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## **TRACY MORGAN & Racing Royalty NELSON PIQUET Jr. To Open NEW YORK AUTO SHOW**

### **Leading The ELECTRIC VEHICLE PARADE**

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**USPA NEWS** - Comedian Tracy Morgan and racing Driver Nelson Piquet Jr. were leading an Electric Vehicle Parade to Officially Open the 118th New York International Automobile Show. A Fully-Electric Formula E Racing Car was leading a Fleet of Electric Vehicles along 11th Ave. to the Jacob K. Javits Convention Center on the West Side of New York.

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The Parade also featured the All-Electric Jaguar I-PACE plus a Range of Fully Electric and Plug-In Hybrid Vehicles including: Toyota Prius Prime, Chrysler Pacifica PEH, Nissan Leaf, Honda Clarity Plug-in, Volvo XC60 PHEV, MINI Countryman PHEV, Chevy Bolt EV, Kia Soul EV, and others. To add a Little Cuteness to the Proceedings a Kids Motorcade Parade of Fifty Children in Custom-Created Car Costumes also starred in the Show's Opening Day Festivities.

\* Nelson Piquet Jr. is Formula E's Inaugural Champion and Driver for the Panasonic Jaguar Racing Formula E Team. Starting his Career in South American Karting, he soon moved to South American F3 and then on to British F3. In 2005, Nelson graduated to GP2, finishing as Runner-Up to Lewis Hamilton in 2006. After that he graduated to F1 in 2008 alongside Fernando Alonso helping the Team secure Fourth Position overall. In 2010 Nelson moved to NASCAR, becoming the First Brazilian to win a Top Tier Race in 2012.

\* Tracy Morgan, an American Actor and Comedian best known for his Seven Seasons as a Cast Member on Saturday Night Live (1996-2003) and 30 Rock (2006-2013). He was nominated for an Emmy Award in 2009 for his Work on 30 Rock. He has appeared in Numerous Films as an Actor and Voice Actor.

\* Additional special guest : Brad Snyder - U.S. Paralympic Swimmer -- U.S. Paralympic Swimmer and Retired U.S. Navy Lt. Brad Snyder, is a Five-Time Gold Medalist and Two-Time Silver Medalist at the London 2012 Paralympic Games and Rio 2016 Paralympic Games. Snyder, a Swimmer who won a Gold Medal on Sept. 7, 2012, the exact One-Year Anniversary of the IED explosion in Afghanistan that cost him his vision. In addition, Snyder broke the 30 year-old World Record in the 100m Freestyle during the Rio 2016 Paralympic Games.

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