

## **Ancaster Film Fest – Tips for connecting Electronic Devices to a TV**

The easiest way to watch our new streaming service delivered through the Eventive software is to watch it on your Desktop Computer, Laptop, Tablet or Smartphone.

### **Below will outline some tips to connect to a TV.**

Because there are so many different TV's and devices we will outline the basics and you may need to use your manuals to determine the specifics which apply to your situation.

Below we will explore connecting to computers to TVs with cables.

I recommend reading through what applies to you a couple of times. Not all of the following will apply to you.

Thank you

### **Connecting a computer, desktop or laptop, to a TV using an HDMI cable.**

This will be, for most, the easiest and most successful way to connect to a TV. There are a few things to know, depending on your computer. If you have Roku or Apple TV you can skip down to that section.

- i) If you have a spare HDMI port and a spare cable, preferably a longer cable, you plug one end of the cable into the laptop/ desktop (turn on laptop first) and the other end of the cable into the spare HDMI port on the back or side of the TV. Make note of the number of the HDMI port you choose on the back/side of the TV



The picture on the left shows the ports on a laptop. The port on the left is a regular HDMI port.

Some computers don't have an HDMI port and a few have a micro HDMI port (smaller). If you have the latter you will need to get an adaptor or buy a cable with one end regular HDMI and the other end a micro HDMI male connector.

The following link shows you what the micro hdmi adaptor looks like:

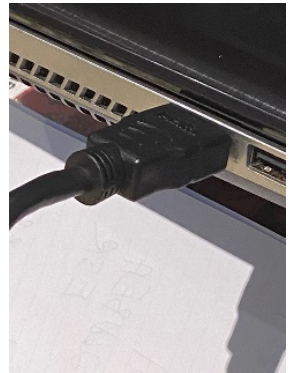
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There are even adapters to connect HDMI to USB3



The picture on the left shows the end of a regular HDMI cable. The picture to the right shows the cable connected to the laptop.

The laptop should be turned on first



In some cases, the TV will automatically switch to the correct HDMI port as soon as you plug it in, but in most cases, you have to manually perform steps to switch to correct HDMI port.

The HDMI ports are usually labelled as HDMI1, HDMI2, HDMI3, etc ... Use the number you noted from the back of the TV.

To switch to the correct port you need to **use the remote which came with the TV**, not the tuner remote, and find the button which says input or source button and then choose the correct port. This causes your laptop screen to appear on the TV.

On some smart TVs you may need to first press the home button and scroll to the source icon on the TV screen and then click on it and then choose the correct HDMI port ... 1, 2, 3.

**For any laptop or phone or tablet you may also want to connect its power supply unless you are sure the battery will last 2.5 hours.**

- ii) If you do not have a spare HDMI port on your TV or a spare cable you may be able to borrow the use of an existing cable, such as HDMI cable connected to your existing DVD player.

You may find that the cable connected to the DVD player was too short to reach your laptop.

There are 2 solutions to this:

- Buy a **much** longer cable and replace the existing cable
- Buy a HDMI coupler/joiner, device, which will allow you to join another HDMI cable to the existing cable. For most people buying a longer cable will make it easier.



Canada Computers an easy place to find 10' or preferably longer cable or a couplers. You may also have some luck getting a cable on Amazon or at Home Depot or Lowes. Don't recommend the dollar store.

To the left is a picture of the coupler. It is a joiner. The coupler is the grey piece in the middle. It connects 2 HDMI cables.

When you switch to the correct port you should see your laptop screen on the TV. Once you see the desktop on the screen go to your email and find the email sent to you about the movie to be seen.



Click on the link in the email and when the Eventive screen comes up login.

Choose the movie following the correct steps and at the end of the movie logout

Notice in this picture you can see the cable coming from the back of the TV. It was nice to have a longer cable.

**Please note to make this work you will probably have to turn off your VPN, if you have one. A VPN will confuse Eventive.**

## Using Roku Box

This wonderful device is known as a streaming device. It allows you to transmit items on the Internet like Netflix or Amazon Prime to your TV, but unlike the internet they provide a much simpler interface.

