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‘VIREO’ Composer & Direct Earn Emmy Award Nomination

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Composer Lisa Bielawa and Director Charles Otte, the creators behind “VIREO: The Spiritual Biography of a Witch’s Accuser” were nominated for the 70th Los Angeles Area Emmy Awards in the categories of Creative Technical Crafts – Composer and Outstanding Director – Programming.

The winners will be announced on June 26, 2018.

“VIREO” is a unique operatic experience, filmed into a 12-part series that tells the story of a fourteen-year-old girl genius who is entangled in the historic obsession with female visionaries, as witch-hunters, early psychiatrists, and modern artists have defined them.

Bielawa is a 2009 Rome Prize winner in Musical Composition whose music has been performed throughout Europe and the US. “V*IREO”* was produced as part of Bielawa’s artist residency at Grand Central Art Center in Santa Ana, Californi.

Otte is a senior show producer at Universal Studios. He has worked with such organizations as Universal Studios Hollywood, Monty Python Productions, A&E Television, HDTV, the Sundance Institute, Roger Corman Films, BRC Imagination Arts, ShoConcepts, Lincoln Center, BAM, the Martha Graham Dance Company, the Guthrie Theatre, KCET, and Thinkwell throughout his career.