



**Canadian
Screenwriting
Awards**

Celebrating the people behind the scripts

**Stars from *Little Mosque on the Prairie* and *Robson Arms* to help
celebrate Canadian Screenwriting Awards**

For immediate release

April 13, 2006 – Actors **Sheila McCarthy** and **Sitara Hewitt** from *Little Mosque on the Prairie*, and showrunner **Susin Nielsen** and actor **Linda Kash** from *Robson Arms* are among the celebrities joining host **Gavin Crawford** from *This Hour Has 22 Minutes* to celebrate the 2007 Canadian Screenwriting Awards on April 23 in Toronto.

Kyle Tingley is co-writing the awards show with **Gavin Crawford** for this special night, which is presented by the Writers Guild of Canada and honours excellence in screenwriting.

Awards will be given out in the categories of feature films, TV movies and miniseries, episodic dramas, comedies, documentaries and radio programs, and nominated scripts are from such hit shows as *Corner Gas*, *Intelligence*, and *Slings & Arrows*, and the feature films *Away From Her* and *Fido*. A complete list of finalists accompanies this press release.

2007 is a special year for the awards with the launch of the new **WGC Showrunner Award**. This award recognizes the writer/producers who hold the vision for a television series and make all the creative decisions from development to post production, like **Brad Wright** (*Stargate Atlantis*), **Paul Mather** (*Corner Gas*) and **James Hurst** (*Degrassi: The Next Generation*).

All winners will be announced at the 11th annual awards gala at 8:30 p.m. on Monday, April 23, 2006, at the Brant House, 522 King St. West, Toronto. If you would like to be on the media guest list, please contact Barb Farwell, Director of Communications, WGC, at 416-979-7907, ext. 5234, or b.farwell@wgc.ca

Some past recipients of the awards include **Brent Butt & Paul Mather** for *Corner Gas*, **Susin Nielsen** for *Robson Arms*, **Suzette Couture** for the TV movie *The Man Who Lost Himself: The Terry Evanshen Story*, and **Chris Haddock** for *Da Vinci's Inquest*.

The Writers Guild of Canada represents more than 1,800 professional screenwriters across Canada who create the distinctly Canadian entertainment we enjoy on our televisions, movie screens, radios and computers – such as dramatic TV series and movies, feature films, documentaries, animation programs, comedy and variety series, children's and educational programming, radio drama, corporate videos and digital media productions.

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2007 Canadian Screenwriting Award Finalists

<p>CHILDREN & PRESCHOOL <i>If the World Were a Village</i> Written by Kate Barris</p> <p><i>Jane and the Dragon "A Dragon's Tail"</i> Written by Simon Racioppa & Richard Elliott</p> <p><i>The Big Comfy Couch "Clown in the Round"</i> Written by Bill Murtagh</p> <p>COMEDY & VARIETY <i>Corner Gas "Blog River"</i> Written by Paul Mather</p> <p><i>Corner Gas "Outside Joke"</i> Written by Brent Butt & Kevin White</p> <p><i>The Jane Show "All About Steve"</i> Written by Teresa Pavlinek</p> <p><i>The Jane Show "Should Have Said"</i> Written by Ralph Chapman</p> <p>DOCUMENTARY <i>Medicare Schmedicare</i> Written by Robert Duncan</p> <p><i>The Bomber's Dream</i> Written by Barry Stevens</p> <p><i>Turning Points of History "Return to Saigon"</i> Written by Dugald Maudsley</p> <p>DRAMA SERIES (1/2 Hour) <i>11 Cameras "Episode 7"</i> Written by Jason Sherman</p> <p><i>Naked Josh "Beating the Rap"</i> Written by Laura Kusterski</p> <p><i>Naked Josh "Footprints"</i> Written by Robert Sheridan</p> <p>DRAMA SERIES (1 HOUR) <i>Godiva's "Out the Door"</i> Written by Michael MacLennan</p> <p><i>Intelligence "Love and War"</i> Written by Chris Haddock</p> <p><i>Slings & Arrows "That Way Madness Lies"</i> Written by Susan Coyne, Bob Martin, Mark McKinney</p>	<p>FEATURE FILM <i>Almost Heaven</i> Written by Shel Piercy & Richard Beattie</p> <p><i>Away From Her</i> Written by Sarah Polley</p> <p><i>Fido</i> Written by Robert Chomiak & Andrew Currie & Dennis Heaton</p> <p>MOW & MINISERIES <i>Above and Beyond</i> Written by John W. Doyle and Lisa Porter</p> <p><i>Eight Days to Live</i> Written by David Fraser and Peter Smith & Greg Spottiswood</p> <p><i>One Dead Indian</i> Written by Andrew Wreggitt and Hugh Graham</p> <p>RADIO DRAMA <i>Afghanada "Episode 4"</i> Written by Andrew Moodie, Greg Nelson, Adam Pettle and Jason Sherman</p> <p><i>A Stone's Throw</i> Written by Jason Sherman</p> <p><i>It Came From Beyond</i> Written by Beverley Cooper</p> <p>YOUTH <i>Degrassi: The Next Generation "Our Lips Are Sealed – Part 2"</i> Story by Avra Fein & James Hurst: Teleplay by James Hurst & Alexandra Zarowny</p> <p><i>Naturally Sadie "Rashomon"</i> Written by Brent Piaskoski</p> <p><i>renegadepress.com "The Rez"</i> Written by Jordan Wheeler</p> <p><i>renegadepress.com "This is Your Brain on Love"</i> Written by Sara Snow</p>
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