

# Ananey Studios launches the first Israeli acting course for the trans community

**Ananey Studios, a Paramount company (formerly ViacomCBS), in collaboration with of Nissan Nativ's acting studio and the Marsha College - from the creator of IGY are launching a unique acting course for young members of the trans community.**

Tel-Aviv – February 2, 2021 - Ananey Studios a Paramount company (formerly ViacomCBS), in a unique and first-of-its-kind initiative in Israel, opens the first acting course for members of the trans community. The exciting project that was launched this week, is in collaboration with Nissan Nativ's Acting Studio, together with the Marsha College - of the IGY organization - The proud youth organization in Israel.

The first acting course for young members of the trans community will be launched throughout this year and will be led by the actor, director and playwright, Jason Danino Holt, along with the professional acting teachers of Nissan Nativ Acting Studio. During their studies, students will be given the opportunity to learn stage play, acting for camera, in addition to tools that will help them form their unique voice through vocal and movement work. The studies will take place twice a week, at Marsha College, during the afternoon (10 hours per week) for one academic year (two semesters), with the second semester being dedicated to an original final project of the students. In addition, the students will integrate with the rest of the acting studio students at a number of events and participate in various school activities (master classes, lectures and performances).

The goal of this project is to introduce transgender actors to the industry, by offering the highest level of acting studies. These actors can then integrate into television shows, films, and theater productions in Israel. The school will strive to professional excellence and to



creating a safe and empowering space where the students will have the opportunity to create a new career and a better future, for them and for society as a whole.

While we are witnessing a positive improvement of trans representation on screen, there is still a long way to go. This is where Ananey Studios wishes to step in – with a unique project aimed at creating more opportunities for trans people in the entertainment industry and contributing to the normalization of the appearance of trans people on television. We believe that this is an integral part of building a more equitable industry, and society.