**LIDO TV: Key Creatives**

Biographies, Contact Information, and Social Media Handles.

**Lido Pimienta** (Host/Co-Showrunner/Executive Producer/Head Writer/Production Designer/Composer)

Lido Pimienta is an award-winning musician, artist, and mother. She has performed and exhibited her work internationally for more than a decade, exploring the politics of gender, race, motherhood, identity and colonization through her visionary music, videos and artworks. Born in Colombia and based in Canada, Lido’s work questions the construct of the colonial landscape through a Latin American diasporic vernacular. Her most recent album, 2020’s *Miss Colombia*, cemented her status as a major international talent, garnering Grammy and Latin Grammy nominations and rave critical reviews. Her 2017 self-released album *La Papessa* won Canada’s Polaris Prize. In 2021, Lido became the first woman of colour to compose a newly commissioned score for the New York City Ballet, with Andrea Miller’s *sky to hold*, and performed the work on stage with the company at Lincoln Centre.

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**Sean O’Neill** (Executive Producer/Co-Showrunner)

Sean is an award-winning producer, director, and the founder of Visitor Media, a Toronto-based production company focused on creating distinctive film and television projects in collaboration with visionary artists. He co-created, executive produced and hosted the Canadian Screen Award-winning CBC series *In the Making*, which featured documentaries about leading Canadian artists including Crystal Pite, Beverly Glenn-Copeland and Lido Pimienta. The series screened at MoMA PS1, the National Gallery of Canada, and museums and festivals across the country. Prior to that, Sean worked for a decade at the Art Gallery of Ontario, where he served most recently as Director of Public Programs & Partnerships, leading the Gallery’s talks, music, film, performance, and residency programs.

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## **Maya Annik Bedward** (Director)

Maya Annik Bedward is a Toronto-based filmmaker of Jamaican and French Canadian origin. After working in the UK and Brazil, Maya returned to Canada where she launched Third Culture Media. Her short films have screened at Hot Docs, TIFF, Black Star and the New Orleans Film Festival. Maya is a recipient of the WIFT-T Business of Broadcasting Mentorship and a fellow of the inaugural EFM Doc Toolkit Program.

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## **Alicia K. Harris** (Director)

Alicia K. Harris is a Scarborough-based director dedicated to celebrating the Black experience with a focus on beauty, spirituality and vulnerability. Her short film *Pick* (2019) won the Canadian Screen Award for Best Live Action Drama.

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## **Sarah Hagi** (Writer)

Sarah Hagi is a culture writer and critic who is currently a contributing writer at *Gawker.* Her work has appeared in The Globe and Mail, The Cut, The Toronto Star, The New Yorker, GQ and more. She is the host of the podcast Scamfluencers alongside writer Scaachi Koul.

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## **Tim Fontaine** (Writer)

Tim Fontaine is a journalist-turned-satirist, comedy writer and performer. As a reporter and producer he has worked for CBC Indigenous, CBC Manitoba, APTN National News and CPAC. In 2017, he left journalism and founded the satirical website Walking Eagle News. He has contributed to The Beaverton and CBC's Because News, and produced and hosted two seasons of the comedy/news panel program *The Laughing Drum* on APTN.

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## **Nelly Furtado** (Special Guest)

Nelly Furtado is a celebrated Canadian singer-songwriter. Since her debut album in 2000, Furtado has sold over 40 million records worldwide, making her one of the most successful Canadian recording artists in history. She has won several awards throughout her career, including a Grammy, a Latin Grammy, ten Juno Awards, a BRIT Award, a Billboard Music Award, a MTV Europe Music Award, and three Much Music Video Awards.

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## **Bear Witness** (Special Guest)

A member of the Cayuga First Nation, Bear Witness is a video artist and one half of The Halluci Nation (formally known as A Tribe Called Red), a Juno award-winning Canadian electronic music group that blends instrumental hip hop, reggae, moombahton, and dubstep-influenced dance music with elements of First Nations music, particularly drumming and vocal chanting.

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## **Shad** (Special Guest)

Shad is a rapper, singer, songwriter, and broadcaster. Known for his sharp lyricism and genre-bending musical style, the Juno Award-winning artist was named the best rapper in Canada by the National Post, and ranked number two in CBC Music’s list of the 25 Greatest Canadian Rappers Ever. Shad has been nominated for the Polaris Music Prize four times, and hosted the talk show *q* on CBC Radio One.

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## **Kittie (Morgan Lander and Mercedes Lander)** (Special Guests)

An important fixture in the history of Canadian feminist punk, Kittie is a heavy metal band from London, Ontario who found success with their debut album *Spit* (2000). For over two decades, all of the band’s material has been released through independent record labels, which to date includes six studio albums, one video album, four extended plays, thirteen singles, and thirteen music videos. Lead vocalist Morgan Lander and drummer Mercedes Lander continue Kittie’s impactful legacy alongside lead guitarist Tara McLeod and bassist Ivy Jenkins.

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## **Jessica Karuhanga** (Performer)

Jessica Karuhanga is a first-generation Canadian artist of British-Ugandan heritage whose work addresses issues of cultural politics of identity and Black diasporic concerns through lens-based technologies, writing, drawing and performances. Karuhanga has presented her work at the Robert McLaughlin Gallery, SummerWorks Lab, The Bentway, Nuit Blanche, Onsite Gallery, and Goldsmiths University in London, UK.

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## **jes sachse** (Performer)

jes sachse is an artist, writer and choreographer who addresses the negotiations of bodies moving in public/private space and the work of their care. Often found marrying poetry with large scale sculptural forms, their work has appeared in and been profiled by NOW Magazine, Canadian Art, C Magazine, and the 40th anniversary edition of Our Bodies, Ourselves.

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## **Gustavo Cerquera Benjumea** (Creative Producer)

Based in Toronto, Gustavo Cerquera Benjumea is a Colombian-Canadian digital media artist, animator, and teacher who specializes in computer animation, video installation, and drawing. His work has been exhibited at the Ottawa International Animation Festival, the Toronto Animated Image Society, the Niagara Artist Centre, Summerworks Festival, Buddies in Bad Times Theater, and Nuit Blanche Toronto, among others. He was the Exhibitionist in Residence for CBC’s *The Exhibitionist*, as well as the Artist in Residence for the Toronto Animated Image Society and the Imagine Science Films Festival in New York.

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## **Christina Carvalho** (Producer)

Christina Carvalho is an award winning documentary producer and director based in Toronto.

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## **Soko Negash** (Production Manager)

Soko Negash is a visual artist andmedia-maker playing between the worlds of documentary film, podcasts, and photography. Drawing from her interest in music, she was the talent producer on the Emmy-winning Netflix series *Hip-Hop Evolution*. Nagash is an alumni of Black Women Film!, Hot Docs Accelerator, and the Nia Centre Artist-in-Residence Program.

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## **Cat Calica** (Costume Designer)

Cat Calica is a Toronto-based creative director, costume designer, and stylist.

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## **Rahsthetics** (Makeup and Hair)

Rahsthetics is a multidisciplinary artist best known for her work emphasizing Black, queer, and people of colour through the art of makeup. A force within the industry for nearly a decade, Rahshetic disrupts how beauty is perceived and celebrated through her imaginative artistry.

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