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# "BLING IT ON" PREMIERES THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 20 on TLC

Los Angeles, CA – Best known for her outrageous designs on TLC's MY BIG FAT AMERICAN GYPSY WEDDING, Boston-based fashion designer Sondra Celli is stepping into the spotlight with the new series BLING IT ON, premiering September 20 at 10/9c. Living in world of rhinestones, and always believing that more is a must, Sondra invites viewers into her business – which is all about fashion, design, and bling! From gypsies, to babies, to brides, Sondra and team bring designer dreams to life.

Self-proclaimed pleaser and perfectionist Sondra Celli makes sure every outfit that passes through her doors is absolutely impeccable, down to the very last crystal detail. Sondra, along with the help of her "blingettes" and seamstresses, manage to work in tandem and get every job done, regardless of the difficult designs and tight time constraints.

In the special three-part limited series, Sondra takes viewers into her workroom to share her visions, challenges, and successes for every outfit. From drag queen costumes, to blinged out baby strollers, to neon wedding dresses, she welcomes every request with an open mind. The deadlines are demanding as she and her team work against the clock to fulfil the elaborate orders.

BLING IT ON is produced for TLC by Firecracker Films.

Episode descriptions:

# "A Neon Wedding Dress!"

Premieres September 20 at 10/9c

Dressmaker Sondra Celli and team work around the clock to make a steampunk vision come to life, a blinged out birthday dress fit for a princess, a classy yet playful look for pet store owners and their dog, and a neon (!) wedding dress for a Vegas bride!

# "The Zipper Just Split!"

Premieres September 27 at 10/9c

Sondra Celli's skills are tested when a self-proclaimed tomboy wants design control over her gown; a cancer-survivor is pretty in pink when she asked to be blush; a blinged-out gypsy stroller is ready to roll; a drag queen diva has a wardrobe malfunction!

# "The Craziest Request Yet!"

Premieres October 4 at 10/9c

Designer Sondra Celli finds herself trying to please some very opinionated clients; a bride-to-be and a pushy maid of honor, a ballroom dancer with an overly critical partner, and her pickiest client of all – her mother!

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