



The 19th Annual WGC Screenwriting Awards Celebrating Canada's Screenwriters Monday, April 27, 2015

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April 14, **2015** – The WGC Screenwriting Awards, held at the elegant Koerner Hall in Toronto, take place on April 27, 2015. The awards are hosted by writer, actor, and comedian Ryan Belleville, and are co-written with stand-up/sketch comedian Jeremy Woodcock. The WGC Screenwriting Awards have a unique focus: it's all about screenwriter and script.

Guest presenters include *X Company's* Connor Price, *Sunnyside's* Patrice Goodman, and *Saving Hope's* Wendy Crewson. They will be joined onstage by showrunners Stephanie Morgenstern and Mark Ellis (*X Company*), Gary Pearson (*Sunnyside*), and Adam Pettle (*Saving Hope*).

More than 150 scripts were nominated for awards in seven categories, with 29 chosen as finalists. In total, 51 screenwriters are up for awards at the gala event. Several special awards, including the WGC Showrunner Award, the Sondra Kelly Award, and the Writers Block Award, will also be presented.

Among this year's finalists are the screenwriters behind TV drama hits like *Saving Hope*, *Orphan Black* and *19-2*. TV comedy nominees include scripts from well-known shows like *Trailer Park Boys* and *This Hour Has 22 Minutes*. All of the scripts in each category — children's, animation, documentary, movies and miniseries, shorts and webseries, TV comedy, and TV drama — are strong contenders.

The winners will be announced on Monday, April 27, 2015 at 8:30 p.m., at the TELUS Centre for Performance and Learning's Koerner Hall.

Complete List of Finalists Below

To arrange interviews or for more information, contact Li Robbins, Director of Communications, Writers Guild of Canada: 416-979-7907 <u>l.robbins@wgc.ca</u>.

The Writers Guild of Canada represents more than 2,200 professional English-language screenwriters across Canada. These are the creators who write the distinctly Canadian entertainment we enjoy on our televisions, movie screens, and digital platforms.

2015 WGC Screenwriting Awards Finalists

ANIMATION

The Day My Butt Went Psycho, Season 1 "Everybooty Loves the Great White Butt" Written by **Craig Martin**

Fangbone, Season 1 "The Warbrute of Friendship" Written by **Simon Racioppa & Richard Elliott**

Johnny Test, Season 6 "Johnny's Junky Trunk" Written by **Sean Jara**

Nerds and Monsters, Season 1 "Kaboom With a View" Written by **Greg Sullivan**

CHILDREN & YOUTH

Annedroids, Season 1 "New Pals" Written by J.J. Johnson

R.L. Stine's The Haunting Hour, Season 4 "Goodwill Toward Men" Written by **Billy Brown & Dan Angel**

R.L. Stine's The Haunting Hour, Season 4 "Mrs. Worthington" Written by **Melody Fox**

Some Assembly Required, Season 1 "Dance Crew Evolution" Written by **Cole Bastedo & Jenny Siddle**

You & Me, Season 1 "Ninja Squirrel" Written by **Katherine Sandford**

DOCUMENTARY

The Cholesterol Question Written by Michael McNamara

Norman McLaren: Animated Musician Written by **Donald McWilliams**

Shameless Propaganda Written by **Robert Lower**

MOVIES & MINISERIES

The Best Laid Plans "You Had an Option, Sir" Written by **Jason Sherman** and **Susan Coyne**

Elephant Song Written by **Nicolas Billon**

Sex and Violence, Season 1 "Surface Scars" Written by **Thom Fitzgerald**

SHORTS & WEBSERIES

Bill & Sons Towing, Season 2 "Cleaning House" Written by **Mark De Angelis**

Darknet "Episode 3" Written by **Doug Taylor**

Darknet "Episode 5" Written by **Randall Cole**

Out With Dad, Season 3 "Outed" Written by **Jason Leaver**

Ruby Skye P.I.: The Maltese Puppy "Everyone's a Suspect" Written by Jill Golick & Julie Strassman

TV COMEDY

Mr. D, Season 3 "Old School" Written by **Andrew De Angelis**

Sensitive Skin, Season 1 "Not the Haitian Corpse" Written by **Bob Martin**

This Hour Has 22 Minutes, Season XXI "Episode 16" Written by Mark Critch, Shaun Majumder, Mike Allison, Bob Kerr, Susan Kent, Greg Thomey, Jon Blair, Sonya Bell, Abdul Butt, Tim Polley, Heidi Brander, Adam Christie, Kevin Shustack, Jeremy Woodcock Contributing Writers: Dean Jenkinson, Ron Sparks

Trailer Park Boys, Season 8 "Episode 4" Written by **Mike Smith & JP Tremblay & Robb Wells**

TV DRAMA

19-2, Season 1 "Partners" Adapted by **Bruce M. Smith**

Lost Girl, Season 4 "La Fae Époque" Written by Michael Grassi

Orphan Black, Season 2 "Ipsa Scientia Potestas Est" Written by **Tony Elliott**

Saving Hope, Season 3 "The Way We Were" Written by **John Krizanc**

Strange Empire, Season 1 "The Oath" Written by **Jackie May**

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