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'Heated Rivalry' & 'Hacks' Lead 17th Dorian TV Award Nominations from GALECA: The Society of LGBTQ Entertainment Critics



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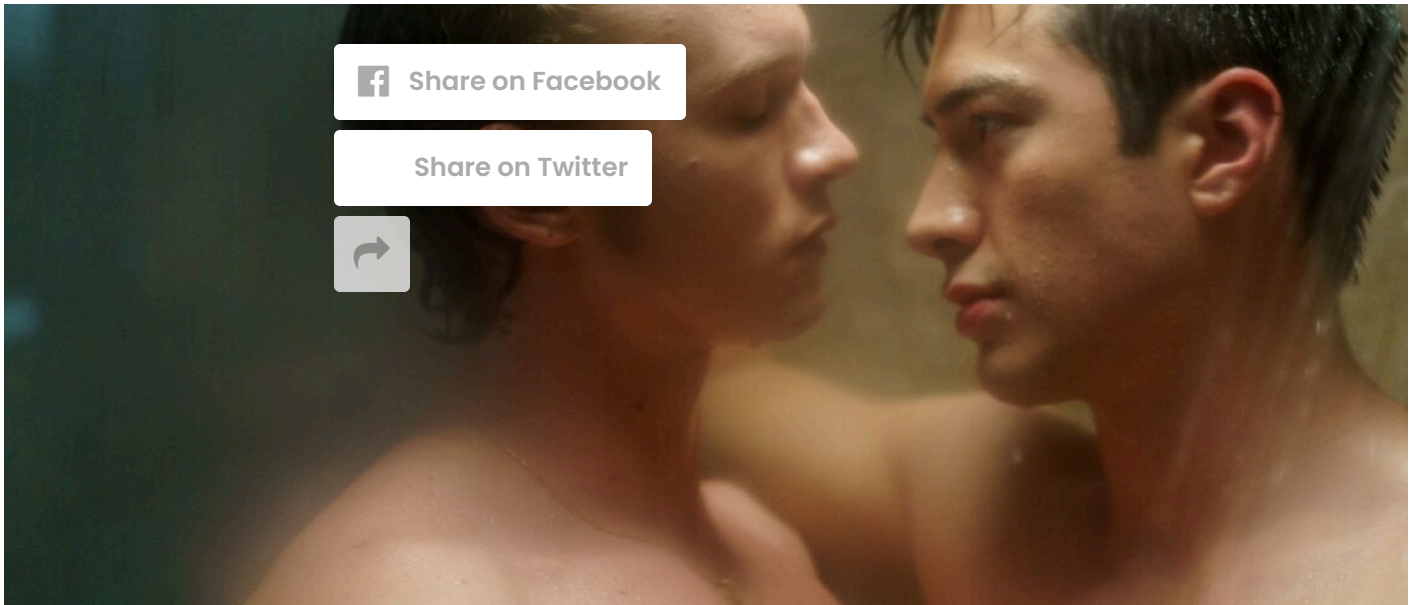
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Heated Rivalry (L to R) - Connor Storrie as Ilya Rozanov and Hudson Williams as Shane Hollander in Episode 104 of Heated Rivalry. Cr. Sabrina Lantos © 2025

It's a good day for gay hockey players, and, well, Deborah Vance!

Los Angeles, Calif. — June 17, 2026 — GALECA: The Society of LGBTQ Entertainment Critics announced its 17th Dorian TV Award nominations today. The 565-member-strong organization, one of the largest entertainment journalists groups in the world, recognizes the best in television and streaming from mainstream content to queer-themed programs.

Heated Rivalry, the hockey-hunks-in-love drama that became a cultural phenomenon this year, and showbiz satire *Hacks*—a longtime favorite with GALECA members—lead the competition with nominations across nearly every major category, including Best LGBTQ TV Show and Best Written TV Show. Both series also scored multiple acting nods.

Vying for Best TV Drama alongside *Heated Rivalry* is the gritty medical drama *The Pitt* (last year's Dorian winner here), the post-apocalyptic sci-fi series *Pluribus*, frothy financial soap *Industry*, and HBO's timely period spectacle *The Gilded Age*. The comedy field is similarly stacked, with *Hacks* going up against *The Comeback*—the final round of star and co-creator Lisa Kudrow's endlessly quotable TV industry send-up—*Abbott Elementary* (another past Dorian winner), *Shrinking*, and *Widow's Bay*, the new comedy horror series from Apple TV.

