



**SERIES MANIA 2023  
ANNOUNCES “CALL FOR SERIES” FOR SERIES MANIA FESTIVAL  
AND “CALL FOR PROJECTS” FOR SERIES MANIA FORUM**

**Series Mania Forum brings together top international professionals  
in Lille from 21 to 23 March**

PARIS & LILLE, FRANCE – October 13, 2022 – Following a tremendously successful 2022 edition, Laurence Herszberg, founder and general director of Series Mania, today announced the “Call for Series” for the Series Mania Festival (March 17-24, 2023), while at the same time announcing the “Call for Projects” for the industry arm of the Festival, the Series Mania Forum (March 21-23, 2023). The deadline for submission of "Call for Series" for the Festival is January 6, 2023, while the deadline for the "Call for Projects" for the Forum is December 16, 2022.

“Today I am delighted to be announcing our ‘Call for Series’ and ‘Call for Projects’ marking the beginning of Series Mania 2023. Our 2022 edition brought together more than 70,000 participants for the Festival and 3,300 accredited professionals on-site from 64 countries for the Forum,” commented Herszberg.

“Our Festival continues to showcase top series from around the world, while the Forum - including Lille Dialogues - is truly one of today’s premiere meeting places for showrunners, screenwriters, producers, broadcasters, key executives and talent. I have no doubt Series Mania 2023 will be even larger,” added Herszberg.

On the Festival side, more than 60 series will be selected to be part of the Series Mania program. At the end of the eight-day Festival, 14 prizes will be awarded by the various juries during the closing ceremony. The Series Mania international competition has seen the launch of prestigious series, such as *Billy the Kid* (Epix), *The Baby* (HBO / SKY), *We Own This City* (HBO), *Kamikaze* (HBO Max), *Unorthodox* (Netflix), *The Virtues* (Channel 4), *The Rain* (Netflix), *The Split* (BBC1), *I Love Dick* (Prime Video), *I'm Dying Up Here* (Showtime), *Ride upon the Storm* (DR). To submit online, please go to <https://film.series-mania.festicine.fr/en>

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On the Forum side, producers can submit their projects for the annual *Co-Pro Pitching Sessions*, the founding premise and most anticipated event of the Series Mania Forum. From these submissions, 15 projects will be selected to participate and to be pitched in front of decision-makers of the TV industry. The best project will be awarded a 50,000€ prize, as determined by a professional jury of leading industry executives. The Forum has been the launchpad for the release of such series as *No Man's Land* (France), *Banking District* (Switzerland), *Eden* (France), *Keeping Faith* (Great Britain), *Manor House* (Czech Republic), *Stella Blomkvist* (Iceland), *Tabula Rasa* (Belgium), *Trepalium* (France), *Warrior* (Denmark), *Devils* (Italy), *The Head* (Spain), *Ever After* (Italy), *The Last Socialist Artefact* (Slovenia, Finland), *We Got This* (Sweden), *Des Gens Bien* (Belgium), *The Dreamers* (Israel), *Off Season* (Switzerland) and *Blackport* (Iceland). To submit online, please go to <https://seriesmania.com/forum/en/co-pro-pitching-sessions-2023/>

### **ABOUT SERIES MANIA**

Based in Lille since 2018, Series Mania - Lille / Hauts-de-France has become the biggest event dedicated uniquely to television series in Europe. Its festival offers exclusive world premieres of the greatest international series on the big screen, giving its audience - up to 70,000 spectators - 8 days of discoveries, parties, and masterclasses with some of the most renowned personalities in the series world. At the same time, Series Mania welcomes 3,300 international professionals from the television industry at Series Mania Forum including the anticipated Lille Dialogues summit. Two key events for networking and business are now extended online with the creation in 2020 of Series Mania Digital.

In 2021, Series Mania launched Series Mania Institute, a training program for students and industry professionals. The association is thus extending its action to support the creation of series in Europe.

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