



## SERIES MANIA ANNOUNCES FESTIVAL WINNERS

### Series Mania Forum closes with record numbers and a stronger global presence than ever before

LILLE, FRANCE – March 24, 2023 – With Series Mania 2023 coming to a close, Ms. Laurence Herszberg, founder and general director of Series Mania, announced this evening the winners of the Series Mania Festival, and the final number of participants.

“We would first like to thank the public and the professionals who attended this edition, which brought together more than **85,000 participants for the Festival** and **3,800 participants from 64 countries for the Forum**. We are delighted to announce our prize list and figures that have far exceeded our expectations”, commented Herszberg.

### THE WINNERS

#### INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION

The international jury, chaired by the american showrunner, screenwriter and producer **Lisa Joy**, surrounded by **Emmanuelle Béart** (actress, France), **Anurag Kashyap** (director, India), **Chris Chibnall** (showrunner, UK), **Judah Levi** (actor, Israel), **Lou Doillon** (singer, France), awarded 4 prizes among the 9 series presented in world or international premiere in the presence of their teams.

- **Grand Prize : *The Actor*** (Iran)

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- **Best Writing:** John Kåre Raake (main writer), Linn-Jeanethe Kyed for ***The Fortress*** (Norway)

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- **Best Actress: Margot Bancilhon** in *Haven of Grace* (France)

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- **Best Actor: Michael Sheen** in *Best Interests* (UK)

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## INTERNATIONAL PANORAMA

The International Panorama, presided over by the French writer **Hervé Le Tellier**, surrounded by **Lone Korslund** (Creative Director, producer, Denmark), **Assa Sylla** (actress, France), **Hugo Bardin** (actor, France), **Jandiz Cardoso** (Director Episodic Program, Sundance Institute, USA), **Lila Byock** (screenwriter, USA ) awarded 4 prizes among the 12 series presented in French, European, and world previews.

- **Best Series: *Blackwater*** (Sweden)

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- **Best Directing: Ernesto Contreras** for *Tengo que morir todas las noches* (Mexico)

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- **Best Actress: Rotem Sela and Gal Malka** in *A Body That Works* (Israel)

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- **Best Actor: Eran Naim** in *Innermost* (Germany-Israel)

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- **Student award for Best Series : *Funny Woman*** (UK)

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## FRENCH COMPETITION

The international press jury composed of **Ariana Finos** (*La Repubblica*, Italy), **Enric Alberó** (*El Cultural*, Spain), **Hanna Hüge** ([serienjunkies.de](#), Germany), **Adrian Hennigan** (*Haaretz*, Israel) and **Ashanti Omkar** (*BBC*, UK) awarded 4 prizes among the 6 French series presented in World Premiere in the presence of their teams

- **Best Series: *Under Control***

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- **Best Actress: Clémentine Célerié** in *Six women*

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- **Best Actor: Carel Brown** in *Aspergirl*

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- **Best Original Score: Maud Geffray, Rebeka Warrior** for *Split*

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## SHORT FORMS COMPETITION

This competition is awarded by an international jury chaired by US creator, writer and producer **Sam Shaw** with **Madison Walsh** (screenwriter, Canada), **Jérémy Gillet** (actor,

Belgium) and **Charlotte Abramow** (photographer and director, Belgium).

- **Best Series: *Autodefensa*** (Spain)

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## COMEDIES COMPETITION

- **Best Series by a high school students Jury of the Hauts-de-France: *Rictus*** (France)

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## PUBLIC AWARD

This prize is awarded to the audience's favorite series among all the titles in competition - except for Short Formats- , voted on at the end of the screenings.

- **Best Series: *Little Bird***

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### **SÉRIES MANIA FORUM**

With more than 3,800 participants from 64 countries, this successful and vibrant edition of Series Mania Forum brought together more international industry professionals than ever before to Lille. New participants attending for the first time included Arab Emirates, Argentina, Brazil, Cameroon, Iran, Japan, Korea, Singapore, Turkey and Uruguay. With the Forum now concluded, key conferences, keynotes, and pitching sessions from the week are available on demand at Series Mania+. <https://forum.seriesmaniaplus.com/en/programme/>

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soutien à la création des séries en Europe.

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