



# WARREN P. SONODA

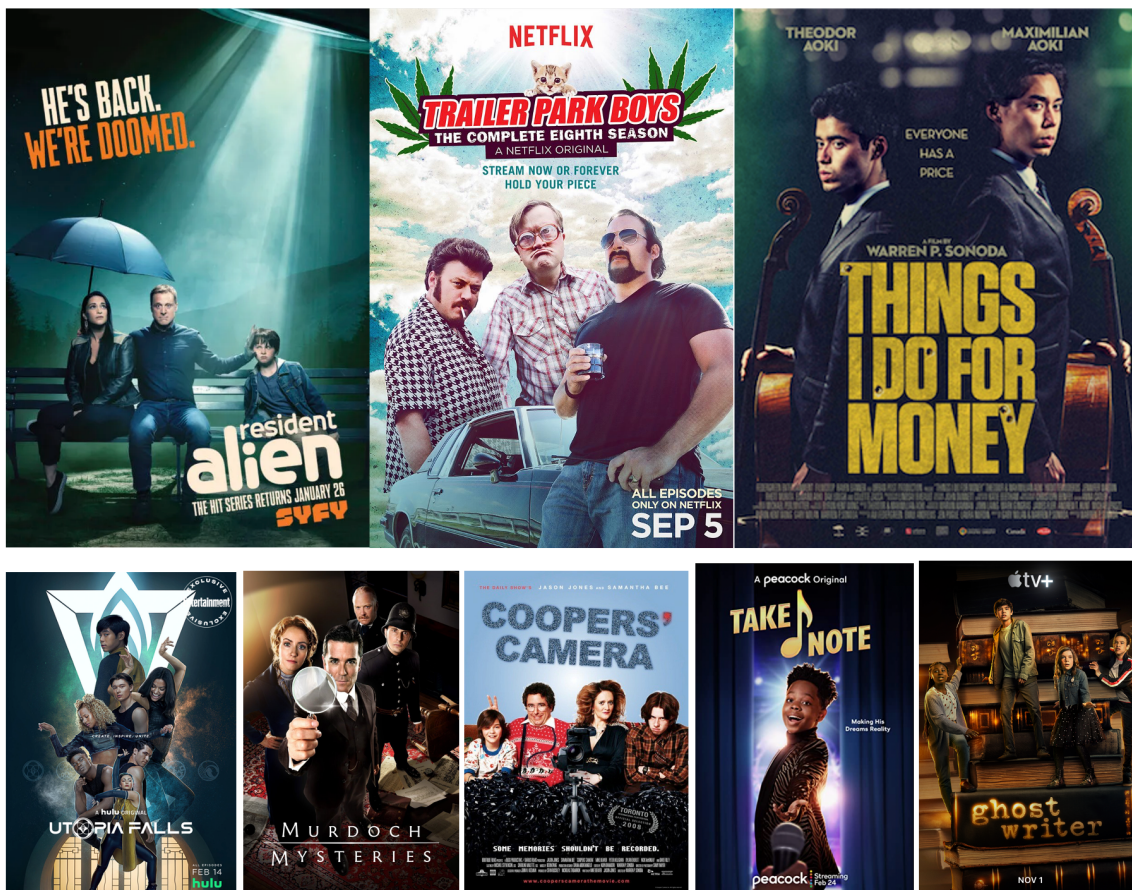
## FILMMAKER – SPRING 2022

### WPS BIOGRAPHY

BAFTA and CSA-winning, Emmy-nominated Warren P. Sonoda is one of Canada's busiest, in-demand and prolific narrative directors having completed his **11<sup>th</sup> feature film** and **98<sup>th</sup> episode of TV**. He's also one of the most accomplished Canadian music video directors with **over 160 music videos directed**, more than **250 edited** and **4 MuchMusic Awards**. He received a **second Emmy nomination** for Best Direction for PBS's *Odd Squad* (2018, 2017) and won a **2019 BAFTA Award** from the British Academy and a **2021 Canadian Screen Award** for the same show.

