



# WARREN P. SONODA

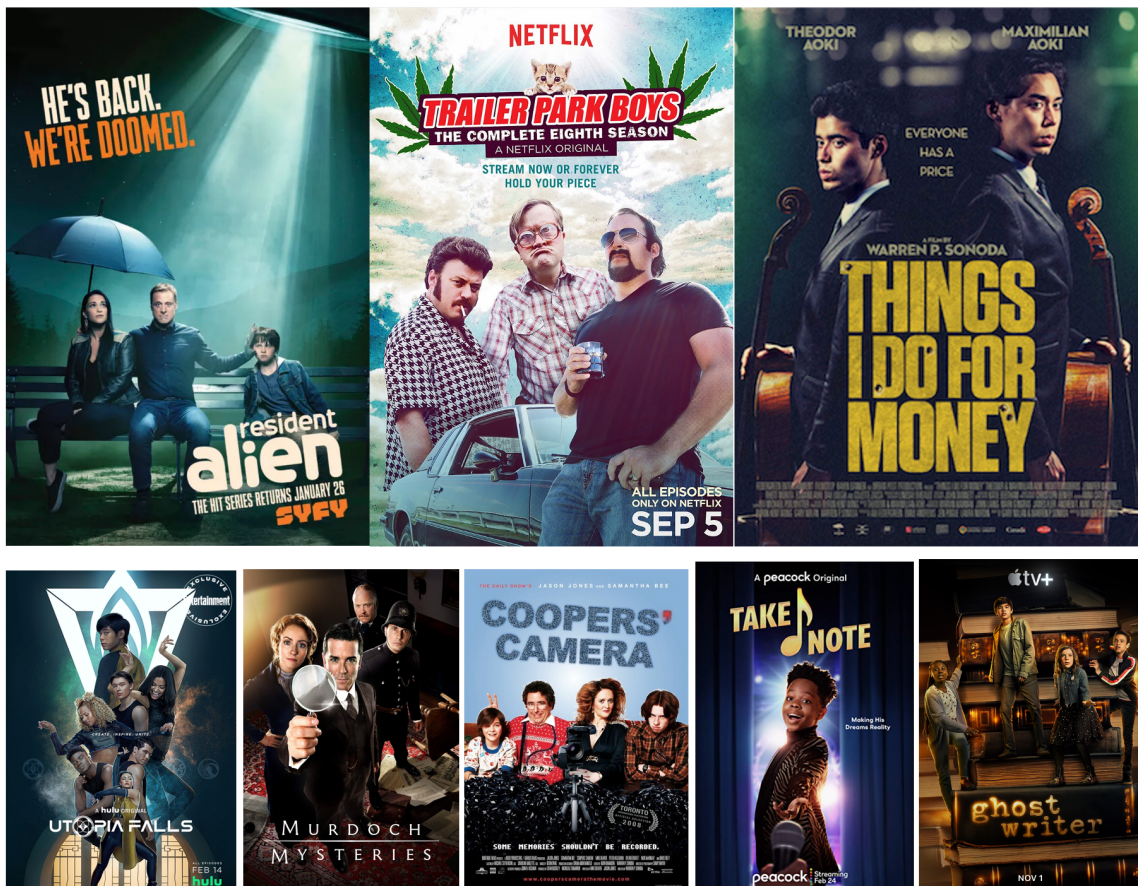
## FILMMAKER – WINTER 2023

### 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 **110<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**, **4 MuchMusic Awards** and **2 CCMA's**. He received a **second Emmy nomination** for Best Direction for PBS/TVO's *Odd Squad* (2018, 2017) and won a **2019 BAFTA Award** from the British Academy, a **2021 Canadian Screen Award** and most recently a **2023 CSA Best Direction nomination** 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, 2 episodes for the SyFy series *Resident Alien*, directed the pilots and season finales for NBC Peacock's *Take Note* and the new Netflix series *I Woke Up A Vampire* and helmed three episodes of the Apple TV+ series *Jane* and is currently the pilot and 8-episode series producer-director for *The Trades* for Crave Originals.

Additionally, he is in development on several TV shows, films and a podcast series. He has written four original screenplays that have been produced and is thrilled to be Showrunning and developing his first webseries *The Black Violets* for No Faux Entertainment.



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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, several wins for his TIFF 2008 cult comedy classic ***Coopers Camera*** with Samantha Bee, Jason Jones and Dave Foley, which was just **heralded as one of the “23 Best Canadian Comedies Ever Made” by the Globe & Mail**. A prescient inclusion in *Playback Magazine’s Top 3 Directors to Watch* in 2005 culminated in 2022, when **The Globe & Mail declared him one of the Top 22 Most Influential People in Canadian Film**.