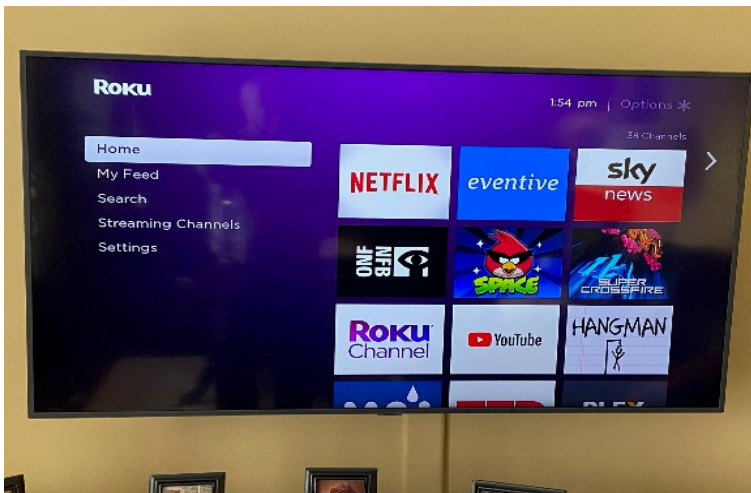
Netflix and Amazon Prime are run on Roku and Apple TV as apps. They don't come with Roku or Apple TV. You must load these apps from within Roku.

Fortunately, there is an app for Eventive TV which can be loaded onto Roku or Apple TV which makes running Eventive much easier.

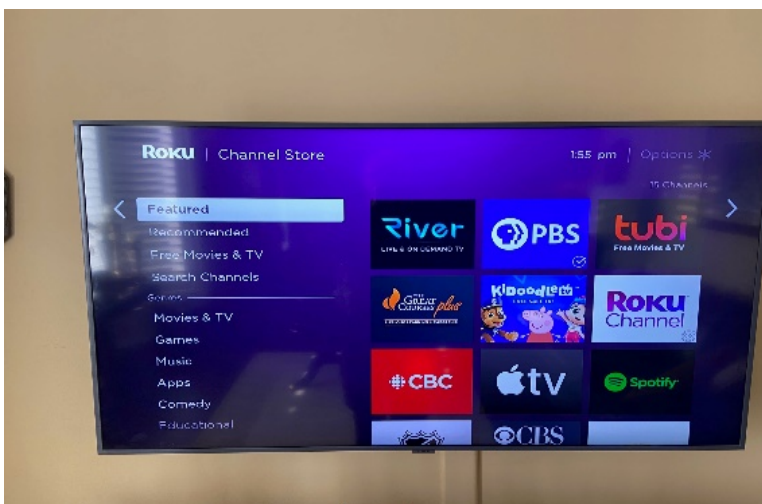
We will outline the steps only for Roku, and the steps for Apple TV are shown later.

### **Roku Steps:**

Startup Roku either from the connecting box or the Roku Smart TV. Remember the Roku box is reached by changing the source/input to the correct HDMI port.