Warren has solidified his name as one of Canada's most versatile directors in comedy, drama, action, sci-fi, family and horror. He has directed 8 episodes of the iconic TV series *Trailer Park Boys* for Netflix Originals, 2 new episodes for the Syfy/Amblin/Universal hit TV series *Resident Alien*, directed his first pilot for NBC Peacock's *Take Note* and recently helmed the season finales of *Take Note* and *Odd Squad Mobile Unit*.

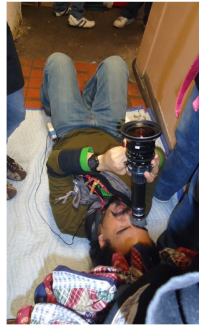
Additionally, he is in development on several TV shows, films and a podcast series. He has written four original screenplays that have been produced: *Unraveled* for Lionsgate, *Five Girls* and *Heartstopper* for Sony Pictures and his crime/cello/caper thriller *Things I Do For Money* for Raven Banner/Evolutionary in 2020.



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Along with his BAFTA, CSA Award and Emmy nominations, **Warren has been nominated for over 50 national and international awards**, winning 4 *MuchMusic Awards*, CCMA and ECMA wins for *Director and Music Video of the Year*, nominated for the 2015 DGC Award for Best Comedy Series for his Season 8 *Trailer Park Boys* episode, awarded the *Reelworld Trailblazer Award* in 2009, *Best Director and Best Picture* at the 2017 International Christian Film Festival for *The Masked Saint*, several wins for his Christmas-themed TIFF 2008 cult comedy classic *Coopers Camera* with Samantha Bee, Jason Jones and Dave Foley and a prescient inclusion in *Playback Magazines Top 3 Directors to Watch* in 2005.

In November 2020, Japanese-Canadian Sonoda became the first person of colour to be elected as the **National President of the Directors Guild of Canada** after serving as the **Chair of the DGC National Director's Division** since 2016 and Ontario Director Rep from 2015-2018. In 2020, he developed the very first **DGC Episodic TV Director Workshop** and continues his advocacy for training and mentoring Canadian Filmmakers. In 2014, Warren received the **Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal** in recognition for his outstanding contributions to the Canadian film industry and in 2015 received an honorary Digital Media diploma from Sault College. **He also got inducted into the Guinness Book of World Records**, knocking Martin Scorsese out of it in 2014. He is also a champion of independent Canadian film as the **Chair Emeritus of the Canadian Film Fest**, sits on the **BIPOC TV & Film Board of Directors**, sat on the inaugural advisory board of **Women In View x2 More** and **Sheridan College's PAC**. He also failed Ryerson Film School, twice.

## WPS SELECTED FILMOGRAPHY

2022	FANGER	(TV x 6 eps), pilot director	Netflix
2022	HUDSON & REX	(TV x 2 eps), director	CityTV/Shaftebury
2022	RESIDENT ALIEN s2	(TV x 2 eps), director	Amblin/Universal/SyFy
2021	JUBILEE s1	(TV x 3 eps), director	Apple TV
2021	TAKE NOTE s1	(TV x 3 eps), pilot director	NBC Peacock
2021	GHOSTWRITER s2	(TV x 2 eps), director	Apple TV
2021	THIS HOUR HAS 22 MINUTES s28	(TV x 4 eps), director	CBC
2020	PARKER ANDERSONS/AMELIA PARKER s1	(TV x 2 eps), director	CBC
2020	ODD SQUAD MOBILE UNIT s1	(TV x 2 eps), director	PBS/TVO
2020	MURDOCH MYSTERIES s16	(TV x 1 eps), director	CBC
2020	LOCKDOWN s1	(TV x 2 eps), director	YouTube Originals
2019	UTOPIA FALLS s1	(TV x 2 eps), director	Hulu
2019	THINGS I DO FOR MONEY	(crime feature), director, writer	Raven Banner/Evolutionary
2019	THIS HOUR HAS 22 MINUTES s27	(TV x 4 eps), director	CBC
2019	ODD SQUAD MOBILE UNIT s1	(TV x 4 eps), director	PBS/TVO
2018	THIS HOUR HAS 22 MINUTES s26	(TV x 3 eps), director	CBC
2018	MURDOCH MYSTERIES s14	(TV x 1 eps), director	CBC
2018	GREENFIELDS s1	(TV x 2 eps), director	NBC Universal/DHX
2017	THIS HOUR HAS 22 MINUTES s25	(TV x 5 eps), sketch director	CBC
2017	A CHRISTMAS FURY	(comedy MOW), director	CBC
2017	HANDS DOWN	(Fringe Play, Patron's Pick)	Toronto Fringe Festival
2016	THIS HOUR HAS 22 MINUTES s24	(TV x 7 eps), sketch director	CBC
2016	BACKSTAGE s2	(TV x 6 eps), director	Disney/Family
2016	TRAILER PARK BOYS s11	(TV x 2 eps), director	Netflix Originals
2016	DINO DANA s1	(TV x 1 eps), director	Amazon

