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BLOOMINGTON, Ill. – Illinois Wesleyan University alumna **Heather Olt '96**, a Los Angeles-based actress and writer, is the co-creator, co-producer and star of an upcoming comedic Web series “**2 Hopeful Spinsters.**”

Described as a mash-up of “Thelma & Louise” meets “Laverne & Shirley,” the project is the creation of Olt and co-producer Dellany Peace. Olt and Peace describe themselves as single women in their 30s who were quite aware they are beyond the average marrying age, but who have not yet decided when or if they want to settle down to marry. They most definitely do not consider themselves “spinsters.”

That view, however, changed when Olt made a guest appearance as a “hopeful spinster” on the NBC comedy “Up All Night.” That role, along with comments from family and friends, gave Olt and Peace the idea for their Web series, which seeks to redefine what it means to be single in the 21st century. “2 Hopeful Spinsters” follows the lives of Peace (portraying feisty Southerner and momma’s girl Dellany Butler) and Olt (playing sarcastic, nurturing, loyal Heather Monaghan).

“2 Hopeful Spinsters” will be released online this summer. The cast includes Michael Madsen (“Reservoir Dogs,” “Kill Bill: Vol.1”), Todd Sherry (“Suburgatory,” “Parks and Recreation,” “Just Go With It”), and Jim Turner (“Arli\$\$,” “Castle,” “Grey’s Anatomy”).

Actress Christina Moore '95 (“True Blood”) and several other Wesleyan alumni attended the series’ premiere earlier this month in Hollywood. Funding for the project came from Kickstarter.com, which provides tools to raise funds for creative projects via crowd funding through its website.

Olt received a Bachelor of Fine Arts with a major in music theatre from Illinois Wesleyan. Her acting credits include “Scandal,” “Body of Proof,” “Up All Night,” “American Horror Story,” “The Mentalist,” “Chuck,” “Nip/Tuck,” “Dexter,” “Eagleheart” and the award-winning short “Groom’s Cake.”

“My self-starter attitude began at Wesleyan when I co-produced a night of one-acts with a fellow School of Theatre Arts student as well as a non-required senior recital,” said Olt. “Perseverance and a strong work ethic are skills IWU definitely helped me develop.”

Heather Olt (left) and Christina Moore, actresses and alumnae of Illinois Wesleyan University, attend the Hollywood premiere of Olt’s Web series “2 Hopeful Spinsters.”



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