



# The Creek- March 2024

Welcome to the second edition of "**The Creek**," Hemlock Creek Productions' monthly newsletter with updates about what's happening behind the scenes at our company. It's been a busy month here, so **let's dive in!**

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## Announcements

### International Women's Podcast Awards

- The IWPA's are currently [accepting nominations](#) for their 2024 awards season.
- From the IWPA website: "The International Women's Podcast Awards are **proudly queer and trans inclusive**, and recognize and honor the outstanding contributions made by a wide range of folks in the podcasting sector, from those who are self-taught and producing shows solo, to those part of larger teams at established audio companies. From thought-provoking discussions to engaging storytelling, podcasts have become **an influential medium**, and it is essential to acknowledge the incredible range of voices and talent involved in the creation of these productions, **both behind the mic and behind the scenes.**"
- "This year's event will showcase the **remarkable work and creative excellence** of podcasters across multiple categories. From educational and informative shows, to captivating storytelling, the International Women's Podcast Awards will recognize the **best in the business**. A panel of judges consisting of podcasters, journalists and experienced professionals will

evaluate the submitted entries and select the winners across multiple categories."

- **Submissions close on March 28th.** If you're considering entering, there are only a few more days to do so.
- Our founder, **Marisa Ewing**, will be participating as one of this year's judges!



The graphic features a dark teal background with a white, misty or smoke-like pattern. In the top right corner, the text "IW PA" is displayed in a light orange color, with a microphone icon integrated into the letter "W". On the left side, there is a circular portrait of Marisa Ewing, a woman with short dark hair, wearing a blue and white striped shirt. To the right of her portrait, her name "Marisa Ewing" is written in a bold, white, sans-serif font. Below her name, her title "Founder, Owner & Audio Engineer" and her company "Hemlock Creek Productions" are listed in a smaller, white, sans-serif font. At the bottom center, the text "I'm a judge for the 2024 International Women's Podcast Awards" is written in a large, bold, white, sans-serif font. Below this, the text "Entries are open, all details at [www.everybody-media.com/awards](http://www.everybody-media.com/awards)" is written in a smaller, white, sans-serif font. In the bottom right corner, there is a circular logo for "Everybody MEDIA" with a microphone icon inside.

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## Studio Updates

### Open to New Clients

- We are currently available to take new clients in need of our audio editing services. We can edit audio for podcasts/audio dramas, video games, and films. Our services include:
  - Dialogue Editing
  - Sound Design
  - Mixing
  - Mastering
- You can learn more about our services through our [website](#), as well as listen to some of the [past projects](#) we've worked on for external clients.

### Consultations and Lessons

As of last month, we now also offer lessons and consultations for those creating their own shows, or who may want to learn more about working in the world of audio.

- **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

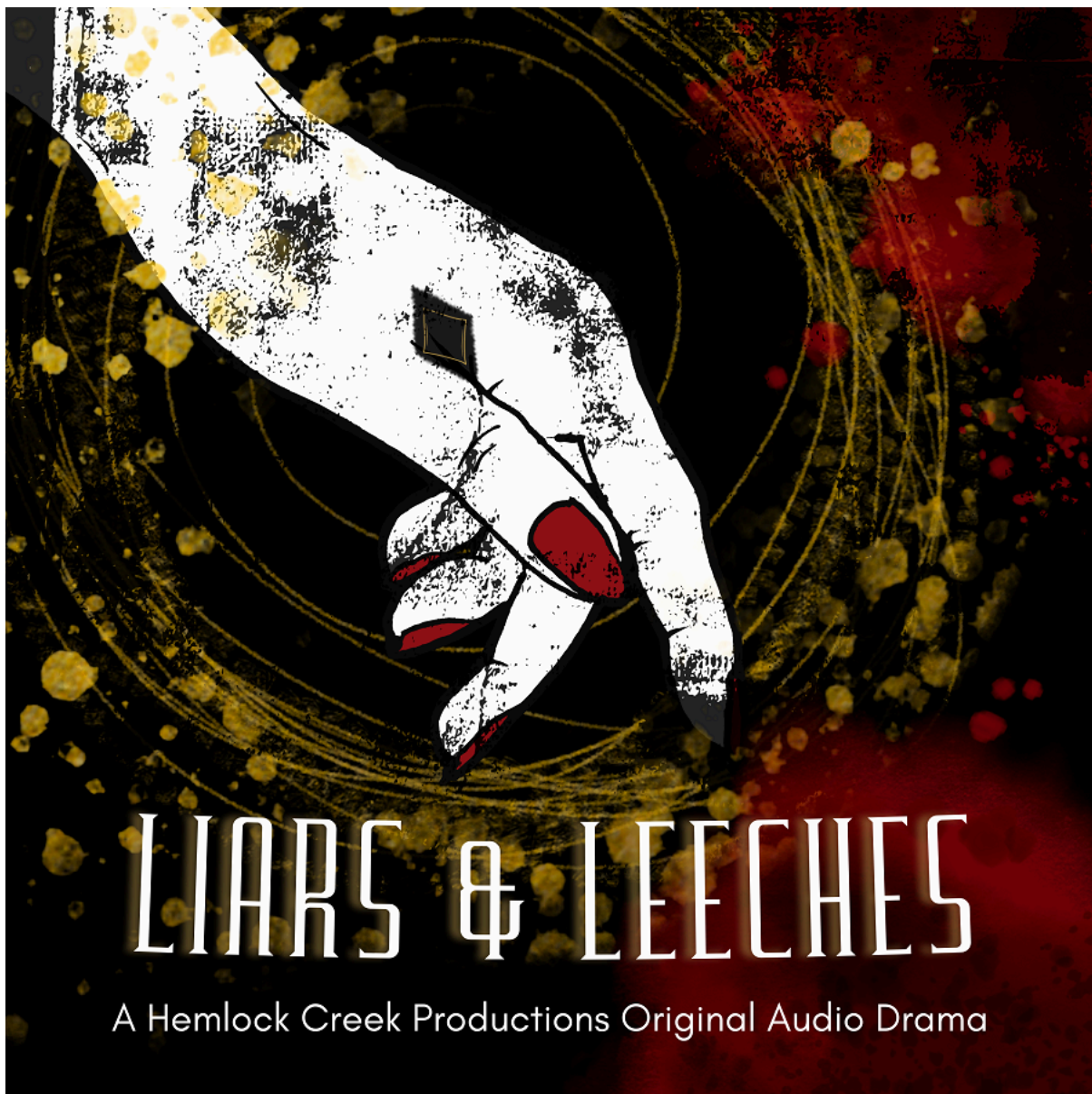
### "Liars & Leeches"