As a producer, Warren is a Consulting Producer on *The Trades*, was a Creative Producer on the final season of *Odd Squad Mobile Unit*, a Co-Producer on the Netflix series *I Woke Up A Vampire*, and Executive Producer on the films *Things I Do For Money*, *Fugue* and the short film *Red Balloon*, and Associate Producer on Ingrid Veninger’s *He Hated Pigeons*.

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 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 in 2014 for most expletives in a motion picture. He is also a champion of independent Canadian film as Past Chair of the **Canadian Film Fest**, sat on the **BIPOC TV & Film** Board of Directors and the inaugural advisory board of **Women In View x2 More**. He also failed Ryerson Film School, twice.

## WPS SELECTED FILMOGRAPHY

2023	<b>THE TRADES</b>	(TV x 8eps) pilot & series director	<b>Crave Originals</b>
2022	<b>HUDSON &amp; REX s5</b>	(TV x2 eps), director	<b>CityTV</b>
2022	<b>I WOKE UP A VAMPIRE s1</b>	(TV x6 eps), pilot director, co-producer	<b>Netflix/Family Channel</b>
2022	<b>RESIDENT ALIEN s2</b>	(TV x 2 eps), director	<b>Amblin/Universal/SyFy</b>
2021	<b>JANE s1</b>	(TV x 3 eps), director	<b>Apple TV+</b>
2021	<b>TAKE NOTE s1</b>	(TV x 3 eps), pilot director	<b>NBC Peacock</b>
2021	<b>GHOSTWRITER s2</b>	(TV x 2 eps), director	<b>Apple TV+</b>
2021	<b>THIS HOUR HAS 22 MINUTES s28</b>	(TV x 4 eps), director	<b>CBC</b>
2020	<b>PARKER ANDERSONS/AMELIA PARKER s1</b>	(TV x 2 eps), director	<b>CBC</b>
2020	<b>ODD SQUAD MOBILE UNIT s1</b>	(TV x 2 eps), director, creative producer	<b>PBS/TVO</b>
2020	<b>MURDOCH MYSTERIES s16</b>	(TV x 1 eps), director	<b>CBC</b>
2020	<b>LOCKDOWN s1</b>	(TV x 2 eps), director	<b>YouTube Originals</b>
2019	<b>UTOPIA FALLS s1</b>	(TV x 2 eps), director	<b>Hulu</b>
2019	<b>THINGS I DO FOR MONEY</b>	(crime feature), director, writer	<b>Raven Banner/Evolutionary</b>
2019	<b>THIS HOUR HAS 22 MINUTES s27</b>	(TV x 4 eps), director	<b>CBC</b>
2019	<b>ODD SQUAD MOBILE UNIT s1</b>	(TV x 4 eps), director	<b>PBS/TVO</b>

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2018	<b>THIS HOUR HAS 22 MINUTES s26</b>	(TV x 3 eps), director	<b>CBC</b>
2018	<b>MURDOCH MYSTERIES s14</b>	(TV x 1 eps), director	<b>CBC</b>
2018	<b>GREENFIELDS s1</b>	(TV x 2 eps), director	<b>NBC Universal</b>
2017	<b>THIS HOUR HAS 22 MINUTES s25</b>	(TV x 5 eps), sketch director	<b>CBC</b>
2017	<b>A CHRISTMAS FURY</b>	(comedy MOW), director	<b>CBC</b>
2017	<b>HANDS DOWN</b>	(Fringe Play, Patron's Pick Wnner)	<b>Toronto Fringe Festival</b>
2016	<b>THIS HOUR HAS 22 MINUTES s24</b>	(TV x 7 eps), sketch director	<b>CBC</b>
2016	<b>BACKSTAGE s2</b>	(TV x 6 eps), director	<b>Disney/Family Channel</b>
2016	<b>TRAILER PARK BOYS s11</b>	(TV x 2 eps), director	<b>Netflix</b>
2016	<b>DINO DANA s1</b>	(TV x 1 eps), director	<b>Amazon</b>
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 Channel</b>
2015	<b>BACKSTAGE s1</b>	(TV x 8 episodes), director	<b>Disney/Family Channel</b>
2014	<b>TRAILER PARK BOYS s9</b>	(TV x 2eps), director	<b>Netflix</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</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 – 2020, present Chair Emeritus

**BIPOC TV & Film:** Board of Directors – past Visioning Committee Member, present Advocacy Advisor