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**EMMY-NOMINATED WRITER, DIRECTOR, AND PRODUCER
LISA JOY SELECTED AS JURY PRESIDENT FOR
SERIES MANIA'S INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION**



LOS ANGELES AND PARIS - January 17, 2023 - At a cocktail event this evening in Los Angeles and held at the Consulat Général de France at Los Angeles, Laurence Herszberg, Founder and General Director, and Frederic Lavigne, Artistic Director, of [Series Mania](#) (March 17-24, 2023), had the honor to announce that acclaimed Emmy-nominated writer, director and producer Lisa Joy has been selected as Jury President for this year's Series Mania Festival and its International Competition.

Joy will be present in Lille, along with other jury members who will be announced shortly, and will award the Grand prize for best series, as well as the prizes for best actress, best actor, and best writing. Additional awards will also be presented during the Closing Night

Ceremony on March 24. As part of Series Mania, the Series Mania Forum, the industry arm of the Festival, will be held March 21-23, 2023 with the Lille Dialogues set for March 23.

Joy is best known as the co-creator, writer, director, and executive producer of the HBO science-fiction drama series *Westworld* (2016–2022), which has amassed 54 Emmy® nominations for its first three seasons, along with SAG, DGA, WGA and PGA nominations. Joy recently produced *The Peripheral*, the series adaptation of William Gibson's 2014 sci-fi thriller novel, starring Chloë Grace Moretz and Gary Carr for Amazon and she's currently in production on *Fallout*, a television series based on the worldwide best-selling video game franchise, starring Ella Purnell, Aaron Moten, and Walton Goggins, also for Amazon.

Joy's previous work includes the ABC comedy series *Pushing Daisies* (2007–2009) and the USA Network crime drama series *Burn Notice* (2009–2011). In 2021, she made her feature film directorial debut with *Reminiscence*.

“We are very pleased to be announcing here in Los Angeles that the multi-talented, remarkably versatile, Lisa Joy will be our Jury President for the upcoming edition of Series Mania. Lisa's experience and passion for creating complex and big canvas stories, coupled with her many credits including the highly successful drama series *Westworld*, make her the perfect choice to be leading our international jury. We look forward to welcoming her to Lille,” commented Herszberg.

“I am thrilled to serve as Jury president of the 2023 Series Mania. The festival is an inspiring celebration of the great, diverse, and international stories being told in television. It's also a community of some of the most exciting storytellers and new voices working today. I'm honored to be a part of it,” added Joy.

ABOUT LISA JOY

Lisa Joy is an Emmy Award®-nominated writer, director and producer highly regarded for her genre work across television and film.

In 2011, Joy co-founded the production company Kilter Films with Jonathan Nolan. Following the company's phenomenal success with *Westworld*, Kilter Films signed an overall deal with Amazon Studios in June of 2019. Through this deal, the company recently

launched *The Peripheral*, the series adaptation of William Gibson's 2014 sci-fi thriller novel, starring Chloë Grace Moretz and Gary Carr. Additionally, Kilter Films partnered with Bethesda Game Studios and is currently in production on *Fallout*, a television series based on the worldwide best-selling video game franchise, starring Ella Purnell, Aaron Moten, and Walton Goggins.

Joy is the co-creator, co-showrunner, executive producer and episodic director of HBO's *Westworld*, which aired its fourth season last year. *Westworld* was the most-watched first season of an HBO original series ever and has amassed 54 Emmy® nominations for its first three seasons, along with SAG, DGA, WGA and PGA nominations.

In film, she made her feature directorial debut, *Reminiscence*, starring Hugh Jackman and Rebecca Ferguson, for Warner Bros. Pictures. Joy wrote the script, which landed on *The Black List*, and produced the film with Kilter Films' Jonathan Nolan and Athena Wickham, Michael De Luca, and Aaron Ryder. The film follows a private investigator of the mind who navigates the darkly alluring world of the past by helping his clients access lost memories.

Her writing career began in 2007 on the Emmy Award®-winning and Golden Globe®-nominated ABC show *Pushing Daisies*, which earned her a Writers Guild Nomination.

Prior to her career in entertainment, Joy graduated from Stanford Undergraduate and Harvard Law School. She then went on to work as a management consultant in the tech sector and practiced law in California. Joy is biracial and a first-generation Asian American, born and raised in New Jersey. She currently resides in Los Angeles with her husband and two children.

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 professionals from over 64 countries 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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