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## CANADIAN & INTERNATIONAL DIGITAL CONTENT CREATORS TAKE SPOTLIGHT AT T.O. WEBFEST 2023

*Honouring a decade of excellence in short-form series, September 19 & 20*

(Toronto, ON) June 28th, 2023 – T.O. Webfest will celebrate its 10th Anniversary on September 19th and 20th at the Artscape Daniels Launchpad Building. Distinguished web creators of short-form series and podcasters from various regions of Canada and the world will present their works during an exclusive showcase. In addition, guests will have the opportunity to participate in the festival's comprehensive conference programming, collaborating with luminaries in the industry, including panelists:

- Alyssa Petru, Manager of Digital Development at Bell Media
- Zach Feldberg, Director of Current Production, Comedy CBC & Head of Scripted Gem Originals
- Aron Levitz, President of Wattpad Webtoon Studios
- Heather Gordon, Managing Director Canada of Acast Podcast Hosting
- Michael Mongiardi, Co-Founder of The Sonar Network
- Lindsay Michael, Senior Podcast Manager Canada at Amazon Music
- Matkai Burmaster, Co-Founder of Fearless Streaming
- AMI Television, and international guests!

Two days of professional development will culminate in the T.O. WebFest 2023 Gala Awards on Wednesday, September 20th, celebrating the best in the world. The 100 official selections for the festival represent 15 countries from around the world. The lineup is packed with outstanding short form web series from diverse cultures and backgrounds, showcasing an array of perspectives and styles to captivate audiences. Nominees in each category will be announced July 24. Tickets are currently on sale on [Eventbrite](#).

**T.O. Webfest** is an internationally recognized annual short form digital content festival and conference that aims to celebrate, support and connect digital content creators from Canada and around the world with top tier panels, workshops, networking, screenings, awards and more.

*“T.O. Webfest’s chief purpose is to create a space for emerging and established creators to pave the way toward a stronger, more connected web series ecosystem in Canada and beyond.”* said **Leah Rifkin**, **President, WebSeries Canada**.

The festival is presented by **WebSeries Canada**, a creator driven non-profit organization helping to advance the short form series industry in Canada. It is committed to supporting and preparing web series creators and producers for successful careers in screen-based entertainment. The festival is presented in partnership with **Canada Media Fund, Ontario Creates, Independent Production Fund, Bell Fund, Shaw Rocket Fund, Telus Fund and CMPA**.

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