On the limited series front, the harrowing *Half Man* leads the field, with creator and writer Richard Gadd earning a supporting drama nod alongside Jamie Bell's lead performance

“Ultimately the Dorian  [Share on Facebook](#) Jeer critics deciding, collectively, what television did right. The shows leading our nominations this year—*Heated Rivalry*, *Hacks*, *Pluribus* and *Half Man*  [Share on Twitter](#) : television, they’re queer at their core,” said GALECA Vice President Gerrick Kennedy. “GALECA is proud to recognize these outstanding programs and performances.”

As ever, the Dorian Awards’ more specialized categories put a light on lesser-known gems. The Best Unsung TV Show category, reserved for programs GALECA members feel deserve a louder megaphone, champions *Boots* (also up for Best LGBTQ Show), the robot romp *Murderbot*, Netflix’s starry comedy ensemble *The Four Seasons*, and rising cult thriller *From*.

As for the Campiest TV Show award, Netflix’s wildly over-the top—and deliciously queer—Texas ladies drama *The Hunting Wives* vies with *The Traitors*, Ryan Murphy’s legal drama *All’s Fair* (refresher: Kim Kardashian plays a high-priced attorney named Allura Grant), *The Comeback*, and last year’s Dorian winner *Palm Royale*.

The Dorians also recognize productions from all over the world, with non-English language nominees this year including the likes of *Blossoms of Shanghai* and *Squid Game*, as well as anime titles such as *Dan Da Dan*, *The Summer Hikaru Died*, *Go For It*, *Nakamura-kun!* and *Frieren: Beyond Journey’s End*.

Winners will be announced Saturday, August 15.

2026 DORIAN TV AWARD NOMINATIONS — FULL LIST

BEST TV DRAMA

Heated Rivalry (HBO Max)

Industry (HBO Max)

The Gilded Age (HBO Max)

Pluribus (Apple TV)

The Pitt (HBO Max)

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Abbott Elementary (ABC)



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The Comeback (HBO Max)

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Hacks (HBO Max)



Shrinking (Apple TV)

Widow's Bay (Apple TV)

BEST LGBTQ TV SHOW

The Comeback (HBO Max)

Hacks (HBO Max)

Half Man (HBO Max)

Heated Rivalry (HBO Max)

Pluribus (Apple TV)

BEST TV MOVIE OR LIMITED SERIES

All Her Fault (Peacock)

Beef (Netflix)

DTF St. Louis (HBO Max)

Half Man (HBO Max)

Love Story (FX/Hulu)

BEST NON-ENGLISH LANGUAGE TV SHOW

Blossoms of Shanghai (Criterion Channel)

Dan Da Dan (Netflix)

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Mussolini: Son of the Century (Mubi)



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Squid Game (Netflix)

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BEST LGBTQ NON-ENGLISH LANGUAGE TV SHOW

The Boyfriend (Netflix)

Chosen Home (Netflix)

Go For It, Nakamura-kun! (Crunchyroll)

The Summer Hikaru Died (Netflix)

Tremembé (Amazon MGM)

BEST WRITTEN TV SHOW

The Comeback (HBO Max)

Hacks (HBO Max)

Heated Rivalry (HBO Max)

Pluribus (Apple TV)

The Pitt (HBO Max)

BEST TV PERFORMANCE — DRAMA

Marisa Abela, Industry (HBO Max)

Jamie Bell, Half Man (HBO Max)

Carrie Coon, The Gilded Age (HBO Max)

Myha'la Herrold, Industry (HBO Max)

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Rhea Seehorn, Pluribus (Apple TV)



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Connor Storrie, Heated Rivalry (HBO Max)

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Hudson Williams, Heated Rivalry (HBO Max)



Noah Wyle, The Pitt (HBO Max)

Zendaya, Euphoria (HBO Max)

BEST SUPPORTING TV PERFORMANCE — DRAMA

François Arnaud, Heated Rivalry (HBO Max)

Patrick Ball, The Pitt (HBO Max)

Isa Briones, The Pitt (HBO Max)

Richard Gadd, Half Man (HBO Max)

Katherine LaNasa, The Pitt (HBO Max)

Ken Leung, Industry (HBO Max)

Charles Melton, Beef (Netflix)

Sepideh Moafi, The Pitt (HBO Max)

Colman Domingo, Euphoria (HBO Max)

Karolina Wydra, Pluribus (Apple TV)

BEST TV PERFORMANCE — COMEDY

Yahya Abdul-Mateen II, Wonder Man (Disney+)

Quinta Brunson, Abbott Elementary (ABC)

Ayo Edebiri, The Bear (FX/Hulu)

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Ethan Hawke, The Lowdown (FX/Hulu)

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Lisa Kudrow, The Comedians (HBO Max)

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Dan Levy, Big Mistakes (Netflix)



Matthew Rhys, Widow's Bay (Apple TV)

Tim Robinson, The Chair Company (HBO Max)

Jean Smart, Hacks (HBO Max)

