



# The Creek- February 2024

Welcome to the first edition of "**The Creek**," Hemlock Creek Productions' monthly newsletter! With recent changes to various social media sites, we've decided to create this newsletter to **easily share news and information** about what's been happening behind the scenes at our production company. Our goal is to highlight projects we've worked on directly, as well as projects cast and crew of our shows are affiliated with. We also plan to share news and announcements like **casting calls, updates about our original productions, and more.**

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## Studio Updates

We are excited to announce that in addition to our audio editing services, we now have three new services to offer: podcast consultations, podcast audio audits, and private lessons.

- **Podcast Consultations:** This option is for those those who might be considering starting a podcast, or have questions about their current show (outside of audio quality). Topics can include purchasing or upgrading equipment, casting, finding or recording sound effects, distribution, and more!
  - **Podcast Audio Audit:** A more specific consultation for those with questions about their podcast's audio quality. We can assess the quality of your recordings and recommend improvements to make sure your show sounds amazing.
  - **Lessons:** An option for those considering learning more about a career in audio, or wanting to learn about a particular technique (ie directing, dialogue editing, mixing and mastering)
  - **Interested in learning more**, or signing up for one of our services? Head to our [consultation and lessons](#) page for more information.
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## Original Productions

## "Liars & Leeches"

For those who may only know us from our audio editing services, did you know we are also the creators of the **supernatural horror audio drama** "[Liars & Leeches?](#)"



"**Liars & Leeches**" follows the story of Tonya Wright as she recovers from the tragic murders of her sister and brother-in-law in a random act of gun violence. Struggling to travel outside of her home, she now **lives constantly on edge** about perceived threats that seem to surround her. Retreating to the house her sister and brother-in-law once shared to process her grief, Tonya soon discovers that someone — **or something** — has followed her there. With the help of her best friend Natalie, and others she meets along the way, can Tonya **overcome her fears before they completely consume her?** "Liars & Leeches" delves deep into the complicated horrors of grief, trauma, resilience, and steadfast human determination to uncover the truth.

After season one was completed in 2023, "**Liars & Leeches**" was **nominated for multiple awards**, including Best Sound Design (Action), Best Supporting Performance in a Narrative Fiction Podcast, and Best Director of a Narrative Fiction Podcast. It also won awards for Outstanding Horror/Thriller, Best Leading

Performance in a Narrative Fiction Podcast, Best Audio Drama, and Best Podcast. We are currently in pre-production for season two.

If you'd like to learn more about our show, or want to take a listen, you can do so on the [official "Liars & Leeches" website](#).

## Cusco Webfest

In related news, "Liars & Leeches" has been **selected for this year's Cusco Webfest**, taking place from February 29th-March 2nd, and will be participating in the best international podcast category. Congrats to our cast and crew, and thank you Cusco Webfest for the honor!



## Support

Looking for other ways to support "Liars & Leeches" while we're between seasons?

- **Give us a rating** on Spotify, Apple Podcasts, Podchaser, or wherever you listen to podcasts.
- **Check out [the Hemlock Creek Productions merch store](#)** for clothing, accessories, stickers, and more.
- **[Purchase us a coffee on Ko-Fi](#)**

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## Client Productions

In addition to creating our own productions, we also **work with external clients** to edit audio for their projects. Here are some of the shows and episodes we've worked on in the past month:

### **["Transplanar RPG: The Chaos Protocol"](#)** (Podcast- TTRPG Actual Play)

"The Chaos Protocol" follows **three troubled agents of the Transplanar Reification and Nourishment Syndicate (TRANS)** as they answer distress calls across the multiverse, untangle an ominous planes-spanning mystery, and confront their own demons.

- Arc 2, Episode 3- "Her Ribs Spell Out"

- Arc 2, Episode 4- "Your Hollow Slaughter"
- Arc 2, Episode 5- "Choke Down Tears"
- Arc 2, Episode 6- "You Wayward Son"
- Arc 2, Episode 7- "The Truth Can Hide"
- Arc 2, Episode 8- "Your Heart Should Run"
- Arc 2, Episode 9- "The Dragon Calls"
- Arc 2, Episode 10- "For Hidden Truth"



The Chaos Protocol Art by [Crowesn](#)

### **"[Intrigue Explained](#)" (Podcast- Talk/News)**

**Three former Australian diplomats shed light on major topics** in international relations by offering their unique perspectives from inside the rooms where decisions are made.

- Season 3, Episode 1- "Understanding Davos and the World Economic Forum"
- Season 2, Episode 2- "The US and NATO- What's the Pitch to US Taxpayers?"



**"[Rhode Island Report](#)" (Podcast- Talk/News)**

A weekly podcast from The Boston Globe on what's bubbling in Rhode Island news. **In-depth interviews** with newsmakers, **perspectives and analysis** from Globe Rhode Island reporters, and **intimate conversations** with community members across the state.

- "Putting Local Latino Stories on the Main Stage"
- "What RI's Lawmakers of Color Hope to Accomplish this Year"
- "I Can't Leave My People in the Dark"

# Rhode Island Report



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## Projects on Our Radar

Our final goal of this newsletter is to **highlight projects and interviews** affiliated with people who have either worked on our original productions, or who have worked with us on external projects. Check out February's news below:

- "[Heard! Afros & Audio Interview Series](#)"- February is Black History Month in the US., and "Afros & Audio" is celebrating by releasing one interview with a black audio professional each day of the month. **Our founder Marisa Ewing** was featured on February 11th's episode, where she talked about her journey into the world of audio, the experience creating Hemlock Creek Productions, and what it's like working in the indie audio space.
- [Earth.fm Podcast](#)- **Melissa Pons** (sound designer for "Liars & Leeches," "Maxine Miles," "Connections," and more) is the host of a podcast for [Earth.FM](#), a website dedicated to the preservation and recording of nature sounds, and interviewing the people who make those recordings. This month, they began their **new "Artist Talks" series**, where Melissa interviews field recordists on their recording philosophies, techniques, and natural inspirations.

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