶ BBC Worldwide Limited Anglophenia
- CNBC NetNet with John Carney
- RLTV Good Food, Good Deeds

#### Blogger/Tweeter/Social Networking Facilitator

- ► Central Florida News 13 Jennifer Cook
- CNBC John Carney
- Turner Sports John Kim
- Time Warner Cable Jeff Simmermon

#### Community/Social Networking

- ▶ 360i USA Network Bruce Campbell/The Fall of Sam Axe Ask Me Anything Reddit
- Scripps Networks Interactive Food Network's Communal Table: Thanksgiving Edition
- The Weather Channel The Weather Channel Social

#### **Contest / Online Games**

- ► AMC Breaking Bad Games
- Charter Communications Charter Center Stage
- A&E Breakout Kings' Catch a Con Sweepstakes
- National Geographic Channel Expedition Week's MISSION EXPEDITION
- IFC Rhett & Link: Commercial Kings Loco Awards
- ▶ WE tv Cake Staker Game

#### **Digital Marketing Campaign - Distributor**

- ► Charter Communications Charter Center Stage
- Comcast Spotlight Comcast Spotlight Take Five for Your Future 2011
- ▶ Time Warner Cable Media Summertime is Cabletime
- Time Warner Cable Media Domino's/ClickedIn

#### **Digital Marketing Campaign - Programmer**

- EPIX The Long Khan, an interactive promotion for EPIX Pictures Presentation: The Captains
- Starz Entertainment, LLC Scandalous Dirt, political aggregator site for the STARZ Original series Boss
- ► Turner Sports RaceView Launch

#### Digital Team of the Year

- AMC Networks
- Comcast NBCU
- ► Discovery Communications
- ESPN
- Time Warner Cable
- **Turner Sports**

#### **Editorial Excellence**

- ► AMC AMCtv.com
- Central Florida News 13 cfnews13.com
- ► History CIVIL WAR 150 interactive
- The Weather Channel The Weather Channel - Hurricane Irene coverage

#### Official Show Website

- BBC Worldwide Limited Doctor Who www. bbcamerica.com/doctorwho
- nuvoTV Model Latina Las Vegas Website: mynuvotv.com/model-latina-las-vegas
- Oxygen Media, LLC The Glee Project Digital Campaign
- ► WE tv Braxton Family Values Show Section

#### **Original Content**

- ► AMC The Trivial Pursuits of Arthur Banks
- ► E! Entertainment E! News Now
- FEARnet FEARnet's Jobs of the Damned
- ► G4 G4 Films Epictober Fil Festival
- ► History CIVIL WAR 150 interactive
- Scripps Networks Interactive HGTVRemodels' Bathroom Planning Guide

#### **Podcast or Videocast**

- Comcast SportsNet Mid-Atlantic Football Friday - CSNWashington.com
- Turner Sports NCAA March Madness On Demand
- Turner Sports PGA Championship LIVE Streaming Player
- YES Network Off the Wall

#### **Smartphone App**

- ► AMC AMC iPhone App
- Bravo Media Bravo Now App
- CNBC CNBC PRO
- ESPN WatchESPN
- Turner Sports 93rd PGA Championship iPhone Mobile App

#### Social Media Campaign

- > 360i Bravo Top Chef Just Desserts: Surprise & Delight
- Central Florida News 13 The Case Against Casey Anthony
- Crown Media Networks Hallmark Channel's Countdown to Christmas
- Discovery Communications Science's An Idiot Abroad Social Media Campaign
- ▶ IN DEMAND Movies On Demand Facebook App
- Oxygen Media, LLC The Glee Project Social Media Campaign

#### **Supplemental Web Campaign**

- ► AMC The Walking Dead
- ▶ Bravo Media Bravo Digital Media
- RLTV Making Medicine Work for You

#### **Tablet App**

- Comcast Spotlight 1 + iPad App
- ▶ E! Entertainment Live from the Red Carpet App
- ESPN WatchESPN
- National Geographic Channel Locked Up
- The Weather Channel The Weather Channel App for iPad redesign

#### Use of Facebook

- ► E! Entertainment E! Royal Wedding
- ▶ IN DEMAND Movies On Demand Facebook App
- National Geographic Channel 9/11 Facebook **Application**
- TLC TLC's Cake Boss Facebook Page

#### **Use of Twitter**

- Discovery Communications Discovery Channel's @SharkWeek
- ► E! Entertainment E! Celebri-tweet
- Oxygen Media, LLC The Glee Project Social Media Campaign
- Turner Sports NCAA March Madness On Demand Social Arena
- WICT @WICT

#### Use of Video/Moving Image

- ► AMC Video Inside Breaking Bad
- CNBC CNBC Explains
- Starz Entertainment, LLC Camelot NY Post Animated Rich Media Interstitial & Takeover
- Turner Sports NASCAR.COM RaceBuddy
- Turner Sports NASCAR.COM's Garage Cam

- Video Editor/Producer ▶ Discovery Communications - James Williams
- ► Travel Channel Jim Morley
- YES Network Joe Auriemma

- **Web Content Director**
- MSG Varsity Jonathan McCarthy
- ► WE tv Andrea Macey YES Network - Kevin Sullivan

#### Web Site Design/Redesign

- FEARnet FEARnet's Trick 'r Treat Campaign
- ► MSG Varsity MSGVarsity.com
- ► WE tv WEtv.com

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**Michael Bonner** 

EVP, NBCUniversal Digital Distribution, NBCU

**Eric Bruno** 

SVP, Consumer Product Management, Verizon FiOS

**Greg Calvert** 

Director of Video Product Management, Time Warner Cable

Albert Cheng

EVP, Digital Media, Disney/ABC **Television Group** 

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EVP, Digital Product, The Weather Channel Companies

