

*Long Story Short Productions
Presents*

UNSEEN

An Audio Fiction Fantasy Series

“The world is full of magic things, patiently waiting for our senses to grow sharper.”

- W.B. Yeats



The background of the slide is a composite image. The top half shows a dark night sky filled with stars and the Milky Way galaxy. On the left side, there is a large, solid orange circle. The bottom half of the image shows a silhouette of a person standing on a mountain peak, shining a flashlight beam upwards into the sky. The beam of light illuminates the clouds and the lower part of the galaxy.

AT A GLANCE

- **Unseen** is a modern fantasy audio fiction series, set in a secret, magical world that exists parallel to our own. The first season will bring together fifteen loosely connected stories, each exploring themes of identity, appearance, self-discovery, and personhood.
- Debuting **October 26th, 2020**.
- New episodes released weekly, with the first season running through the end of the year.
- Independently created, written, and produced by Gabriel Urbina, Sarah Shachat, and Zach Valenti, the creative team behind the Webby Award-nominated **Wolf 359 & Zero Hours**.
- The first season was made possible by **1,162 backers** who pledged **\$40,406** on Long Story Short's first **Kickstarter** campaign. Raising over 400% of its funding goal, it is one of the most successful audio fiction crowdfunding campaigns to date.
- Featuring three special, holiday-themed episodes, written by **WOODEN OVERCOAT**'s David K. Barnes, **JANUS DESCENDING**'s Jordan Cobb, and **ARDEN**'s Emily VanDerWerff and Libby Hill.
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A CLOSER LOOK

UNSEEN is an **urban fantasy anthology fiction podcast**. Each episode will feature a full story, told from start to finish, by a **single performer**. Its first season will be **ten episodes, released weekly**, each one running between **twenty-five and thirty-five minutes**. The first season will also feature **five holiday specials**, released on Christmas, New Years' Eve, Valentine's Day, April Fool's Day, and Midsummer.

The premise of the show is simple: **magic is real**.

Magic is real, and it has been around pretty much as long as there have been people. It comes in many different shapes, and takes on many different forms, but it's been an active force on the planet for thousands of years. Those gifted with the innate talent or the hard-won skills to manipulate it can change the world around them with little more than a snap of their fingers.

And yet... somehow... the world has **forgotten** that magic exists.

It happened a long time ago. Something changed - or was changed - and regular people lost the ability to perceive, understand, or remember the presence of magic, even when it happened right in front of them.





It's been centuries since this phenomenon, called **The Caul**, came into existence and closed humanity's minds. In the intervening years, the world has moved on and left magic behind. People's collective glimmers of awareness of the strange and the wondrous has been siphoned into fairy tales, mythologies, and legends.

But while magic may be forgotten, it's certainly not **gone**.

There are rare individuals - one out of every ten thousand, if not more - who are able to make it past the Caul. And when they do, they discover a world that has been running in parallel to the one that we know, filled not only with magicians, but also with fae, harpies, dragons, and a host of other magical creatures living hidden in plain sight.

The people who make up this hidden community, scattered all over the globe, have many names for themselves. The True Seers. The Hidden Ones. The Unveiled.

The most common name for them, however, is simply...

The Unseen World.



UNSEEN brings the listener fifteen new stories from the inhabitants of this world: the magicians, scholars, and supernatural creatures that have been living amongst them in secret. Some of these tales will be thrilling adventures. Others may be sad and melancholic. Some may be creepy and unsettling.

All of the stories, however, will be unified by two themes:

- I) They will all revolve around magic-users living in a world that can no longer recognize, or even register, what they do - a literal form of going unseen.
- II) Each of them will tackle the characters' struggles to be understood or accepted by the people around them, or to change how others perceive them - a more metaphorical form of not being seen.

Every week, a new voice. A new story. A new part of the world of magic.

All trying to control how they are seen by those around them.



(A FEW OF) THE STORIES



Never-Ending Circles

A young woman in London notices a mysterious shop in Covent Garden, one no one else seems to be able to see. She gets a job there, but discovers that nothing - not even magic - can magically fix what's wrong with your life.



The Secret Ingredient

When a young fae woman falls in love with a fellow server at the bar she works at, she has to figure out how to reveal her feelings to the woman... and how to help her crush see her for who (and what) she really is.



Into the Dark

A young professor at a prestigious magic university greets his new students - and gives them a very unconventional taste of what it takes to master the forgotten art of magic.



A Day of Sunshine and Rain

In a long, rambling voicemail message to his superior, Edmond LaValle, an agent for a powerful peace-keeping agency in the Unseen World, recounts the events of one day in the life of a magical detective.



THE CAST

Performers for the first season of **UNSEEN** include:

- Julia Morizawa (**THE BRIGHT SESSIONS**)
- Emma Sherr-Ziarko (**WOLF 359**)
- Felix Trench (**WOODEN OVERCOATS**)
- Dottie James (**POTTERLESS**)
- Eli Barraza (**THE FAR MERIDIAN**)
- Julian Silver (**WOLF 359**)
- Tom Crowley (**VICTORIOCITY**)
- Zach Valenti (**ZERO HOURS**)
- Karim Kronfli (**WHAT'S THE FREQUENCY?**)
- Cecilia Lynn-Jacobs (**ZERO HOURS**)





Featuring an original score by
Alan Rodi, the award-winning
composer for **WOLF 359** and
ZERO HOURS.



THE CREATIVE TEAM



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Writer • Producer • Co-Creator



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