**TV SHOWS TO WATCH IN 2018 (PLAN)**

**‘The Fosters’ Spin Off**

As the critically -acclaimed and beloved LGBT show ends its five-year run, a couple of the Foster kids are getting their own primetime slot. The unnamed spin-off has a 13-episode run order on freeform and will focus on a couple of the foster kids – callie and mariana – a few years in the future and living together in LA as they “embark on the next phase of their young lives.” **IS IT LGBTQ THO?**

LOOK AT THE ORIGINAL ‘THE FOSTERS’ SHOW, HOW MUCH LGBTQ+ CONTENT DID IT HAVE, COULD MAYBE SUGGEST THAT IN KEEPING WITH THE ORIGINAL IT WILL LIKELY CARRY ON THE THEME (OR NOT IF THAT’S THE CASE) ESPECIALLY IF THE CHARACTERS PORTRAYED ARE FAIRLY LIBRAL (WHICH THEY SOUND AS IF THEY MIGHT FROM THIS DESCRIPTION)

**Grown-ish**

ABC’s Black-ish spin off follows Zoey (Yaya Shahidi) as she departs her priviledged life at home for dorm life in an LA college. Zoey’s classmate Nomi promptly comes out as bisexual in the first episode, as college is the place to explore sexuality and identity, and we can’t wait to see where her story goes.

GOOD THAT THERES ALREADY ONE LGBTQ+ CHARACTER CONFIRMED, CAN WE FIND ANYTHING ELSE ABOUT HER AND HER INFLUENCE ON THE SHOW? HAS THE ACTRESS WHO PLAYS HER OR MAYBE THE CREATOR OF THE SHOW/FELLOW CASTMATES DONE ANY INTERVIEWS DISCUSSING THE CHARACTER FOR EXAMPLE.

**The Chi**

Academy Award-Winner Lena Waithe’s new Showtime series centers on life, family, identity, and survival in Southside Chicago. The show stars Alex Hibbert from Academy Award-Winning film *Moonlight,* and is sure to have some queer storylines as out lesbian and LGBT advocate Waithe is the captain at the helm.

MAYBE DISCUSS THE CREATORS INFLUENCE WITHIN THE LGBTQ+ COMMUNITY, HAS SHE WORKED ON ANYTHING BEOFRE WE CAN USE AS REFERNECE TO HER INCLUSION OF LGBTQ+ CHARACTERS?

**The Assassination Of Gianni Versace: American Crime Story**

Ryan Murphys latest and gayest season of America Crime Story tells the story of fashion icon Gianni Versaces murder.

THIS SHOW HAS BEEN MEGA POPULAR, LOOK AT THE ACTORS WHO PLAYED VERSACE AND HIS MURDERER AND THEIR PORTRAYAL OF THE CHARACTER AND HOW ITS BEEN RECEIVED.

**Queer Eye**

Netflix’s fresh take on *Queer Eye for the Straight Guy* is coming to a small screen near you. The new Fab Five navigate Atlanta, Georgia, and discuss “everything from LGBTQ rights and social commentary to how to make the best farm-to-table guacamole.

COMPARISON TO THE OLDE SERIES OF THE SHOW, HOW HAVE THINGS CHANGED IN THE YEARS ITS BEEN OFF AIR. ARE NEW, EMERGING ISSUES BEING ADDRESSED.

**Rise**

In what looks like a thrilling mash up of Friday Night Lights and Glee, NBC’s Rise combines the hell that is high school with all the drama of a mandatory theatre class. **IS IT LGBTQ THO?**

IF THERES NO EVIDENCE OF LGBTQ+ I WOULDN’T INCLUDE THIS ONE.

**Black Lightning**

CW’s latest superhero show, features TV’s first black lesbian superhero – and her girlfriend. If that’s not cool as fuck, I don’t know what is. Not only does it feature two queer black women, it does so in such a *normal* way. There’s almost no stigma surrounding the characters within the show. Their sexuality is treated so normally in such a way that Anissas dad just casually says things like ‘she’s at her girlfriends.’ Quite right too.

The show follows Black Lightning; a retired superhero turned high school principal whose world is shook when his daughter, Anissa Pierce; portrayed by actor Nafessa Williams, begins to develop powers, discovering her other-worldy abilities. Meanwhile Anissa doesn’t \*know\* her dad is Black Lightning – it’s a whole thing. She basically kicks ass and is super gay. You should probably watch it and while you’re at it read the comic book.

YES!!!! LOVE THIS, SEE WHAT WE CAN FIND OUT ABOUT THIS. CAST AND SHOW MAKER INTERVIEWS, REPRESENTATION, ANY AGE ISSUES?, HOW LGBTQ+ COMMUNITY ARE RESPONDING TO IT!

**Queen**

Hulu picked up the half-hour dramedy based on thr life of RuPaul Charles. Produced by JJ Abrams, the show will follow Ru through his drag beginning in NYC during the 80s.

**Heathers**

Heather Chandler isn’t your typical beauty queen, Heather McNamara is a black lesbian, and Heather Duke is genderqueer. Fans aren’t sure what to make of this 2018 update of the 1980s mean girls gone queer, but tune in nevertheless.

COMPARE TO THE ORIGINAL HEATHERS FILM- KIND OF A DARKER, 80S MEAN GIRLS- AND SUGGEST ANY PARALLELS ETC

**Here and Now**

Focusing on the lives of a mother and father and their four children, three of which are adopted from around the world. A split second in the trailer reveals one of the characters in a heated moment with another guy, and since Alan Ball (creator of the HBO series) has a history of creating incredible queer characters, we expect something spectacular.

SEE “THE CHI”

**Him or Her**

For the first time in 12 years, a queer black man will be leading a series. It chronicles the dating life of a bisexual black man and his struggles with dating.

DO WE KNOW MORE DETAILS? MAYBE BRIEF OVERVIEW OF WHAT TO EXPECT FROM THE SERIES, WHAT ITS MESSAGE IS ETC. IF NOT MUCH RESEARCH DON’T USE FOR NOW.

**Roseanne**

This ABC sitcom was known for pushing boundaries and being LGBT friendly before its end in 1997. It’s getting a revival and it needs to be on your radar.

BIG DISCUSSION ON THIS AT THE MOMENT AS ROSEANNE IS A CONSERVATIVE TRUMP SUPPORTER AND HAS HAD SOME VERY SKETCHY OPINIONS REGARDING THE LGBTQ+ COMMUNITY PARTICULARLY TRANS ISSUES AND RIGHTS. MIGHT BE WORTH SUGGESTING THIS AS ONE TO AVOID AMID ALL THE CONTROVERSY AT THE MOMENT.

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