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TORONTO, ON (August 25, 2026) — The cast for the second season of the award-winning Crave Original [HEATED RIVALRY](#) continues to expand with [Daniel Diemer](#) (PERCY JACKSON AND THE OLYMPIANS, *The Half of It*) set to star as Ryan Price, and [Shaheen Jafargholi](#) (WAR, THE AGENCY, LOST BOYS AND FAIRIES) as Fabian Salah. The pair join Hudson Williams, Connor Storrie, [Justice Smith](#), and [Charlie Gillespie](#) in leading roles for the upcoming season, scheduled to premiere in Spring 2027.

Produced by Accent Aigu Entertainment in association with Bell Media's Crave, the critically acclaimed and award-winning series HEATED RIVALRY is created by Jacob Tierney and based on Rachel Reid's bestselling *Game Changers* books.

"Fabian and Ryan each bring a distinctive energy to the world Rachel Reid has created," said Jacob Tierney and Brendan Brady. "They are bold, complicated, and deeply compelling characters, and finding actors who could really take on all of those different sides was so important to us. Daniel and Shaheen bring such confidence and emotional honesty to the roles. We can't wait for audiences to see what they do with Fabian and Ryan and how they make these characters their own."

[Previously announced](#) cast for Season 2 also includes: Emily Hampshire, Edwin Ryding, Robert Naylor, Sabrina Jalees, and Priyanka, with additional cast to be announced.

Headshots are available [HERE](#).

The series is commissioned by Bell Media's Crave, with the participation of the Canada Media Fund (CMF). Jacob Tierney is writer, director, and executive producer. Brendan Brady and Jayme Alter Wilson serve as executive producers. Lori Fischburg and Liane Cunje are producers, with Rachel Reid as consulting producer. Mike Goldbach serves as co-writer on Season 2.

For Bell Media: Adam Feigen is Development Executive, Scripted Original Programming; Rachel Goldstein-Couto is Head of Development; Melissa Williamson is Senior Production Executive; Sarah Fowlie is Head of Production; Li Yeh is Director, Strategic Planning, Brian Blazik is Head of Bell Media Sales, Sphere Abacus; Carolyn Klebuc is General Manager, Original Programming; and Justin Stockman is Vice President, Global Content.

The series is distributed internationally by Sphere Abacus, a Bell Media company, and is available in more than 130 countries around the world.

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About Accent Aigu Entertainment

Founded by Jacob Tierney and Brendan Brady in 2023, Accent Aigu Entertainment is a next-generation production company focused on developing and producing premium scripted content for global audiences. Accent Aigu's current slate includes the internationally celebrated, award-winning series *Heated Rivalry*, which has received a Peabody Award, a Television Academy Honors Award, and a GLAAD Media Award for Outstanding New Television Series. The series also earned 18 Canadian Screen Award nominations, winning 16 awards and setting a record for the most wins by a series in a single year. The company is currently developing the second season of *Heated Rivalry*.

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