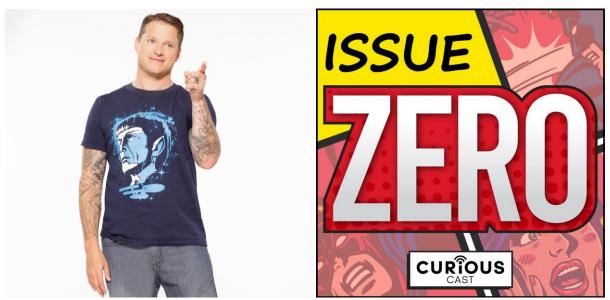




SUPERHEROES, SUPERVILLAINS AND SCI FI! CANADAS RESIDENT FAN BOY 'FEARLESS' FRED KENNEDY, LAUNCHES BRAND NEW *ISSUE ZERO* PODCAST

New Episodes Released Every Two Weeks Starting Tuesday, November 12

'Fearless' Fred Explains All Things Comics, Superheroes and Sci-Fi Through Deep Dives, Anecdotes and Interviews With Creators and Stars



'Fearless' Fred Kennedy, popular radio host and comic book creator, brings his Issue Zero podcast to Curiouscast.

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TORONTO, November 12, 2019 – <u>Curiouscast</u> – Corus Entertainment's podcast network – today announced the debut of its first podcast dedicated to all things comics, superheroes, fantasy and sci-fi, <u>Issue Zero</u>. Hosted by popular radio personality, comic book creator and tattooed Jedi master extraordinaire '**Fearless' Fred Kennedy**, the podcast will explore the aforementioned fandoms which used to get him beat up in school but are now considered the coolest. Coinciding with the release of the first-ever *Star Wars* live-action TV show, *The Mandalorian, Issue Zero* debuts today with two episodes, including a deep dive on the Mandalorians and their history.

"There is no simply no denying the power of superhero and sci-fi fan culture," said Chris "Dunner" Duncombe, Director of Streaming and Podcasting for Corus Entertainment. "Issue Zero takes you inside the characters, movies and stories we all love from Star Wars, to the Avengers, to Lord of the Rings and back. We at Curiouscast are so excited for people to hear this new show."

'Fearless' Fred lives and breathes fan culture. Currently the afternoon drive host for *Toronto's Rock Station*, Q107, he has been a staple on rock radio airwaves and television sets in Toronto for more than a decade. A passionate comic book creator and collector, his love for the subculture saw him featured as the long-time host of Teletoon's beloved *Teletoon at Night* content block (a predecessor to content now seen on Adult Swim), and he's covered San Diego Comic-Con and Fan Expo Toronto countless times.





On *Issue Zero*, 'Fearless' Fred will take listeners on a fandom journey via deep dives, anecdotes and interviews with creators and stars; whatever the episode, you'll learn something new for trivia night.

"Seriously. It's really good, you guys," said host 'Fearless' Fred.

Issue Zero is available now, with new episodes of the podcast released every two weeks. To listen to every episode of *Issue Zero* for free, subscribe on <u>Apple Podcasts</u>, <u>Spotify</u>, <u>Google Podcasts</u>, or wherever you get your favourite podcasts. For more information visit <u>Curiouscast.ca</u>.

The award-winning Curiouscast network launched in 2018 and is home to internationally recognized brands with diverse audio storytelling, including: the #1 Canadian-produced music podcast*, <u>The Ongoing History of New Music</u>; top true crime podcasts <u>Crime Beat</u>, <u>Nighttime</u> and <u>Dark Poutine</u>; Global News daily news podcast <u>Wait</u>, <u>There's More</u>; history and pop culture podcast <u>History of the 90's</u>; and <u>Super Awesome Science Show</u> (2019 Canadian Podcast Award Winner for Outstanding Science and Medicine Podcast).

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