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The Heated Rivalry official soundtrack is coming this week

The queer hockey romance has taken the world by storm, and people can't get enough of its music

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Connor Storrie and Hudson Williams attend the premiere of Heated Rivalry at TIFF Lightbox in Toronto. (Harold Feng/Getty Images)

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Heated Rivalry, the breakout hit show of 2025, continues its quest for world domination with the announcement of an official soundtrack.

The Canadian Crave original, created and directed by Jacob Tierney (Letterkenny, Shoresy) and based on the Game Changers book series by Rachel Reid, follows two closeted hockey players (played by Hudson Williams and Connor Storrie) as they navigate their on-ice rivalry and off-ice secret romantic entanglement.

It's the buzzy sex scenes that got people talking, but the standout musical moments have gone viral in their own right.

- All the Canadian needle drops in Heated Rivalry

Billboard reports that a series soundtrack will be released on Jan. 16, created by the show's composer, Québec City singer-songwriter Peter Peter (Peter Roy).

The first two singles, Rivalry and It's You, are out now.

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"From the first day I started writing the show, I knew music would be as integral to the series as the actors themselves, and Peter's work was what I had on repeat," Tierney told Billboard.

"His original score doesn't just sit underneath the story; it carries the emotion, the rhythm and the pulse of the show. I honestly can't imagine this series without it. Peter's music is completely woven into what the show is and how the story comes alive on screen."

The soundtrack is 34 songs that trace the two main characters' love story as it unfolds, from the bristling tension of their hockey rivalry to the euphoria of finally saying "I love you."

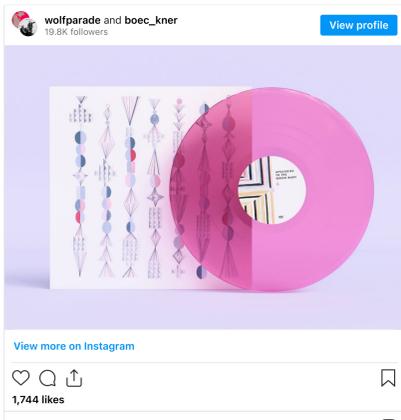
Peter Peter told Billboard that he had never allowed himself as much "latitude" while composing before this project: "The music I composed for Heated Rivalry uncovered a side of me I wasn't certain I possessed, yet one I had always quietly wished was there," he said.

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Beyond the score, songs by Feist, t.a.t.u. and Wolf Parade soundtrack some of the pivotal moments in the series, and thanks to the show's popularity, have seen an enormous increase in streaming numbers.

Montreal band Wolf Parade's 2005 track, I'll Believe in Anything, saw a 2,650 per cent increase, according to Spotify Canada.

Reacting to the newfound fans and interest in their music, the band's label Sub Pop is re-issuing the album that the song appears on, Apologies To The Queen Mary, on vinyl.



The band is also releasing some new on-the-nose merch: a T-shirt with the song title and a strategically positioned hockey stick.

Heated Rivalry's momentum shows no signs of slowing, with a second season on the way.

The show's stars, Williams, Storrie and François Arnaud have been inescapable, appearing on The Tonight Show with Jimmy Fallon, Late Night with Seth Meyers, presenting at the Golden Globes and hanging out with Oprah and Gayle King, just in the past week.

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