

## **SERIES MANIA** Season 8, 13-23 April 2017 The International Competition Jury is unveiled!

Series Mania is proposing the very best in international series that will be exclusively screened at the festival, most of them before broadcast in their home territory. And to judge them, **Series Mania is delighted to unveil the International Competition Jury** that will be presided over by **Damon Lindelof**, showrunner for *The Leftovers* and *Lost*.

- **Aure Atika**, French actress (*De battre mon cœur s'est arrêté*, *La Vérité si je mens !*, *The Night Manager*)
- **Eytan Fox**, Israeli director (*Tu marcheras sur l'eau*, *The Bubble*, *Mary-Lou*)
- **Agnieszka Holland**, Polish writer and director (*The Wire*, *House of Cards*, *Europa Europa*)
- **Clément Manuel**, French actor (*Ainsi soient-ils*, *Ennemi Public*)

The jury will award the **Grand Prize**, the **Special Jury Prize**, and new this year, the **Best Actress** and **Best Actor** prizes, to the winners from among the **10 series** in competition. The awards will be presented during the **Closing Ceremony** on 22 April at 8:00pm at the Forum des images.

Damon Lindelof



Aure Atika



Eytan Fox



Agnieszka Holland



Clément Manuel



### **DAMON LINDELOF, PRESIDENT OF THE JURY**

Damon Lindelof was born in New Jersey to a schoolteacher and a banker. He was also born a writer, although it would take over 25 years to figure that out. In 2004 he met writer-director-producer J.J. Abrams to create a television series about the survivors of a mysterious plane crash – *Lost*. After six years, a hundred and twenty episodes, and many unanswered mysteries, Damon finally left the island. Since then, he has worked as a writer and producer on Ridley Scott's *Prometheus*, *World War Z*, *Star Trek*, *Star Trek Into Darkness* and *Tomorrowland*. He is currently writing and producing the third and final season of HBO's critically-acclaimed drama series *The Leftovers*, which he fiercely defends as "not as depressing as everyone says." He also wrote this bio.

### **AURE ATIKA**

Aure Atika has played many roles in many films and series over the past 25 years, including the hit comedy *La Vérité si je mens!* and *De battre mon cœur s'est arrêté* by Jacques Audiard, and the multiple Golden Globe and Emmy Award winner *The Night Manager*, which screened at Series Mania last year. She has also directed three short films and recently wrote her first novel, "Mon ciel et ma terre", published by Fayard. Her latest film, *L'Un dans l'autre* with Stéphane de Groot and Louise Bourgoin is released in September.

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## EYTAN FOX

Eytan Fox, one of Israel's leading directors, started the wave of new Israeli Cinema with his film, *Walk on Water*, which was nominated for a César in 2006. Fox's films include *Yossi & Jagger*, *The Bubble*, *Yossi and Cupcakes*. His television series, *Florentine* and *Mary Lou (Series Mania 2011)*, helped change perceptions and promote acceptance of the Israeli LGBT community. Fox is currently working on his first English-language film and TV series.

## AGNIESZKA HOLLAND

Film director and scriptwriter, Agnieszka Holland is the Chairwoman of European Film Academy since 2014. Her first feature film, *Provincial Actors*, was awarded the FIPRESCI at the Cannes Film Festival. She has directed among others films like *Europa Europa* or *The Secret Garden* and episodes for the American TV series *The Wire*, *Treme*, *The Killing*, and *House of Cards*. She has received numerous prestigious film awards. Her last film, *Spoor*, premiered at the Berlin Film Festival where it was awarded the Silver Bear Alfred Bauer Prize.

## CLÉMENT MANUEL

After obtaining his degree from the Royal Conservatory of Brussels' drama department Clément made his debut as an actor and stage director. He appeared in *HOUBA! On the Trail of the Marsupilami* before first being noticed in *The Churchmen* and in *Falco*. He landed a leading role in the RTBF series *Ennemi Public*, recently finished shooting in TF1's prestigious mini-series *Le tueur du lac* and is preparing season 2 of *Ennemi Public*. He starred in the Belgian comedy film *Faut pas lui dire*.

For more information, go to [www.series-mania.fr](http://www.series-mania.fr)

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