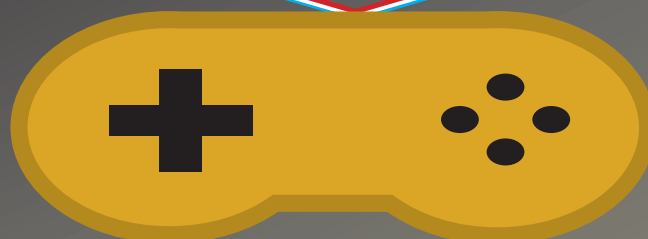


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Canadian Video Game Awards Announce Finalists for 2016

Deus Ex: Mankind Divided Leads 7th Annual Awards as Finalist in 10 Categories

October 26, 2016 (Montreal, QC) – The 2016 finalists for the Canadian Video Game Awards, sponsored by Bell and IBM, were announced today in twenty categories. The winners will be revealed at the annual event to be held on November 15th, 2016 at the Palais des Congres in downtown Montreal.

"Bell is pleased to co-sponsor the Canadian Video Game Awards with IBM and congratulates the 2016 finalists," said Adel Bazerghi, Senior Vice President, Marketing for Bell Business Markets. "The gaming community increasingly relies on cloud-based services for the development and hosting of the most in-demand interactive applications. "As Canada's leader in broadband communications investment and innovation, Bell is proud to offer the widest range of secure and reliable data hosting solutions backed by the most advanced broadband network connectivity in the country."



"The gaming industry continues to push the limit of possibilities", said Mark Noppe, Vice President IBM Cloud Canada. "At IBM, we are committed to driving innovation. With advanced cognitive and cloud technologies like Watson APIs on Bluemix, IBM is helping developers and gamers to significantly expand performance, increase speed to market and improve scalability that will help spur unique gaming experiences in Canada."

Over 55 nominations for games released in 2016 were received from all parts of Canada, with 45 games represented in the list of finalists. All awards are for work developed in Canada between November 1, 2015 and November 13, 2016. A body of industry experts from across the country will vote on the winners in each category. Members of the general public can get involved by casting their vote for the Fans' Choice Awards at www.cvawards.ca. Voting will close November 2nd.

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The categories for each award are:

Game of the Year

Best Console Game

Best Mobile/Handheld Game

Best PC Game

Best Virtual Reality Game

Best Animation

Best Art Direction

Best Audio

Best Debut Game

Best Educational Game

Best Game Design

Best Game Innovation

Best Indie Game

Best Musical Score

Best Narrative

Best New Character

Best Performance

Best Technology

Fans' Choice Award: Best Canadian-Made Game

Fans' Choice Award: Best International Game

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To see all the nominees for each category, check out the full article here:

<http://www.cvawards.ca/cva-2016/7th-annual-cvas-announce-finalists/>

For full event information visit: www.cvawards.ca or follow along on Facebook or Twitter (#CVAwards).

The Canadian Video Game Awards are produced by the Canadian League of Gamers Inc. and officially endorsed by the Entertainment Software Association of Canada, Interactive Ontario, Alliance Numerique and DigiBC. The producers are joined by a national advisory board of developers and leaders in the Canadian digital entertainment industry.

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In a League of Its Own

Deus Ex: Mankind Divided may be one of the biggest games at this year's award show, but the game taking the world by storm is *Overwatch*. Out of the 10 games being nominated by the fans for the Best International Game, *Overwatch* is by far the most popular with over 200 million players across all platforms as of last month. Blizzard even announced *Overwatch* would be getting its own Esports league for 2017 during Blizzcon. It will be interesting to see how successful *Overwatch* league will be once more information is available.

Your Access to Experts

Montreal International Game Summit (MIGS) 2016

The Montreal International Game Summit brings together hundreds of international experts to one of the largest hubs of video games development in the world so that they can share their knowledge with the local and international developers attending the event.

Learn from them during conference sessions, masterclasses and one-on-one coaching sessions before rubbing shoulders with them during the MIGS networking cocktails and other special events over the 3 days.

Unlike many other events in the industry, this really is an opportunity for attendees to meet with experts such as Ian Livingstone (Games Workshop), Amy Hennig (Electronic Arts), Brandon Beck (Riot Games), Marty O'Donnell (Composer for Halo and Destiny), Ray Musika (Bioware) and many others who have joined us as speakers. On top of the content programme, MIGS also hosts:

-A recruitment section on the expo floor where hundreds of developers with all ranges of experience come to meet companies looking for new hires.

-A business lounge where developers can meet publishers looking for new games to buy and service providers can find new clients (using the online meeting application that Game Connection and E3 use)

-Expo floor where Indies and AAA companies can showcase their games to thousands of visitors and international press

-Technical Lounge

-Experts Club

Third party events (VGBA Summit, CVA's, La Guilde Game Jam)

MIGS will take place at the Palais des Congrès between November 13th and 15th. If anyone who has a decent amount of knowledge in the field of game development is interested in attending the event, tickets can be bought on their website: <http://www.migs16.com/en/>



Welcome to the Arena, Montreal

Northern Arena presented by Bell will make its Montreal debut from November 10-13. The event will host three tournaments including the \$100,000 Counter Strike Global Offensive (CS:GO) Final, the \$100,000 Defense of the Ancients 2 (Dota 2) Beat Invitational Final, the \$15,000 Gears of War 4 Canadian Qualifier for MLG Columbus and the \$8,000 Clash of the North Clash Royale tournament.

Preliminary tournament matches (November 10-12) will be streamed online and will be open to watch live for those who have tickets for the finals that will be held at the world-famous Bell Centre. Check out the event page for more information: <http://www.northernarena.ca/montreal-2016-overview/>

Ubisoft: Ready to Hack the System

Ubisoft is set to release Watch Dogs 2 on November 15. Watch Dogs was released in May of 2014, Ubisoft did a lot to promote the first installment since it's announcement in 2012. When Watch Dogs was released, it broke a record for biggest sales on the first day for a game published by Ubisoft.

The critics and fans have high expectations from what Ubisoft has announced for Watch Dogs 2 especially with the new multiplayer system. Aside from that, the world the player is introduced to is much bigger and brighter than its predecessor and is given more freedom; it basically took a page out of Rockstar Games' Grand Theft Auto series.

Event Calendar

Friday November 11	Saturday November 12	Sunday November 13	Monday November 14	Tuesday November 15	Wednesday November 16	November 12
-Montreal LAN Finals day 1	-Montreal LAN Finals day 2	-Montral LAN Finals day 3 -MIGS day 1	-MIGS day 2	-MIGS day 3 -Watch Dogs 2 release date	-Canadian video game awards	



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