BEST SUPPORTING TV PERFORMANCE — COMEDY

Leslie Bibb, Hacks (HBO Max)

Colman Domingo, The Four Seasons (Netflix)

Paul W. Downs, Hacks (HBO Max)

Hannah Einbinder, Hacks (HBO Max)

Harrison Ford, Shrinking (Apple TV)

Janelle James, Abbott Elementary (ABC)

Kate O'Flynn, Widow's Bay (Apple TV)

Ashley Padilla, Saturday Night Live (NBC)

Michelle Pfeiffer, Margo's Got Money Troubles (Apple TV)

Meg Stalter, Hacks (HBO Max)

BEST TV MUSICAL PERFORMANCE

Audra McDonald, "Rose's Turn," The 78th Tony Awards

Bad Bunny, The Apple Music Super Bowl LX Halftime Show

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"I Lied to You," The 98th Academy Awards



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Sabrina Carpenter and The Muppets "Manchild," The Muppet Show

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Sabrina Carpenter, Kermit the Frog and Miss Piggy, "Islands in the Stream," The Muppet Show



BEST UNSUNG TV SHOW

Boots (Netflix)

English Teacher (FX/Hulu)

The Four Seasons (Netflix)

From (MGM+)

Murderbot (Apple TV)

BEST CURRENT AFFAIRS SHOW

The Daily Show (Comedy Central)

Hot Ones (YouTube)

Last Week Tonight with John Oliver (HBO Max)

Late Night with Seth Meyers (NBC)

The Late Show with Stephen Colbert (CBS)

BEST TV DOCUMENTARY OR DOCUMENTARY SERIES

Kylie (Netflix)

Mr. Scorsese (Apple TV)

Seen & Heard: The History of Black Television (HBO Max)

Selena y Los Dinos (Netflix)

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BEST LGBTQ TV DOCUMENTARY OR DOCUMENTARY SERIES

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Enigma (HBO Max)



It's Dorothy! (Peacock)

Lilith Fair: Building a Mystery (Hulu)

Murder in Glitterball City (HBO Max)

BEST GENRE TV SHOW

Alien: Earth (FX/Hulu)

The Boys (Amazon Prime Video)

IT: Welcome to Derry (Max)

Pluribus (Apple TV)

Widow's Bay (Apple TV)

BEST REALITY SHOW

The Boyfriend (Netflix)

Love on the Spectrum (Netflix)

RuPaul's Drag Race (MTV/Paramount+)

Top Chef (Bravo)

The Traitors (Peacock)

BEST ANIMATED SHOW

Bob's Burgers (Fox)

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Hazbin Hotel (Amazon Prime Video)



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MOST VISUALLY STRIKING TV SHOW

Alien: Earth (FX/Hulu)

Euphoria (HBO Max)

The Gilded Age (HBO Max)

Heated Rivalry (HBO Max)

Pluribus (Apple TV)

CAMPIEST TV SHOW

All's Fair (Hulu)

The Comeback (HBO Max)

The Hunting Wives (Netflix)

Palm Royale (Apple TV)

The Traitors (Peacock)

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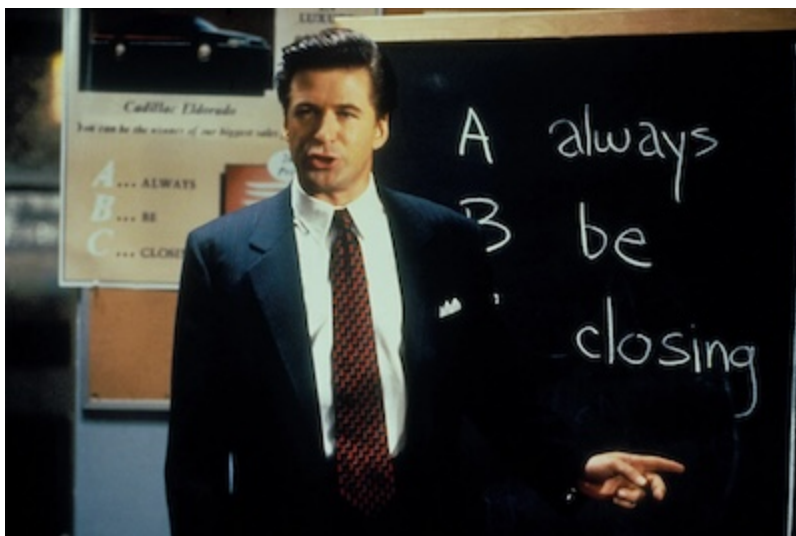


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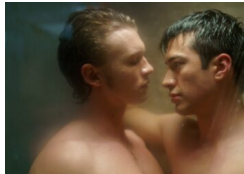
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