



Press release

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SERIES MANIA 2021 UNVEILED ITS AWARDS

SERIES MANIA Lille / Hauts-de-France unveiled its awards at the closing ceremony held at the Nouveau Siècle on Thursday, September 2, 2021.

“Given the fantastic response we have received the last few days, we can say with certainty Series Mania was a tremendous success and far exceeded our expectations. Our numbers speak for themselves: we had over 54,000 participants as part of the Series Mania Festival, and for the Series Mania Forum, the in-person event had a total of 2,100 participants, with over 400 online registrations, which combined for a total 2500 participants from 66 different countries, and 50,000 visits on the platform,” commented Herszberg.

“Additionally, we are delighted to announce that two of our big winners tonight, ‘Blackport’ and ‘The Last Socialist Artefact’, were originally pitched at our Forum’s Co-Pro Pitching Sessions, once again reinforcing the fact that Series Mania is the place ‘where series begin’.”

INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION

The international jury, chaired by Israeli creator, screenwriter, director, producer and critic **Hagai Levi**, surrounded by **Désirée Nosbusch** (actress, Belgium), **Zineb Triki** (actress, France/Morocco), **Steven Canals** (creator, screenwriter, director, producer, United States), **Thibault de Montalembert** (actor, France), **Mauricio Katz** (creator, screenwriter, producer, Mexico), awarded 3 prizes among the 8 series presented in world or international premiere in the presence of their teams:

> Grand prize: BLACKPORT (Iceland)

Creation: Gísli Örn Gardarsson, Björn Hlynur Haraldsson, Nina Dögg Filippusdóttir

Screenplay: Gísli Örn Gardarsson, Björn Hlynur Haraldsson, Mikael Torfason

Director: Gísli Örn Gardarsson, Björn Hlynur Haraldsson, Maria Reyndal

Production: Vesturport, Rív, ARTE France, Turbine Studios - Broadcasting: Rív

French broadcaster: ARTE

International Sales: About Premium Content

(Originally pitched at Series Mania Forum's Co-Pro Pitching Sessions as part of a partnership with the Berlinale Co-Pro Series).

> Best Actress: MARIE REUTHER for Kamikaze (Denmark)

Concept: Annette K. Olesen, adapted from the novel "Muléum" by Erlend Loe (Denmark)

Adaptation and screenplay: Johanne Algren

Director: Kaspar Munk

Production: Profile Pictures - Broadcast: Profile Pictures for HBO Max

International Sales: Warnermedia international TV Distribution.

> Best Actor: an ensemble prize to ITAMAR ROTSCCHILD, ORR AMRAMI and SHMUEL VILOZNI for The Echo of your Voice (Israel)

Created, written and directed by Tom Shoal

Production: Jasmine TV - Broadcasting: Kan 11 TV

INTERNATIONAL PANORAMA

This first International Panorama jury, chaired by the French essayist and **reporter Florence Aubenas**, surrounded by **Laïla Marrakchi** (director, screenwriter, France/Morocco), **Linh-Dan Pham** (actress, France/Vietnam), **Lucas Englander** (actor, Austria), **Ron Leshem** (screenwriter, author, producer, Israel) awarded 3 prizes among the 15 series presented in French, European and world premieres:

> Best Series: THE LAST SOCIALIST ARTEFACT (Croatia)

Creation: Ankica Juric Tilic

Script: Hana Jusic, Milan F. Zivkovic, Jelena Palian

Director: Dalibor Matanic

Production: Kinorama - Distribution: HRT, Pro Plus

(Originally pitched at Series Mania Forum's Co-Pro Pitching Sessions)

> Special Jury Prize: VIDA DE COLORES (Colombia)

Created and directed by David David

Screenplay: David David, Alejandro Gómez

Production: Garabato Cine - Broadcasting: Canal Telecaribe

International Sales: Garabato Cine

> Best Series - Student Award: WE ARE LADY PARTS (United Kingdom)

