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## Serial Eyes enters its 11th year with four new partners.

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**Berlin, September 19, 2023.** Serial Eyes, the postgraduate programme for television series writers at the German Film and Television Academy Berlin (DFFB), has gained four new industry partners this year. These partners will be supporting Serial Eyes, now in its 11th year, as well its 12 participants, who hail from 11 countries and three continents.

As of now, **Constantin Television**, **The Walt Disney Company Germany**, **Audible**, and **Mediawan** are part of the Serial Eyes family. This family also includes our long-time industry partners Sky Deutschland, Atlantique Productions, Dynamic Television, Real Film, and Big Light Productions. The goal of these partnerships is to support the education of the next generation of European series creators. These industry partners also become important industry contacts to our participants, helping them build their networks, even after the programme ends.

"Serial Eyes is consistently focused on European and international markets when training its writers. With an eye to the future and in these times of financial and political upheaval, Serial Eyes' global focus is even more important for the financing, production, and distribution of high-quality television. Constantin Television is pleased to be part of the Serial Eyes network and to support emerging talents in their professionalisation."

- Jan Ehlert, Managing Director of Constantin Television

At the beginning of September, twelve aspiring writers started the Serial Eyes programme. They hail from Germany, Finland, Romania, Canada, France, USA, Croatia, Great Britain, Brazil, Slovenia, and, for the first time, India. Under the guidance of a team of high-ranking international lecturers consisting of showrunners, lead writers, producers, and editors from European TV stations and streaming platforms, the participants must develop two series concepts: a group project and an individual series concept with a pilot book. These projects are then presented to a select international audience of experts at the final pitch in Berlin on May 8, 2024.

"In this upcoming Serial Eyes cohort, we have once again gathered diverse European voices while attracting talent from the US, Canada, and India. I'm very excited to see what stories will emerge from this unique mix."

- Katrin Merkel, Head of Studies, Serial Eyes

## About Serial Eyes

Serial Eyes is the first postgraduate training programme for television series writers with a focus on the European market. Over a period of eight months, twelve participants intensively learn the specific working methods of television series development and production. The aim of the training is for participants to work collaboratively in the Writers' Room and to develop innovative fiction series formats. Serial Eyes is funded by MEDIA Creative Europe and Medienboard Berlin-Brandenburg.

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Images and logos are available for download <u>here</u>. For more information about Serial Eyes, please feel free to contact us.

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