The entire first season of our **supernatural horror audio drama** "[Liars & Leeches](#)" is currently streaming on [Spotify](#), [Apple Podcasts](#), and wherever else you listen to podcasts.

We are currently in pre-production of season two, and will have more updates on its production in the next couple of months. Looking for other ways to support "Liars & Leeches" and Hemlock Creek Productions while we work on our second season?

- **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](#)**





## Festivals

We received exciting news Hemlock Creek Productions will be participating in two web festivals coming up this May.

- **LA Web Fest-** May 2-3, 2024
  - "[Liars & Leeches](#)" has been nominated for **Best Thriller (Podcast)** and **Best Sound Design (Podcast)**
  - Additionally, one of the client productions we do audio work for, the horror actual play "[Dark Dice](#)," has been nominated for **Best Story in an Actual Play Podcast**.
- **Miami Web Series-** May 2-5, 2024

More information on the festivals, screenings, and awards will be released as it becomes available. Thank you to both LA Web Fest and Miami Web Series for selecting us to participate!

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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 11- "A Crimson Bird"
- Arc 2, Episode 12- "Cries for Sooth"
- Arc 2, Episode 17- "Gods Succumb"
- Arc 2, Episode 18- "And Demons Howl"



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 3- "WTF is going on at the WTO"
- Season 3, Episode 5- "Understanding China- Part 1 of 536: The Two Sessions"



**"[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.

- "Does Soccer Have a Future in Rhode Island?"



# Rhode Island Report



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## Projects on Our Radar

March has been a busy month, and we have four new projects on our radar to share with you:

- "[Final Fantasy VII: Rebirth](#)" (Video Game)- *"Final Fantasy VII Rebirth is the highly anticipated new story in the **Final Fantasy VII remake project**, a reimagining of the iconic original game into three standalone titles by its original creators. In this game, players will enjoy various new elements as the story unfolds, culminating in the party's **journey to "The Forgotten Capital"** from the original Final Fantasy VII. Cloud and his comrades escape the city of **Midgar** in pursuit of the fallen hero, **Sephiroth**. As they travel across the world, they find themselves on a journey that will decide the fate of the planet."* Final Fantasy VII Rebirth is now available, and you can hear **Kendell Byrd** (*Tonya in "Liars & Leeches"*) as Michaela and additional voices throughout the game.
- "[Peculiar Radio](#)" (Podcast)- *"24 hours a day, 7 days a week, **93.3 WSCP-FM The Scoop** rules the airwaves in the city of Peculiar Springs... until **15 seconds of dead air** threatens their livelihoods, their community standing, and*

the station itself. Follow the crew as they **bumble in the footsteps of their station founder** on a ride that takes them to the most peculiar corners of the Springs." **Tyler Hyrchuk** (*The Cashier in "Liars & Leeches"*) is a senior writer, audio engineer, and producer of the show. Additionally, he is the voice of the Credits Announcer, Gordon Chase, Kremlicon, Arthur, Bert, and additional voices. Season 1 of the show aired its final episode on March 11th.

- "[Release Date](#)" (Audio Book)- "For hundreds of years, **humans have lived in underground pods**, driven there by intelligent insect-like aliens that invaded earth. But when the illicit truth of humans' condition becomes known, a group of plucky young heroes undertakes a **perilous mission** to traverse the uninhabitable surface and end the Arthropod invasion for good. In this Book 1 of 4, join Huck, Ariadne, and Hemant in this dystopian world on a **race to destroy the Arthropod Hive** before the "inverts" completely annihilate humanity." Narrated by **GM Hakim** (*Cab Driver in Liars & Leeches*), "Release Date" is available now on Audible.
- "[Gail's Family](#)" (Audiobook) is the fourth book in the **romantic sci-fi "Icehome" series** written by Ruby Dixon. Follow the story of a wife, mom, and divorcee and her alien lover Vaza as they navigate the struggles of expanding their family through the adoption of an orphan at the Icehome camp. The book is narrated in its entirety by **Ja'Air Bush** (*Theresa Keller in "Liars & Leeches"*), and will be released on March 24th, 2024.

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