When Roku starts choose **Streaming TV's**

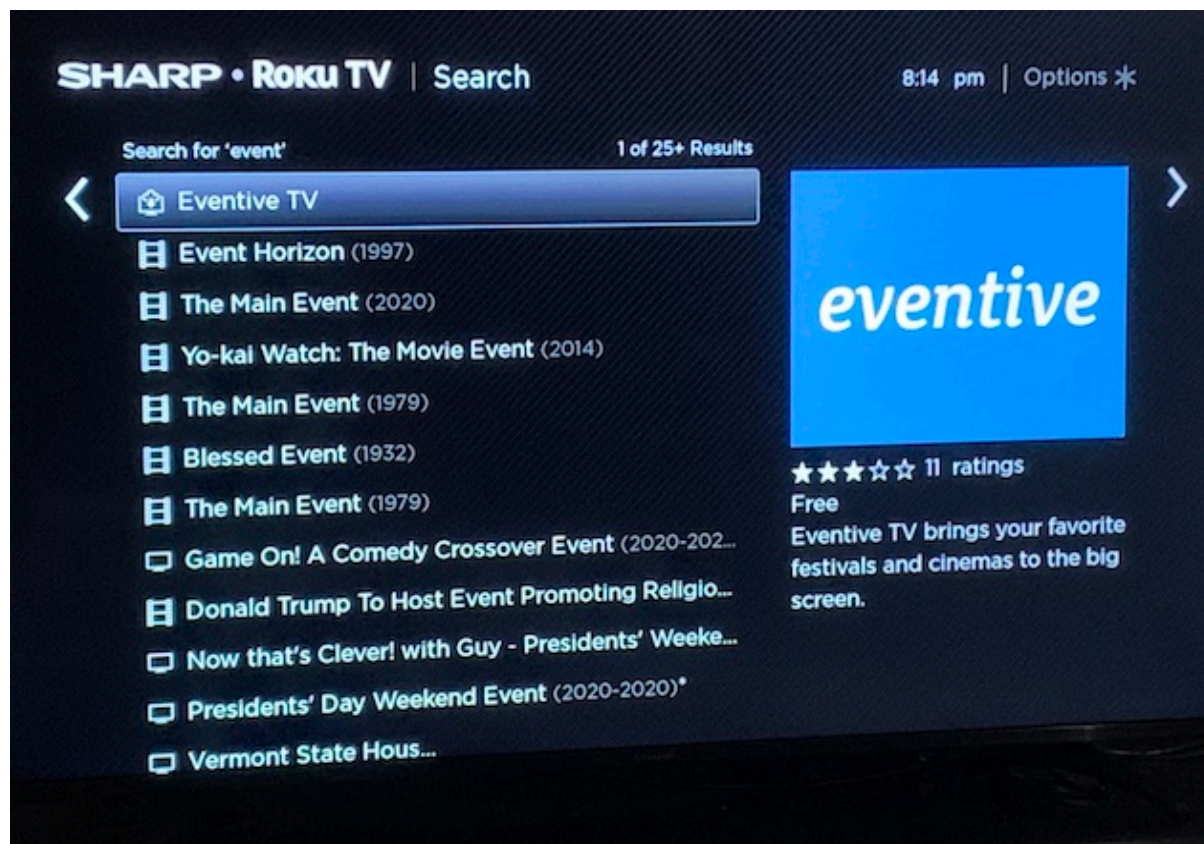


Next choose **Search for Channels** and type in Eventive and choose **Eventive TV** on the right as soon as it comes up. Now return to the home screen, find the App, click on it and login as stated and you are ready to go



## Using Roku SmartTV

This refers to Roku that comes with smart TVs, not a separate box. Similar to the above. Search for and load the Eventive TV App and run it by selecting it.

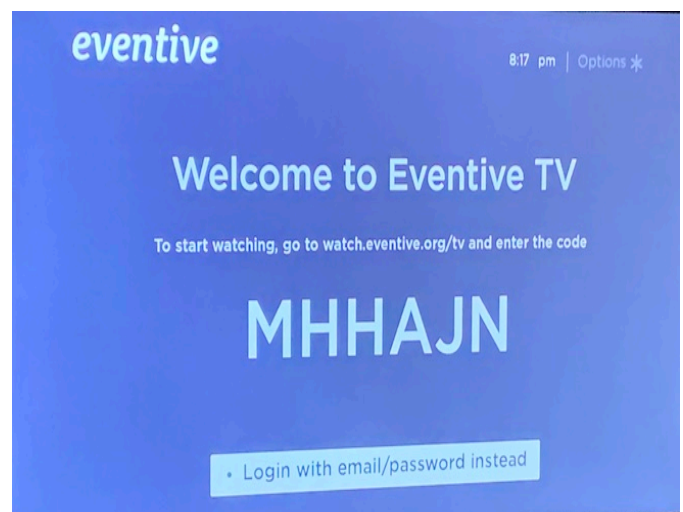


To be able to watch movies on your TV you can:

- Start up your Roku Smart TV and add the Eventive TV App
- go to [watch.eventive.org/tv](https://watch.eventive.org/tv) on another device and enter the code on the screen

or simply

- login to Eventive TV with the email and password (first time only you do this you create a password – remember it)



You will only have to do this once as your information will be saved for the future.

The movies you have already unlocked will be available on the TV to watch during the films' availability windows.

### **Apple TV Box:**

Download the “Eventive TV” app after you start Apple TV from the app Store (accessible via your TV).

When you open the app for the first time you’ll see a 6 character activation code.

On another device (smartphone, laptop, iPad, computer), go to [watch.eventive.org/tv](http://watch.eventive.org/tv), login if necessary and enter the code to connect your account to the TV.

All of your movies will be available on the TV app.

If a movie has not already been unlocked, you’ll have to unlock it first, possibly on another device

Your Apple TV must be newer than 2015 ... version 4 or higher.

