

A gateway to success for indie game developers "SOWN 2022" Grand Prix has been decided! Extra Nice "SCHiM" from Netherland

At TOKYO GAME SHOW 2022, today we will be holding a pitch contest for indie game developers, "SENSE OF WONDER NIGHT 2022 (SOWN2022)". The eight finalists gave presentations, and the award-winning works were determined as a result of the screening.

"SCHiM" (finalist name: Extra Nice) entered from Netherland was selected for the Audience Award Grand Prix, the highest award. One of the judges said, "I think everyone has the experience of jumping from shadow to shadow when they were children, but I felt the nostalgia and the novelty of the game idea. Art direction with a limited number of colors, It's also wonderful."

Rias's "Kitsune: The Journey of Adashino" from Japan has been selected for the Audience Award Semi-Grand Prix. In addition, "Best Technological Game Award", "Best Arts Award", "Best Experimental Game Award", "Best Game Design Award" and "Best Presentation Award" were awarded. The Audience Award GP winner received a cash prize of US\$3,000, and each award winner received US\$500.

「SENSE OF WONDER NIGHT 2022」 Award Winners

Finalist	Title	Country/Region	Awards	Website
ALJO Games	MORSE	United Kingdom	★ Best Experimental Game Award	https://presskit.itch.io/morse
ARTE France / Florian & Baptiste	How To Say Goodbye	France		https://store.steampowered.com/app/1709700/How_to_Say_Goodbye/
Extra Nice	SCHiM	Netherlands	★ Audience Award Grand Prix ★ Best Game Design Award	https://store.steampowered.com/app/1519710/SCHiM/
Rias	Kitsune: The Journey of Adashino	Japan	★ Audience Award Semi-Grand Prix ★ Best Arts Award	https://www.foxandfrog.net/
Sapporo shiritsu daigaku fujiki Matsunaga zemi group	Rhodopsins	Japan		https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FPOMyQNFwfc
TLR Games	IDEA	Spain		https://store.steampowered.com/app/1873870/IDEA/
UMANIMATION	DORDOGNE	France		https://store.steampowered.com/app/1272840/Dordogne/
Yong Zhen Zhou	Pastry Panic (with cat)	Singapore	★ Best Technological Game Award ★ Best Presentation Award	https://thezhen10.github.io/pastrypanic/

SOWN(Archive) : <https://youtu.be/41LjVj0SI5Q>

■About TGS Indie Game Project “SENSE OF WONDER NIGHT (SOWN)”

The SENSE OF WONDER NIGHT (SOWN) is the project to provide an opportunity for indie game developers to present their works to discover unique ideas that will catch people by surprise and give them a “Sense of Wonder”——a feeling that something will change in their world, right at the instant of first seeing or hearing about the concept.

The screening committee selected the SOWN finalists from the game titles chosen for “Indie Game Selected Exhibit,” a free exhibition project at TGS. For TGS2022, 78 titles were chosen for the “Selected Exhibit” from a total of 583 entries. From the selected 78 titles, eight developers were further nominated as finalists to compete at this year’s SOWN.

The eight finalists gave their presentations at the TGS studio of Makuhari Messe on Sep. 16 (Fri.), the Day 2 of TGS2022. The event streamed live as a TGS official program.

■ Selection Committee Members

Kiyoshi SHIN	Game Journalist
Juan Gril	Founder, Gametapas
Nobushige KOBAYASHI	Tohoku Gakuin University
Isao KITAYAMA	shindenken [Doujin Circle] Circle representative, Game Planning, Programming
Ramon Nafria	Videogame Ninja: Trusiga
Takeshi TAKAHASHI	NPO OcuFes
Kazunori KOMAGATA	Director, AURYN
Shuhei YOSHIDA	Head of Indies Initiative, Sony Interactive Entertainment
Yuki KATAYAMA	KODANSHA CREATOR’S LAB
Matias Kala	Project manager, iGi indie Game incubator

■TOKYO GAME SHOW 2022 Exhibition Outline

Event Title :	TOKYO GAME SHOW 2022
Organizer :	Computer Entertainment Supplier's Association (CESA)
Co-Organizers :	Nikkei Business Publications, Inc., Dentsu, Inc.
Sponsor :	Ministry of Economy, Trade, and Industry
Dates & Times:	September 15 (Thursday), 2022 Business Day 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. September 16 (Friday), 2022 Business Day 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. *General admission on Sep. 16 (Fri.) will be open between 2:00-6:00 p.m. September 17 (Saturday), 2022 Public Day 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. September 18 (Sunday), 2022 Public Day 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. *Doors may open at 9:30 a.m. on Public Days, depending on circumstances.
Venue:	Makuhari Messe (Mihama-ku, Chiba City, Chiba Prefecture) Exhibition Halls 1 to 8 / International Conference Hall
Official Website:	https://tgs.cesa.or.jp/en