

## **Sherri Shepherd Shines in New NBC Comedy, *Trial and Error***

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ATLANTA, GA – February 5, 2017 – On Friday, Sherri Shepherd came to SCAD aTV Fest to premier her new upcoming show, *Trial and Error*. In the half-hour comedy, an optimistic New York lawyer (Nicholas D’Agosto) goes to work at a misfit firm in a small town to defend a quirky professor (John Lithgow) who is accused of killing his wife. Shepherd plays, Anne Flatch, a well-meaning legal researcher with a variety of disorders working at that firm.

At aTV Fest, Shepherd had nothing but praise for the creative team behind the docu-style single camera series helmed by Jeff Astroff and Matt Miller through Warner Bros. Television. She also had accolades for her fellow cast mates.

“John Lithgow is like my god-daddy...the synergy is great, because he is such a gentleman,” Shepherd said on working with her comedic legend co-star, John Lithgow. He plays poetry professor and accused murderer, Larry Henderson in the series.

As Anne, Shepherd works at the firm while comically combatting a variety of conditions such as short term memory loss, alien hand syndrome and a psychosomatic condition called Stendhal syndrome, which causes her character to faint at the sight of art. She also is challenged with an ailment that causes her not to recognize faces, called prosopagnosia.

“She’s so sweet and she is determined to do a great job for John Lithgow’s character, but she can’t remember what he looks like half the time,” said Shepherd.

Shepherd is no stranger to the legal world. Before becoming an actress and comedienne, Shepherd was a legal secretary. Art imitates life in more ways than one on *Trial and Error*. The cast and crew went out to do karaoke where Shepherd sang “I Will Survive”. It made such an impression that it was written into an upcoming episode.

Guest of aTV Fest were treated to a pre-screening of the pilot episode and a Q&A with Sherri Shepherd after the show. Laughter from the crowd ensued during both the screening and panel.

*Trial and Error* premieres on NBC on March 7 at 9:30/8:30c.

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