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WEBFEST BERLIN 2017: Official Selection of Web Series and Program announced for the festival on the 8th and 9th of September.

Berlin, 18th of August 2017: The best web series from around the world will be presented at the third edition of the Berliner festival for web series, happening on the 8th and 9th of September at Holzmarkt's Säälchen. More than 200 web series from 21 countries were submitted to Webfest Berlin. 38 web series were chosen for the *Official Selection*. New for this year, 5 web series were selected in the new *Berlin Selection* and 8 in the new *Returning Series Selection*. A total of 51 series and will be screened at the festival.

At the third edition of Webfest Berlin, the theme is #WFBSTRATEGY. Webfest Berlin founder, Meredith Burkholder, has created a hub for connecting digital content creators, distributors, networks, and technological innovators in one of the most exciting cities in the world. Global leaders in the digital content industry will be present to discuss the quickly changing episodic digital content landscape and the opportunities that exist for digital content creators. Buyers and creators alike will gain exposure to some of the most innovative story-telling techniques and newest production technology on the market.

The two-day festival will feature screenings of all selections, three intensive workshops, as well as panel discussions and presentations on the web series industry in Germany and around the world. Speakers and panelists will include Joël Bassaget of Web Series Mag and the Web Series World Cup, Murat Ünal of Brandboost by DIVIMOVE, Nora Hiller and Thilo Casper of FUNK, the online content network of ARD and ZDF, Kristian Costa-Zahn of UFA LAB, Anne Santa Maria - Founder of 'the young talents incubator: Telfrance Network', and many more.

The Friday night Berlinorama party will feature screenings of the 'Berlin Selections', a welcome drink provided by Coolonga, networking, and of course music!

The festival culminates on Saturday evening, with the announcement of the winners of the annual Webfest Berlin awards, selected by a top-class jury. The jury for 2017 includes Benoit Beaudoin of TV5 [Canada], cinematographer Muriel AboulRouss [Lebanon], founder and director of the Melbourne WebFest, Steinar Ellingsen [Australia], and Hanna Huge, managing director of serienjunkies.de. The awards will include: Grand Jury Winner, Best in Germany, Best Drama, Best Comedy, Best Animation/Puppetry, Best Non-Fiction, Best Sci-Fi/Fantasy/Horror, Best Action/Thriller/Suspense, the HG Distribution Best Pilot Award, and Audience Favorite. The 'What's Next Awards', best 'Berlin Selection' and best 'Returning Series' are selected by the festival. The 'What's Next Awards' will be awarded for the most promising writer, director, and producer of Webfest Berlin 2017. The HG Distribution Best Pilot Award winner will receive a prize of € 2500.

The complete festival schedule can be found here: <http://www.webfest.berlin/2017-schedule/>

After publishing the first digital series catalog in the world last year, the festival will again release a digital series catalog shortly after the festivities. The catalog will feature all submissions to Webfest Berlin and is open to any creator or business wishing to advertise their digital series or service. Buyers and interested parties may sign up to receive the catalog in PDF format at <http://www.webfest.berlin/catalog/>.

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About Webfest Berlin

Webfest Berlin is the first international digital series festival in Germany. With „BE WHAT’S NEXT“ as its motto, Webfest Berlin invites digital content creators from all around the world to share their web series and be part of a new, innovative movement within online entertainment. Webfest Berlin is supported by Medienboard Berlin-Brandenburg GmbH, Holzmarkt, DNS:NET, Skullcandy Heaphones, HG Distribution, *Australia now*, Seeka.TV, FUNK, Znaida Vermouth, Coolonga, Plakat Kultur, Netfall, Epidemic Sound, and Inktip.

Tickets and more information about Webfest Berlin: www.webfest.berlin

Webfest Berlin 2017 Official Selection

1 Minute Meal: A Documentary Portrait of NYC [US] – Non-Fiction

Albtrauf [DE] – Pilot

Amy Street [NZ] – Non-Fiction

Bertrand [FR] – Comedy

Black As [AU] – Non-Fiction

Bruce The Series [AU] – Comedy

Che Peruano [AR] – Action/Thriller/Suspense

CONFESS [IS] – Drama

Connection House [IT] – Comedy

Dear Mankind [DE] – Pilot

Deluxe Motion [CA] – Animation/Puppetry

Der Wedding kommt [DE] – Comedy

DUAM - Dans Un Autre Monde [DUAM - In Another World][FR] – Sci-Fi/Fantasy/Horror

Ebersberg [DE] – Sci-Fi/Fantasy/Horror

El Maravilloso Parque Hoolister [The Amazing Hoolister Park] [UY] – Comedy

Fightin' ISIS [AU] – Animation

FIREN - Chi sarà licenziato? [FIREN - Who's going to be Fired?] [IT] – Comedy

Gott Kommt [God is Coming] [DE] – Animation/Puppetry

Hidden [IT] – Action/Thriller/Suspense

High Life [AU] – Drama

HYPNO [CA] – Action/Thriller/Suspense

iam.serafina [DE] – Drama

Jezabel [BE] – Drama

Kanaga [TR] – Sci-Fi/Fantasy/Horror

Petul [FR] – Sci-Fi/Fantasy/Horror

Restoration [AU] – Sci-Fi/Fantasy/Horror

Running With Violet [CA] – Drama

Save Me [CA] – Comedy

Schiet [Shit] [DE] – Pilot

Spessart Shorts [DE] – Pilot

Supa Supa [FR] – Animation/Puppetry

SUPER [BR] – Comedy

Terreur 404 [CA] – Action/Thriller/Suspense

The Y Theory [BE] – Drama

Waynak: Where Are You? [INT] – Non-Fiction

We Are Fathers [US] – Comedy

Wishlist [DE] – Action/Thriller/Suspense

World of Wolfram [DE] – Comedy

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Webfest Berlin 2017 Returning Series

Darren Has a Breakdown [UK]
Esther's Style/Estilo Esther [AR]
Euh [BE]
High Road [NZ]
Papa [CA]
Starting From Now [AU]
Uninspired [US]
Zyara [LB]

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FILMSTDT (FILMCITY) [DE]
ABGESTEMPELT! (LABELLED - The Berlin Office) [DE]
Mona Lisa Cowboy [US]
Ping Pong [DE]
PITY FU*K [DE]

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