

# Payam Banifaz

SAG-AFTRA

Height: 5'6" Hair: Black Eyes: Brown



## Television - Comedy

NIGHT COURT	Guest Star	NBC / Warner Bros. TV / Universal TV
GRAND CREW	Recurring Guest Star	Mo Marable/NBC/Universal TV
TEACHERS	Guest-star	Jay Karas/TV Land
VEEP	Guest-star	Becky Martin/HBO
LIFE IN PIECES	Co-star	CBS
SUPERSTORE	Co-star	Geeta Patel/NBC/Universal TV
BROOKLYN NINE-NINE	Co-star	Payman Benz/FOX/Universal TV
ONE DAY AT A TIME	Large-Co-star	Norman Lear/Netflix/Sony TV
CRAZY EX-GIRLFRIEND	Large Co-star	Erin Ehrlich/CW/CBS Studios
WE'RE GOOD THANKS (pilot)	Guest-star	Charlie Day/FX/RCG Prods.
TWEENFEST	Guest-star	Verizon Go90/FOD
SILICON VALLEY	Co-star	Mike Judge/HBO
GAME SHAKERS	Co-star	R. Reinsel /Nickelodeon TV
ANGEL FROM HELL	Co-star	Don Scardino/CBS Studios
MOM	Co-star	Jeff Greenstein/CBS Studios
PULLING (pilot)	Co-star	Jason Moore/ABC Studios

## Television - Drama

WONDER MAN	Co-Star	Marvel Studios/Disney+
PERRY MASON	Co-Star	Tim Van Patten/HBO
SHAMELESS	Recurring Guest Star	Iain MacDonald/Showtime
LETHAL WEAPON	Guest-Star	John Behring/FOX
BOSCH	Guest-Star	Neema Barnette/Amazon Studios
CRIMINAL MINDS: BEYOND BORDERS	Guest-star	Alec Smight/CBS Studios
BONES	Guest-star	Anne Renton/20th Cent. Fox TV
PARADISE PICTURES (pilot)	Large Co-star	Rick Muirragui/USA Network

## Film

CRIME 101	Supporting	Dir. Bart Layton
EVERYTHING EVERYWHERE ALL AT ONCE	Supporting	Dir. Daniels
DON'T WORRY HE WON'T GET FAR ON FOOT*	Supporting	Dir. Gus Van Sant
THE BIG GRAB	Supporting	Farhad Mann/Lifetime TV
STEEL CUT OATS	Lead	Dir. Harry Chaskin
SHOT	Supporting	Dir. Jeremy Kagan
HAIL CAESAR!	Supporting	Dir. Joel and Ethan Coen
THE COWBOY	Lead	Dir. Omid Shabkhiz
TOUCH (short)	Lead	Dir. Walter Moise
LOLA'S LAST LETTER	Lead	Dir. Valerie Brandy

\*Sundance 2018 Official Selection

## New Media

CALIFORNIANS WEIGH IN ON THE PRIMARIES	Allan McLeod/Funny or Die.com
CAPTAIN AMERICA: CIVIL WAR REENACTORS	Allan McLeod/Funny or Die.com
NATIONAL PARKS DATING APP	Allan McLeod/Funny or Die.com
IF REAL LIFE WAS AN AWARD WINNING MOVIE	Jacob Reed/Buzzfeed.com

## Improv/Sketch Comedy

UCB VARIETY SHOW	Guest Star	Michael Blieden/Seeso/UCB
KNUCKLEPUCK (on-going)	Upright Citizens Brigade	UCB House Improv Team
NEPHEW (on-going)	Upright Citizens Brigade	UCB House Sketch Team

## Training

Doug Warhit (on-going)-On Camera/Audition/Cold-read/Scene Study  
UCB Improv -(Joel Spence, Greg Tuculescu, Mike Leffingwell, Suzi Barett, Billy Meritt, Johnny Meeks, Eugene Cordero, Alex Berg, Alex Fernie, Ben Rogers, Jessica Allen Eason, Ari Voukydis, Mel Cowan, Josh Simpson, Ian Roberts, Will Hines, Will McLaughlin, Dan Black, Allan McLeod, Dan Black, Sean Conroy)  
Lewis Smith-On Camera/Audition/Scene Study  
Tom Todoroff-Scene Study/Voice/Movement  
Howard Fine-Scene Study  
Lindsay Crouse-Scene Study/Audition  
Kim Darby-On Camera/Scene Study

## Special Skills

12 years of singing, 15 years of dance, 18 years of piano, 15 years of boxing, Shotokan karate, basketball, soccer, baseball, music producer, **fluent in Farsi**, accents: Middle Eastern, Latin, Hispanic, Hebrew, French, English(Standard, Cockney, Classical) American Southern, Brooklyn/New York, German, Italian, Boston, Irish, Russian/Eastern European. 2005 B.A Political Science, 2010 MBA.