Created, written and directed by: Nida Manzoor

Production: Working Title Television - Broadcast: Channel 4, Peacock

French broadcasting: Brut X

International Sales: NBCUniversal Global Distribution

FRENCH COMPETITION

The international press jury composed of Carolin Ströbele (Die Zeit online, Germany), Alberto Rey (El Mundo, Spain), Elçin Yahşi (Oksijen, Turkey), Anna Tatarska (Gazeta Woborska and Vogue, Poland), Morten Andreas Steingrimsson (Nettavisen, Norway) awarded 4 prizes among the 6 French series presented in the World Premiere in the presence of their teams:

> Best Series: JEUNE ET GOLRI

Creation: Agnès Hurstel, Victor Saint Macary, Léa Domenach

Script: Agnès Hurstel, Léa Domenach

Director : Fanny Sidney

Production: The Film TV, 6Bony - Broadcasting: OCS

International Sales: LS Distribution, Mediawan

> Best Actress : ARIANE LABED for L'Opéra

Showrunner: Cécile Ducrocq

Creation: Cécile Ducrocq, Benjamin Adam

Script: Cécile Ducrocq, Benjamin Adam, Simon Jablonka, with the collaboration of Julie-Anna Grignon, Nicolas Castro

Director: Cécile Ducrocq, Stéphane Demoustier, Laïla Marrakchi, Inti Calfat, Dirk Verheye

Production: Victoria Production (Label de Newen France), Orange Studio, Belga Productions, Proximus - Broadcasting: OCS, Proximus

International Sales: Newen Connect

> Best Actor: DANIEL NJO LOBÉ for The Code

Creation: Lionel Olenga, Cécile Even, Nicolas Robert

Script: Lionel Olenga, Nicolas Robert, Cécile Even, Lucille Brandi, Julie-Anna Grignon, Julien Anscutter

Director: Jean-Christophe Delpias

Production: Makingprod, L.O. Productions - Broadcasting: France 2

> Best Music: PIERRE LEROUX (Pierre III) for Jeune et Golri

COMEDY COMPETITION

> Best Series: FISK (Australia)

Creation: Kitty Flanagan, Vincent Sheehan

Writer: Kitty Flanagan, Penny Flanagan

Director: Tom Peterson, Kitty Flanagan

Production: Porchlight Films - Broadcast: ABC TV (Australia)

International Sales: ABC Entertainment Group

SHORT FORMS COMPETITION

This competition is awarded by an international jury composed of Slimane Baptiste-Berhoun (director, screenwriter, writer, actor, France), Salif Cissé (actor, France), MoonA (rapper and actress, France), Maria Stevnbak Westergren (producer, Denmark) and Adi Tishrai (screenwriter, Israel).

> Best Series: SOMETHING UNDONE (Canada)

Created and written by: Michael Musi, Madison Walsh

Director: Nicole Dorsey

Production: 4AM Film Studios LTD - Broadcast: CBC GEM

AUDIENCE AWARD

The Audience Award is given to the favorite series of the audience among the new titles in season 1, submitted to the vote at the end of the screenings, all sections included.

> GERMINAL (France)

Created by Julien Lilti, based on the novel by Emile Zola

Screenplay: Julien Lilti, Loïc Barrere, Samir Oubechou, Chérif Saïs, Clémence Lebatteux, Maud Garnier, Mélusine Laura Raynaud, Cheikna Sankare

Director: David Hourrègue

Production: Banijay Studios France, in co-production with Pictanovo with the support of the Hauts-de-France region

Broadcast: with the participation of France Télévisions in collaboration with Rai Fiction and Salto Radio Canada

French broadcasting: Salto, France 2

International Sales: Banijay Rights

SCREENING ROOM AND REPLAYS

Accredited professionals will be able to access the professional digital platform on: forum.seriesmaniadigital.com

The screening room of Series Mania Forum (with the Festival Selection and the Forum Exclusives) will be available until September 18.

Replay of all panels, conferences, keynotes, pitching sessions will be available until the end of the year, ie. December 31st, 2021.

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