# [Mariska Hargitay and Christopher Meloni Reunite Ahead of LAW & ORDER Collaboration](https://www.givememyremote.com/remote/2020/07/19/mariska-hargitay-chris-meloni-reunion-2020-svu-organized-crime/?s=09)

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“It’s on.”

With [LAW & ORDER: SPECIAL VICTIMS UNIT star Mariska Hargitay](https://www.givememyremote.com/remote/2020/01/15/svu-she-paints-for-vengeance-warren-leight-mariska-hargitay-directing/) set to [reunite with her former co-star Christopher Meloni](https://www.givememyremote.com/remote/2020/04/02/mariska-hargitay-chris-meloni-new-stabler-series-reaction/) when he rejoins the LAW & ORDER universe with his spinoff, [ORGANIZED CRIME](https://www.givememyremote.com/remote/2020/06/16/its-official-nbc-orders-svu-spinoff-starring-christopher-meloni/), the longtime friends celebrated the occasion ahead of production starting on their shows with an adorable Instagram photo.

Meloni later added his own photo of the duo, with the caption, “Ladybug on my face n a lady on my arm #hanginWithBenson.”

<https://www.instagram.com/p/CC2EXmFniR6/?utm_source=ig_embed>

<https://www.instagram.com/p/CC2UcUdgAgI/?utm_source=ig_embed>

<https://www.instagram.com/p/CC2epMgnqpe/?utm_source=ig_embed>

Hargitay then added another photo, “Easy like Sunday mornin…”

Hargitay’s Benson and Meloni’s Stabler were partners for the first 12 seasons of SVU, with Stabler seemingly retiring after killing a teen in self-defense. Benson remained with the unit—and [cut out of Stabler’s life](https://www.givememyremote.com/remote/2011/09/21/law-order-special-victims-unit-what-did-you-think-of-stablers-storyline/)—and is now the [Captain of the 1-6](https://www.givememyremote.com/remote/2019/09/26/svu-new-ada-olivia-captain-spoilers-warren-leight/).

But with Meloni’s Stabler now leading up a new show set in the same universe, [the season 22 premiere of SVU is set to include the duo finally coming face-to-face again](https://www.givememyremote.com/remote/2020/05/01/elliot-stabler-return-svu-22-premiere-spoilers-squadroom-interview/).

“Benson and Stabler are inextricably linked, locked and connected,” [Meloni previously explained](https://www.givememyremote.com/remote/2020/07/07/law-and-order-organized-crime-chris-meloni-benson-stabler-reunion/). “I think there is truly and deeply a worthwhile, inherent drama in exploring that relationship and the complexity of how Stabler left—the unresolved emotions both characters feel and how the fans feel…It almost feels that we won’t do one or two [crossover] episodes and move on our merry way.”

“I just think there will always be possibilities there,” he continued. “People will always be hungry to see how we interact and how that dynamic has changed.”

But when the reunion will make its way on-screen is still very much up in the air. Though New York City has been a cautious greenlight to return to production, scripted shows are still figuring out a way to return safely—and SVU is no exception.

“We don’t start shooting on Monday,” [SVU boss Warren Leight tweeted on Sunday](https://twitter.com/warrenleightTV/status/1284964359467302912). “Weeks to go, at least, as we try to make sure cast and crew can safely go back to work.”