**Rich DiGeronimo** 

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**Scott Drake** 

VP, CNBC Digital, CNBC

**KC Estenson** 

SVP, CNN Digital, CNN

**Andy Forssell** 

SVP, Content, Hulu

**Mark Garner** 

SVP, Distribution, Marketing and Business Development, AETN

**Robert Gessner** 

President, Massillon Cable TV

**Rebecca Glashow** 

SVP, Digital Media Distribution, **Discovery Communications** 

**Marc Goldberg** 

CTO, Epix

**Greg Hickman** 

Director of Interactive Media, WICT

Sarah Hofstetter

SVP, Brand Strategy and Emerging Media, 360i

**Rhonda Holt** 

SVP, Audience Multi-Platform Technologies, TBS

**Matthew Hong** 

SVP/GM, Sports Operations for Turner Sports, Turner Sports

EVP, Digital Media, Bravo Media

**Neil Hunt** 

Chief Product Officer, Netflix

Jeff Husvar

EVP/GM, Fox Sports Interactive

**Marcien Jenckes** 

SVP & General Manager of Video Services, Comcast

Yvette Kanouff

EVP, Engineering & Software Design, Cablevision

Jennifer Kavanagh

VP, Digital and New Media, Oxygen

Eric Kessler

Co-President, HBO

**Robert King** SVP, Editorial for Digital and Print Media, ESPN

**Patrick Knorr** 

CEO, Knorr Solutions

John Kosner

EVP, Digital and Print Media, ESPN

**Ron Lamprecht** 

EVP, Sales Business Development, NBCUniversal Digital Distribution, **NBCU** 

Jeremy Legg

SVP of Business Development and Multi-Platform Distribution, Turner **Broadcasting System** 

Tara Maitra

VP and GM, Content Service and Ad Sales, TiVo

**Dermot McCormack** 

EVP of Digital Media, MTV Music & Logo at MTV Networks, MTVN Music & Logo

Mac McKean

SVP, Digital Media, AMC

**Stephanie Mitchko** 

VP, Interactive Platform **Development, Cablevision Systems** 

**Adam Naide** 

Executive Director of Marketing – Social Media, Cox

John Najarian

EVP/GM, Digital and Business Development, E! Entertainment

Lisa Choi Owens

GM, Scripps Networks Digital, Scripps Networks

JB Perrette

Chief Digital Officer, Discovery Communications

**Drew Pisarra** 

VP, Digital Media, AMC

Jennifer Robertson

SVP, Digital Media and Business Development, WE tv

Jeff Simmermon

Director of Digital Communications, Time Warner Čable

Michael Spirito

VP, Business Development and Digital Media, YES Network

**Meredith Stark** 

VP/Executive Producer, CNBC.com, **CNBC** 

**Matt Strauss** 

SVP and GM, Comcast Interactive Media

**Dan Suratt** 

EVP, Digital, AETN

**Brooks Tobey** 

SVP, Sales Solutions, Multi-Screen Development & Delivery, TBS

Julia Veale

SVP, Business/Product Development & Management, Showtime

**Steve Youngwood** 

EVP of Digital, Nickelodeon Kids and Family Group, MTVN Kids & Family

Winners announced and Mid-Day Report released during the May 21st awards breakfast. Congratulations to all of the finalists! To register for the event, visit www.CableFAX.com/events

## **BUSINESS & FINANCE**

(1.1mln for first play).

**People:** Comcast Cable promoted Melanie Penna to svp, HR service delivery.

Business/Finance: Style Net announced the formation of Style Media, a new global, multimedia content company that will broaden its focus to program and market to all facets of consumers' lives, from the way they view content to the experts they rely on for advice. New and expanded growth areas include digital, mobile, licensing and merchandising, brand experiences, and domestic and international television networks.

Editor's Note: We've been plotting and scheming... and what a lineup of fun events CableFAX has in store. First there's our muchanticipated event May 1 at the Grand Hyatt in NYC to celebrate the Sales Execs of the Year. Faxies and the Sweet 16 list of ad brands and agencies. More info: http://www. cablefax.com/cfp/events/seoy2012/ or http://www.cablefax.com/cfp/ events/cablefaxies2012/. And if that wasn't enough, we're also warming you up for the Cable Show opening session in Boston with our Best of the Web/Digital Hot List breakfast on May 21 at the Seaport Hotel right next to the convention center. New this year, we'll also honor our 15-to-Watch list of up and coming digital gurus. More info: http://www. cablefax.com/cfp/events/bow2012/

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HSN:	37.22	0.04	DOW:	129
INTERACTIVE CORP:.	49.16	(0.24)	NASDAQ:	29
LIONSGATE:	12.12	(0.46)	S&P 500:	1
LODGENET:	3.65	0.03		
NEW FRONTIER:	1.53	UNCH		
OUTDOOR:	7.34	0.17		
SCRIPPS INT:	47.93	0.36		
TIME WARNER:	35.71	0.02		
VALUEVISION:	1.72	(0.09)		
VIACOM:	49.80	(0.73)		
WWE:	8.02	(0.09)		
TECHNOLOGY				
ADDVANTAGE:	2.48	(0.02)		
ALCATEL LUCENT:				
AMDOCS:	31.53	(0.01)		
AMPHENOL:				
AOL:	25.50	(0.29)		
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CSG SYSTEMS:	14.60	0.11
ECHOSTAR:	27.19	0.04
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INTEL:	28.41	0.32
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SONY:		
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THOMAS & BETTS:		
TIVO:	10.92	(0.38)
UNIVERSAL ELEC:		
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YAHOO:	14.79	(0.09)
TELCOS		
AT&T:	20.61	0.07
VERIZON:		
VENIZON	37.43	0.17
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