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The American Dream, Revealed

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Aida Turturro, Ingrid Lemme on the The American Dream Show set

Ingrid Lemme, Director of Marketing and PR for Gurney's Inn and Spa, is well into the 13th season of her popular TV program, "The American Dream Show," and the line-up is once again a good mix of captivating Long Island personalities. Produced and directed by brothers Ernest and Gregory Schimizzi, "The American Dream Show" zeroes in on the heritage, family and the dreams of celebrities and successful local people, as host Lemme provides her viewers with the inside story on how those dreams became a reality.

Recorded at Gurneys and aired on WVVH Hamptons TV (channel 78), "The American Dream Show" goes out to over five million homes in the tri-state area. The award-winning program showcases Lemme's astute interviewing skills-she has sat down with around 500 guests over the years in a live format. Lemme has a way of delving into each guest's story to bring out the gems of experiences that help define who they really are. The viewer is witness to this "getting to know you" process.

A highlight of the most recent taping session, where an astounding 10 shows were produced, was the segment with Aida Turturro-Montauk resident/TV ("The Sopranos") and film star, who talked about why she has adopted Montauk as her new home. The show with Angelique Monet, who founded the Black Film Festival, was also engaging-and entertaining, as the

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actress showed off her ventriloquist skills. In another program, Lemme explores the styles and insights of Cognac Wellerlane, the red carpet celebrity interviewer on the East End.

Lemme had an in-depth interview with Dennis Lynch, the documentary filmmaker who created King of the Hamptons, which premiered at the 2010 Hamptons International Film Festival. Dan and David Rattiner introduce Lynch to their world in the Hamptons which includes Billy Joel, Alec Baldwin and Christie Brinkley. On Lemme's show, Lynch talks about his background, family and dreams, and how he came to meet Dan.

Another fascinating segment was the interview of Cindi Sansone-Braff, author of the relationship book, Grant Me a Higher Love. Voted the leading Long Island Psychic for 2010 by the L.I. Press along with John Edward, Sansone-Braff is fascinating. Shows that have already aired included one with Howard Shapiro M.D, author of the Picture Perfect Weight Loss Book series, and another with Patricia Brett, a cancer survivor who created Patricia Brett Mastectomy Swimwear - a powerful, wonderful story.

Lemme shows her charm and sensitivity in her interview of artist and cancer survivor Bill Durham. The show with Jonathan Landsman, noted health advocate and host of the "Natural News Hour," is very informative. The final show of the year is Peter Verecke, the "Mick Jagger" in the Rolling Stones tribute band "Streetfighter." Clips show Verecke's talent at recreating Mick's magic and energy.

With the backdrop of the Atlantic Ocean, "The American Dream Show" provides a forum where interesting stories are brought to the fore by Lemme, who is now celebrating one of her own dreams-her husband, Sunshine Lemme's success in his health battle.

"The American Dream Show" airs on Fridays at 7 p.m., Saturdays at 1:30 p.m., and Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. on Cable Channel 78. The schedule follows:

Jonathan Landsman, Nov. 19, 20 & 23

Bill Durham, Nov. 26, 27 & 30

Cindi-Sansone Braff, Dec. 3, 4 & 7

Cognac Wellerlane, Dec. 10, 11 & 14

Dennis Lynch, Dec. 17, 18 & 21

Aida Turturro, Dec. 14, 15 & 28

Peter Verecke, Dec. 3; Jan. 1 & 4, 2011

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