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Heated Rivalry soundtrack was laid down in Quebec – and is now streaming

Quebec City musician Peter Roy is the composer behind the original score for the gay hockey romance.

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Montrealer Jacob Tierney, the writer, director and producer of the new Crave series Heated Rivalry, about a love affair between two hockey players, before the premiere of the first episode, as part of the Image + Nation film festival at Concordia University in Montreal on Nov. 23, 2025. He says the show's original score by Quebec City musician Peter Roy "carries the emotion, the rhythm and the pulse of the show." PHOTO BY JOHN MAHONEY /Montreal Gazette



Heated Rivalry, the gay Canadian hockey romance that has dominated the internet since it started broadcasting last fall, released its official soundtrack on Friday.

The Crave series, directed by Montreal's Jacob Tierney and adapted from Rachel Reid's Game Changers book series, follows two rival hockey players as they hide their secret romance and navigate a league with no openly gay players.

Quebec City musician Peter Roy, known professionally as Peter Peter, is the composer behind the original score for Heated Rivalry. The soundtrack album includes 34 original songs and is now streaming on all major platforms, including Spotify.

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"It was my first time as a screen composer. It was a fantasy, like (it is for) most singer-songwriters," he told The Gazette in an interview on the day of the album release.

The show has gone viral for its steamy sex scenes, but their emotional depth is elevated by the music.

"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."

Montreal features heavily in the series. One of the main characters is a local hockey player, with much of the show set in the city.

The team behind Heated Rivalry is also full of Montrealers, including director Jacob Tierney and actors François Arnaud and Sophie Nélisse, who is seen wearing a St-Viateur Bagel T-shirt in one episode.

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"Jacob's a Montrealer. He's also Francophile. So he loves a lot of artists out there, and he wanted them to be part of the show as well. And I was part of that as well, I guess," Peter Peter said. "From what I understood, he's been following me for almost a decade."

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Outside the original score, the show includes licensed songs by other Canadian and Montreal musicians, including Wolf Parade and Feist.

The original soundtrack ranges from fast-paced techno to melodic synth, with an almost orchestral sound. Peter Peter said he was "surprised by the sensuality" of the intimate scenes, which forced him to take the music in a different direction.

"At first, I really envisioned something more rhythmic, more aggressive in terms of editing and in terms of direction. So when I received the footage, I decided to pretty much throw everything down the drain and start from scratch."

Peter Peter added he had faith in the project from the beginning, but did not expect this level of success.

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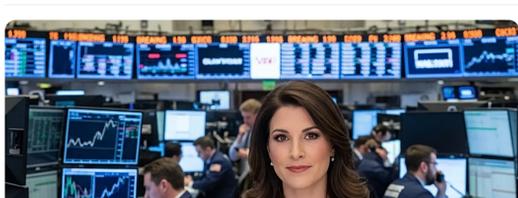
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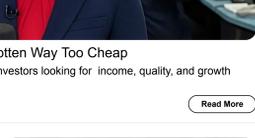
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