### **Apple Laptops like the Macbook**

You will need a USB-c to HDMI adaptor or cable.

The MacBook and newer Android phones have a USB-C port.

Connect the adaptor or one cable end to the USC-C port on your Apple laptop.

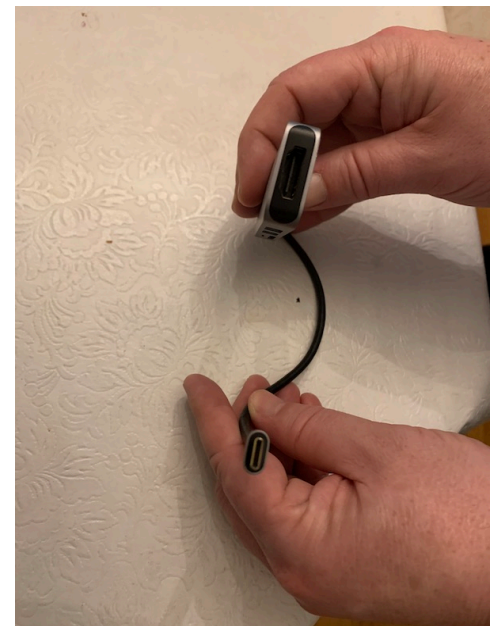
Connect your HDMI cable to the open end of the adaptor and then to the HDMI port of the TV as mentioned earlier.

Set the TV source to the HDMI port the cable goes to.

Your laptop screen will appear on the TV and remain on the laptop.

Go to your email and open the email we sent you and click on the blue link which sends you to the Eventive site. Next login and next select the movie and you can watch it on the TV.

First time you login you create a password to be used every time after.



### **Various ways:**

a) Use received email with a blue link to connect to the Eventive and login

b) You can also enter the address into the address box of any browser: [watch.eventive.org/affvirtual](http://watch.eventive.org/affvirtual) to get to Eventive and then login.

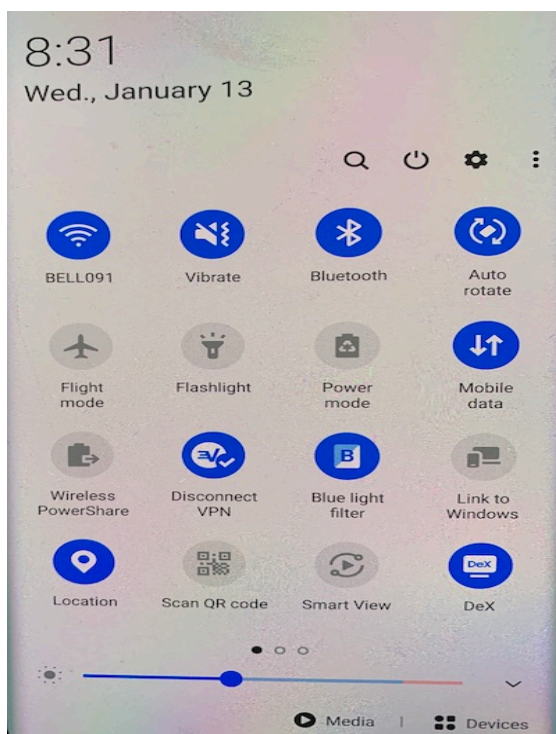
Select the movie that is available to watch or unlock a movie and watch when Available.

## Android Smartphone

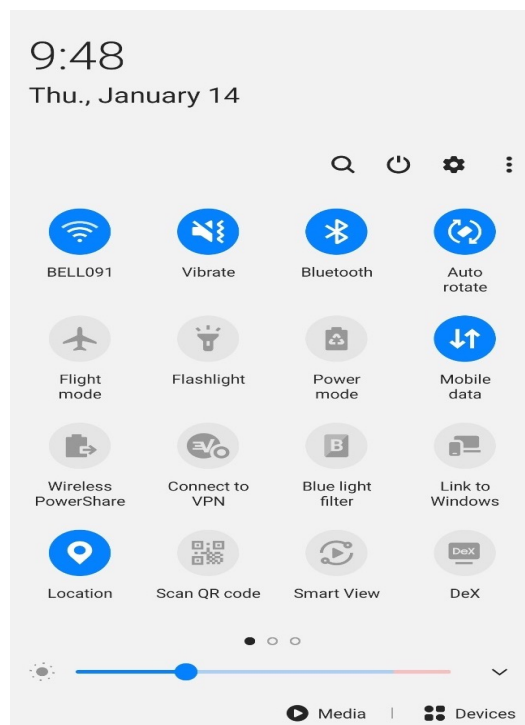
Newer Android Phones Usually also have the same USB-c port which works exactly the same with one difference.

