

LEAD

NARRATIVE PODCAST

LEAD ~ An audio docudrama series inspired by the true story of one child, his mysterious lead poisoning and his mother's unwavering fight to keep him safe.

PLOT ~ After a routine check-up reveals elevated lead levels in her nine-month-old son, Shannon sets out on a quest to find the source of the exposure and keep her son safe. Finding herself powerless against the devastation lead is wreaking on her son's body and brain, Shannon goes back to school to obtain a nursing degree. Armed with knowledge, science, and everyday angels, the family begins to unravel the mystery. True recovery and healing begin when mother and son discover the power in sharing their story, working together, and advocating to end this perfectly preventable disease.

INSPIRATION ~ Yes, lead poisoning is STILL an epidemic. In 2022, over 5,000 children in New York City were diagnosed. In 2023, there were another 5000. There are thousands more across the state.

The Lead Paint Right to Know Act simply ensures that a buyer or renter will be provided with the knowledge of whether or not lead is present in the home and where it is located, so they can protect themselves and their families.

CAST featuring

Merritt Weaver (*Unbelievable*, *Severance*)

Alessandro Nivola (*The Brutalist*, *The Many Saints of Newark*)

Cooper Burkett (Health Advocate, High School Student)

Alysia Reiner (*The Diplomat*, *Better Things*)

Cynthia Nixon (*The Gilded Age*, *Sex and the City*)



Our cast is packed with talent, including:

Amy Acker, Carolyn Baeumler, Eboni Booth, Tom Butler, Dennis T. Carnegie, James Carpinello, Geneva Carr, Daphne Gaines, Sasha Eden, Dann Fink, Michael Gaston, Kevin Kane, Alice Kris, Adriane Lenox, Jenny Maguire, April Matthis, JD Mollison, Laith Nakli, Keith Nobbs, Deirdre O'Connell, Katie O'Sullivan, Zak Orth, Greg Pirenti, Armando Riesco, Shirley Rumierk, Mandy Siegfried, Thom Sesma, Zach Shaffer, Frank Wood, and Lana Young

THE TEAM

Director: Alan Taylor is known for his Emmy-winning direction on *The Sopranos*, *Deadwood*, *Game of Thrones*, *House of the Dragon*, *Sex and the City*, and *Nurse Jackie*. His feature film work includes Marvel's *Thor: The Dark World* and *Palookaville*. ([IMDb](#))

Writer/Producer: Shannon Burkett is a writer, actor, filmmaker, registered nurse/valedictorian of her class, advocate, and mother of three. shannonburkett.com ([IMDb](#))

Co-Producer: Jenny Maguire is an actor, voiceover artist, filmmaker, mother, and producer of the Channel4 More4 documentary *21 BELOW*. ([IMDb](#))

Sound Mixer: Andy Kris is an Emmy-winning sound mixer who has worked on *Elsbeth*, *The Penguin*, *Succession*, *Treme*, *The Good Fight*, *The Wire*, *The Plot Against America*, *The Gilded Age*, *Evil*, and *The Deuce*. Andy is also Shannon's husband and Cooper's father. ([IMDb](#))

Composer: Peter Salett is the beloved cinematic singer-songwriter known for *Wet Hot American Summer*, *Keeping the Faith*, *Down in the Valley*, *Role Models*, *The Baxter*, and *The Ten*. Salett also founded the national political organization The Hometown Project. ([IMDb](#))

ADVOCACY ~ Advocates are made, not born.

If the public demands it ~ **politicians have to listen.**

Please go to www.endleadpoisoning.org to learn more on how to send a message to your representative urging them to

Support The Lead Paint Right to Know Act.

~ Lead is deadly and easily corrected ~



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