

DEAN LOREY

SHOWRUNNER · WRITER · PRODUCER

AVAILABLE FOR BOOKING

Panels · Podcasts · Keynotes · Masterclasses

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ABOUT

Dean Lorey is the showrunner and executive producer of DC Studios' **Creature Commandos** (HBO Max) — the series that launched James Gunn's new DC Universe with a record-breaking debut and some of the best reviews of any DC project in years. Season 2 is now in production, with Dean leading the room as head writer and showrunner.

Across thirty years in movies and television, he co-created and ran **Harley Quinn** and **Kite Man: Hell Yeah!**, was an Emmy-nominated writer and co-executive producer on **Arrested Development**, co-created **Big Shot** with David E. Kelley, wrote and executive produced **The Crazy Ones** with Robin Williams, wrote, directed and executive produced **My Wife and Kids**, and co-wrote **Major Payne** and **Jason Goes to Hell**. His **Nightmare Academy** trilogy (originally published by HarperCollins) won SCIBA's Best Children's Novel of the Year. He makes **ONE THING**, 60-second true stories from thirty years of film and TV, three new episodes every week.

PROGRAMS

You Are the Hero of Your Own Story

Keynote · 45 min. A whole strange career as one story — a zombie comedy sold by accident, burnout, the way back, and the show that launched a universe.

Inside the Comedy Writers' Room

Talk or workshop · 60 min–2 hr. How a room really runs, and how a joke gets born. As a workshop: the audience becomes the staff and writes a scene with Dean in the showrunner's chair.

Story Structure & the Willy Wonka Problem

Masterclass · 90 min. A real structure class built around a beloved classic that breaks every rule — three ways to “fix” it, and why the broken version is better.

Launching the DCU: Inside Creature Commandos

Talk or panel · 45–60 min. Opening a new cinematic universe: running James Gunn's scripts, a record-breaking debut, and leading the Season 2 room.

How Television Actually Works

Lecture · 60–75 min. The map for people who want in — the titles, the pipeline, and an honest answer to how you break in. Also available: an author talk and a short after-dinner set.

WHAT THE PRESS SAYS

“The showrunner of DC Studios and HBO Max's Creature Commandos just gets it.”

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SELECTED APPEARANCES

Conventions · Podcasts · Teaching

NYCC 2024 *Creature Commandos* panel with James Gunn and cast · SCAD TVfest · SDCC · *Hollywood's Biggest Podcast* · *Fascination Street* · AFI · Storymakers keynote.



SELECTED CREDITS

Creature Commandos

Showrunner / Writer · DC Studios, HBO Max

Harley Quinn & Kite Man: Hell Yeah!

Co-Creator / Showrunner · HBO Max

Arrested Development

Writer / Co-EP · Emmy-nominated · Fox

Big Shot

Co-Creator / Showrunner · Disney+

The Crazy Ones

Writer / Executive Producer · CBS

My Wife and Kids

Writer / Director / EP · ABC

Major Payne & Jason Goes to Hell

Co-Screenwriter / Actor · Universal / New Line

AS FEATURED IN

Bleeding Cool · ScreenRant · The Direct ·

CinemaBlend · ComingSoon.net ·

Yahoo Entertainment · Nerdist · Cartoon Brew ·

Animation World Network · TechRadar

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