The Android phone contains a **DeX mode** which allows your TV to act like a large computer desktop. It has to be turned off to allow the movies to play on your on your TV

You can search for how to turn off DeX mode for your specific android phone. In general it is under settings but can be found with your pull down menu from the top of the smartphone. Also note you must turn off VPN if it is turned on.



DeX On



DeX Off, (VPN off also if you have VPN)

With DeX off you can go to your Eventive site on your phone, select and unlock and then watch your movies on the TV.

Select full screen and turn your phone sideways to have your movies fill the TV screen.



The following is a link to get an HDMI to USB-c cable.

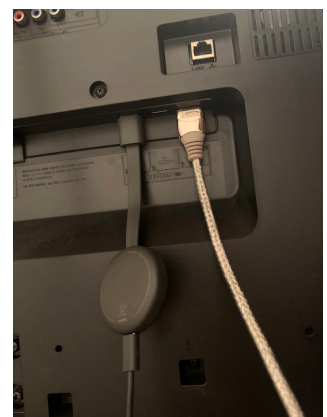
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Canada Computers and others, such as Amazon, may also have the cable or the adaptor. The adaptor allows you to use a standard HDMI cable. Where this cable connects directly to laptop or android phone. The advantage of the adaptor is that it allows you to use a much longer cable.

### **ChromeCast from a Computer or Android Device**

Stream directly from a tab in the Chrome internet browser to a TV connected to a ChromeCast device (generation 3 or better) from your Mac or PC computer. Note: At this time, ChromeCast is not available to cast from Apple iOS devices, like the iPhone and iPad. Once your ChromeCast is set up you can stream directly from your computer. Make sure your computer and ChromeCast are on the same network.

- Make sure you are using the Chrome Browser and load and enter the Ancaster Virtual Film Fest
- Open the Chrome menu in the upper right corner of the window (or the View menu) and select Cast. Make sure the tab you want to be displayed is the one you are selecting to cast.
- Select your ChromeCast destination. ChromeCast will then be connected and your computer screen will be playing on your TV.
- Go to the movie and select watch and start the movie. Change the screen to full screen.
- To disconnect from ChromeCast, click the blue Stop icon next to your casting destination.
- If there are any issues with the ChromeCast stream, try setting the video to a lower quality.





## **Iphones and I pads – Airplay**

These devices don't work well with Eventive. You can connect to some TV's with screen mirroring but the protection in Eventive movies will not work with Screen Mirroring. It may allow you to run the trailers, as well as see pictures and home videos on your phone or Ipad.

### **Not advised for most but if you are comfortable see below.**

There is one way to connect iPhones and iPads to a TV which **may** work with some TV's. It is called **Airplay**.

First check if your TV supports Airplay, then goto the settings on both the iPhone/iPad and the TV and turn on Airplay. On iPhone settings you find Airplay under General.

Once you start the movie there are a couple of ways possible to connect with Airplay:

- a) At the bottom of the screen there is a box with an arrow on the top, one you sometimes use to send a text or email of a picture or web page. You click on that box and then scroll until you see Airplay. Click on it and then you will see a pop up asking you to choose your TV. At that point, if it works, the movie would be transmitted from your phone/pad to your TV.
- b) The other option is to look at the bottom of the movie after clicking on it. You will see a box with an arrow pointing from the bottom of the box up through the box. Click on it and again a popup where you choose your TV.

Airplay may or may not work for you or the TV performance may be weak. It is tricky and not recommended unless you are very comfortable with Airplay. Check your manuals for your TV.

Special Thanks to John Irvine for his work on testing many of these combinations and preparing the majority of this document.

For further assistance the Audience FAQ on our website is beneficial.

Perhaps you can get help from another participating member.

You can also email John at [irvinejoh@yahoo.ca](mailto:irvinejoh@yahoo.ca) or Julian at [dangelaj@gmail.com](mailto:dangelaj@gmail.com).

Eventive also has a chat line.

Good luck, enjoy the films.