# The ‘fierce’ women of ‘Law & Order’ reflect on working together in crossover premiere

"Law & Order" legends assemble. - [‘Law & Order’ Women On Collaborating In Crossover Premiere (today.com)](https://www.today.com/popculture/tv/law-order-women-collaborating-crossover-premiere-rcna48756?cid=sm_npd_td_tw_ma)

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On Sept. 22, the "Law & Order" franchise will go where it hasn't gone before — [a three-hour premiere event](https://www.today.com/popculture/tv/law-order-brings-3-casts-together-first-time-historic-crossover-rcna44435) in which all three shows will cross over into one another. Oh yeah, and all three squads are helmed by "fierce" women.

TODAY caught up with those three leading ladies, [Mariska Hargitay](https://www.today.com/popculture/tv/mariska-hargitay-importance-svu-addressing-olivia-bensons-trauma-rcna48495) (Capt. Olivia Benson, "Law & Order: SVU"), Camryn Manheim (Lt. Kate Dixon, "Law & Order") and [Danielle Moné Truitt](https://www.today.com/popculture/tv/danielle-mone-truitt-law-order-working-chris-meloni-rcna23823) (Sgt. Ayanna Bell, "Law & Order: Organized Crime"), at the "Law & Order" premiere red carpet event on Sept. 19 and chatted about the female collaboration in the crossover scenes.

Mariska Hargitay as Capt. Olivia Benson in the "Law & Order" premiere "Gimme Shelter."NBC

Hargitay, who portrays the indomitable [Capt. Olivia Benson on "SVU,"](https://www.today.com/popculture/500th-svu-episode-brings-flashbacks-returning-characters-t235156) told TODAY it was "amazing" to work with "such badasses and such incredible human beings."

"I loved Danielle from the minute I met her," she said. "Camryn and I have been friends for a long time. So I was just jumping for joy. And I've been such a fan of hers for a long time that when she joined the Dick Wolf universe, I was so thrilled and happy and just wanted to celebrate her."

Manheim noted, "There's something really special when you have the captain, the lieutenant — these powerful women."

Truitt echoed that sentiment and said working with Hargitay and Manheim was "so cool."

"I just — I love women, and I love how powerful we are in this world," she said.

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