



ALI WONG SURPRISES HER CLOSEST FRIEND WITH A JAW-DROPPING BASEMENT AND BACKYARD OVERHAUL IN HGTV'S 'CELEBRITY IOU'

New York [May 3, 2022] Comedian, actress and writer [Ali Wong](#) will surprise her best friend with a life-altering home renovation in a new episode of HGTV's [Celebrity IOU](#) on Monday, May 9, at 9 p.m. ET/PT. Ali describes Citadelle, a busy working mom and her closest friend of 20 years, as more like a sister whose selflessness was pivotal in the early stages of her career. To show her immense gratitude, Ali will get a lesson in demolition from real estate and renovation experts [Drew](#) and [Jonathan Scott](#) and help turn Citadelle's lackluster basement into the entertaining heart of her home. In addition to airing on HGTV, Ali's episode of *Celebrity IOU* will be available to stream on [discovery+](#) early on May 9.

"To be able to do this one thing that's all taken care of and where all the decisions are being made, I think it's going to be really special and give Citadelle a lot of well-deserved relief and joy," said Ali.

To elevate Citadelle's basement from basic to luxe, Ali, Drew and Jonathan will rip out old fixtures, drill up tile floors, and take walls down to the studs, then infuse mid-century modern style into the new living area, bathroom and office. The stunning reveal also will extend to the backyard where a covered patio, statement fireplace and outdoor kitchen will give Citadelle even more space to host family and friends.

"I really would not be where I am if it wasn't for her," added Ali. "This is the least I could do for someone who's given me so much."

Celebrity IOU spotlights Hollywood A-listers who wield sledgehammers and pick up power tools to help an extraordinary person in their lives get the renovation they need. The series features Drew and Jonathan and their celebrity friends as they inspire, entertain and bring fans to happy tears with deeply personal stories of gratitude. Working together with the Brothers, the celebs get their hands dirty to surprise their deserving friends and mentors with the stunning home overhauls. *Celebrity IOU* is produced by Scott Brothers Entertainment, with Drew and Jonathan as executive producers.

Fans are invited to visit HGTV's digital platforms for additional fresh content from the new season of *Celebrity IOU*. Fans can connect with the series at [HGTV.com/Celebrity-IOU](https://www.hgtv.com/Celebrity-IOU) and by following @HGTV and [#CelebIOU](#) on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [TikTok](#) and [Instagram](#) for extra show content and updates. Drew and Jonathan also will share more from the new episodes on their social channels at [@mrdrewscott](#) ([Instagram](#), [Twitter](#)) and [@jonathanscott](#) ([Instagram](#), [Twitter](#)).

In addition, viewers can watch the episodes on HGTV GO the same day and time as the TV premieres—Mondays at 9 p.m.

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