



## **WEBFEST BERLIN 2017: Award Winners Announced, Catalog Released**

**Creative talents in the field of online entertainment were awarded for their digital series at Webfest Berlin 2017, the festival now releases its digital series catalog.**

**Berlin, 22nd of September 2017: Webfest Berlin held its third edition on September 8-9 at Säälichen in Holzmarkt. The best web series from the official selection were awarded by a top-class jury, upcoming creators were presented with 'What's Next' Awards by the festival itself, and the best pilot was awarded €2500 from HG Distribution. In 2016 the festival released the first digital series catalog in the world, today they release the 2017 catalog available for download for free at [webfest.berlin](http://webfest.berlin).**

The third edition of Webfest Berlin was very well attended by local and international producers, broadcasters, video streaming platforms, writers, and independent filmmakers. Attendees included creators and buyers from across Germany, France, Italy, Austria, Lebanon, Turkey, the UK, Japan, Canada, Australia, Brazil, and the USA. Besides honoring the best web series in the world, the two-day-festival provided a platform for discussing and learning the best strategies for producing, creating, and marketing digital short form series.

As the last step of the successful second edition, Webfest Berlin is releasing a catalog of 196 digital series and platforms. The catalog is released in PDF format with links to all projects and direct contacts to all series creators. It will be available for download via signup on the Webfest Berlin website: <http://www.webfest.berlin/catalog/>

The Jury tasked with making the difficult decisions was comprised of, 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 winners of Webfest Berlin 2017 are as follows:**

Grand Jury Award - Terror 404 [CA]  
Best in Germany - Der Wedding kommt [DE]  
Audience Favorite - DUAM [In Another World]/ DUAM [Dans Un Autre Monde] [FR]  
Best Comedy - Connection House [IT]  
Best Drama - High Life [AU]  
Best Action/Thriller/Suspense - Terror 404 [CA]  
Best Sci-Fi/Fantasy/Horror - Petul [FR]  
Best Animation/Puppetry - GOTT KOMMT [DE]  
Best Non-Fiction - Amy Street [NZ]  
Special Mention - Running With Violet [CA]

### **Special Awards**

HG Distribution Best Pilot Award - Dear Mankind [DE]  
Audience Favorite - DUAM [In Another World]/ DUAM [Dans Un Autre Monde] [FR]  
Best Berlin Selection - ABGESTEMPELT! [DE]  
Best Returning Series Selection - Euh [BE]

### **What's Next Awards (Recognized by Webfest Berlin as 'Ones to Watch')**

What's Next Writer – Valentin Bourdeau, Jérôme Montignies, & Frank Vezien, DUAM [In Another World]/ DUAM [Dans Un Autre Monde] [FR]  
What's Next Director – Matthias Noe, Spessart Shorts [DE]  
What's Next Producer – Marc Schiesser & Marcel Becker-Neu, Wishlist [DE]

### **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 around the world to share their digital series and be part of a new, innovative movement within online entertainment. Webfest Berlin is supported by Medienboard Berlin-Brandenburg GmbH, Holzmarkt, DNS:NET, Et Tu Tableau, GbR, HG Distribution, *Australia now*, Skullcandy Headphones, Seeka.TV, FUNK, Znaida Vermouth, Coolonga, Plakat Kultur, Netfall, Epidemic Sound, and Inktip.

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