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2016	<b>ODD SQUAD s2</b>	(TV x 8 eps), director	<b>PBS/TVO</b>
2015	<b>MAKE IT POP s2</b>	(TV x 4 eps), director	<b>Nickelodeon/Family</b>
2015	<b>RAISING EXPECTATIONS s1</b>	(TV x 2 eps), director	<b>Family</b>
2015	<b>BACKSTAGE s1</b>	(TV x 8 episodes), director	<b>Disney/Family</b>
2014	<b>TRAILER PARK BOYS s9</b>	(TV x 2eps), director	<b>Netflix Originals</b>
2014	<b>ODD SQUAD s1</b>	(TV x 3 eps), director	<b>TVO/PBS</b>
2014	<b>ANNEDROIDS s2</b>	(TV x1 eps), director	<b>TVO/Amazon</b>
2013	<b><u>SWEARNET</u></b>	(comedy feature), director	<b>eOne Entertainment</b>
2013	<b><u>THE MASKED SAINT</u></b>	(dramatic feature), director	<b>Cineplex/Ridgerock US</b>
2013	<b>TRAILER PARK BOYS s8</b>	(TV x 4eps), director	<b>Netflix Originals</b>
2012	<b>TODD &amp; THE BOOK OF PURE EVIL s2</b>	(TV x 2eps), director	<b>Space</b>
2012	<b><u>SERVITUDE</u></b>	(comedy feature), director	<b>Alliance Films</b>
2011	<b>VERDICT TV</b>	(webseries x 15 eps), director	<b>Frantic Films</b>
2011	<b>WHAT'S UP WARTHOGS! s2</b>	(TV x 2eps), director	<b>DisneyXD</b>
2011	<b><u>TEXTUALITY</u> (aka <u>SEXTING</u>)</b>	(rom-com feature), director/editor	<b>eOne/Seville</b>
2010	<b><u>UNRIVALED</u></b>	(action feature), director/writer	<b>Lionsgate /eOne</b>
2009	<b>MERLIN &amp; THE BOOK OF BEASTS</b>	(fantasy MOW), director	<b>SyFy</b>
2008	<b><u>THE PUCK HOGS</u></b>	(comedy feature), director/editor	<b>W2 Media</b>
2008	<b><u>COOPERS' CHRISTMAS</u></b>	(comedy feature), director/editor	<b>Anchor Bay/Boutique</b>
2008	<b>CRASH ADDICTS s1</b>	(TV x 2eps), director	<b>OLN</b>
2006	<b>MONSTER WARRIORS s1</b>	(TV x 2eps), director	<b>YTV</b>
2006	<b><u>5IVE GIRLS</u></b>	(horror feature) director/writer	<b>Sony Pictures/Alliance</b>
2004	<b><u>HAM &amp; CHEESE</u></b>	(comedy feature), director/editor	<b>Industry Works/Kaboom</b>

**Canadian Agent: Ambition Talent** - David Ritchie

**US Agent: Paradigm** - Bill Douglass, Wilson Rubinoff, Jen Good, Ethan Neale

**Director's Guild of Canada:** President: 2020 – present, NDD Chair: 2016-2020, Ontario Director Rep: 2015-2018

**Canadian Film Fest:** Board of Directors - Chair, 2006 – present Emeritus

**BIPOC TV & Film:** Board of Directors - Visioning Committee Member