



↑ **1.** Linn da Quebrada and Liniker bring a glam glow to *September Mornings* **2.** Cecily Strong and Keegan-Michael Key (left) meet *Schmigadoon!*'s townsfolk, including Kristin Chenoweth (front) **3.** Skeletor and He-Man's beef endures on *Masters of the Universe: Revelation* **4.** Jason Sudeikis offers Sarah Niles a sweet treat on *Ted Lasso*

### SEPTEMBER MORNINGS

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VIDEO

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**1** The singer Liniker, a Latin Grammy nominee, is making the jump to TV with this Brazilian original series, a family drama about Cassandra (Liniker), a transgender São Paulo woman who, while following her dreams, is thrown a curveball: "A woman from her past appears with a boy she says is their son," Liniker explains. "She feels like her dreams have been derailed enough, but she never dared to dream she could be a mom one day. She sees herself in [the boy's] eyes and is transported to her own childhood with a mother who abandoned her." In the process, Liniker hopes the "powerful story" will help "humanize the stories of trans women like me and Cassandra."

—ROSY CORDERO

### SCHMIGADOON!

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APPLE TV+

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7.16

**2** While the world took an intermission, Cecily Strong and Keegan-Michael Key were trapped in a 1940s musical. In *Schmigadoon!*, the comedy pros star as an on-the-rocks couple stuck in a madcap town out of a classic movie musical. Strong calls the series "a love letter to Broadway"—and fittingly, theatrical superstars including Kristin Chenoweth and Aaron Tveit play *Schmigadoon!*'s residents. "We wanted to honor those artists who've been put on hold," Key says of filming during the Broadway shut-down. For the two stars, who grew up as theater nerds, the curtain rose on long-dormant dreams. "It felt like magic every day," marvels Strong. "You spend six episodes smiling." And maybe doing some jazz hands. —MAUREN LEE LENKER

### MASTERS OF THE UNIVERSE: REVELATION

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**3** Kevin Smith...has...the powah!—to reshape the realm of Eternia. The *Clerks* director spearheads a new 2D-animated *Masters of the Universe: Revelation* series that is set after the events of the '80s cartoon. *Revelation* treats the saga of Prince Adam, who transforms into the muscled He-Man, more like Shakespeare. "People would see this as a goofy IP, but this is a rich tapestry," Smith explains—one that now includes talent like Lena Headey (Evil-Lyn), Mark Hamill (Skeletor), and Chris Wood (He-Man). "We get to tell stories of abuse and isolation," says Smith. "We use these characters that most people consider action figures to tell insanely human stories set in a very inhuman world." —NICK ROMANO

### TED LASSO

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**4** Before getting the call to audition for season 2, Sarah Niles (who played a sympathetic police officer on *I May Destroy You*) wasn't familiar with *Ted Lasso* beyond star Jason Sudeikis. "Part of me was going, 'Yeah, yeah, what's the big hoo-ha about?'" she says with a laugh, having now been lassoed, like so many, by the heartwarming comedy. "He's charming, funny, and got good teeth—what more can you say?" Still, Niles can't say much about her character, Sharon, AFC Richmond's new sports psychologist. "People have skepticism about psychology, particularly in athletics, so she's going to come up against some resistance. The strange thing is I've learned a lot about myself while doing this show." —DEREK LAWRENCE