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## The Toronto Screenwriting Conference and The Writers Guild of Canada partner for a Screenwriters' All-Star Weekend

Toronto, ON – April 5, 2016 - The [Toronto Screenwriting Conference](#) (TSC) and the [Writers Guild of Canada](#) (WGC) announced their partnership today, bringing together the highly-anticipated annual conference and the prestigious WGC Screenwriting Awards in one all-star weekend from Friday, April 29 to Monday, May 2, 2016.

The weekend features an abundance of inspirational speakers, workshops, and celebratory events aimed at screen-based industry professionals working in Canada and abroad, culminating in the WGC Screenwriting Awards on **May 2**. It will kick off with a joint organization reception in Toronto on **Friday, April 29** from 7-10:00 p.m.

Then, on **Saturday, April 30** and **Sunday, May 1**, the Toronto Screenwriting Conference, an event that is unparalleled by any other screenwriting event in North America, provides two full days of professional speakers and panels. This year's impressive line up includes:

- Emily Andras** (*Wynonna Earp, Lost Girl*) will lead a Writing Room Intensive, and present at the 2016 conference
- Glen Mazarra** (*Damien, The Walking Dead*)
- Stephen Falk** (*You're the Worst*); Story/Career Consultant
- Former NBC and CBS studio executive **Jen Grisanti** (author of *Story line: Finding Gold In Your Life Story*)
- Corey Mandell** (Award-winning playwright, and screenwriter)
- Kenya Barris** (*Black-ish, America's Next Top Model, and Are We There Yet?*)
- Senior VP of Series Development for FX, **Nicole Clemens** (responsible for developing FX dramas including *Man Seeking Woman, The Strain, You're The Worst, Baskets*)

On **Monday, May 2**, the [Writers Guild of Canada](#), celebrating their 25<sup>th</sup> year of working on behalf of Canadian screenwriters (including creators of hit series such as *Murdoch Mysteries, Orphan Black*, and kids' shows like *Wild Kratts*, as well as numerous acclaimed movies and webseries), will hand out the hardware during their 20<sup>th</sup> annual

**WGC Screenwriting Awards** gala, held this year at Koerner Hall. For the full list of nominees, click [here](#). To purchase tickets click [here](#).

“We are delighted to partner with the TSC to promote the discussion of the craft of screenwriting at a professional level,” says WGC president Jill Golick. “TSC showcases many of the best writers working today, including Canadian screenwriters, who rarely get the recognition they deserve. We think it is especially fitting that the conference wraps up at the WGC Screenwriting Awards at Koerner Hall on May 2, which celebrate excellence in our craft.”

Kim Robinson, Toronto Screenwriting Conference Producer comments, “We are honoured to align ourselves with the Writers Guild of Canada, and the WGC Screenwriting Awards. We all share a similar vision as far as developing, nurturing, and growing a healthy screen-based industry, and we believe this partnership will bring together and showcase some of the finest writing talent available.”

Workshops for TSC attendees will look at topics such as the antihero on TV; how to break out an entire TV season; making your story relatable; writing a TV pilot that sells, and a panel of industry professionals will give their notes on a script submitted by an anonymous writer. For full details on the schedule, click [here](#).

For more information please visit: [www.torontoscreenwritingconference.com](http://www.torontoscreenwritingconference.com)

#### **About:**

**Toronto Screenwriting Conference (TSC):** The TSC is a two day event that gathers the best creative talent, authors and speakers in writing for film, TV and media in Canada and abroad. The TSC offers screen based industry professionals an advanced level of education and skills development unparalleled by any other screenwriting event in the country. Previous conference speakers have included David S. Goyer (*Batman V. Superman*), Mara Brock Akil (*Being Mary Jane*), Dan & Eugene Levy (*Schitt's Creek*), Bruce Smith (*19-2*), Michael Arndt (*Toy Story 3*), David Webb Peoples (*Blade Runner*), Leonard Dick (*The Good Wife*), Glenn Mazzara (*The Walking Dead*), Beau Willimon (*House of Cards*), Mark Ellis & Stephanie Morgenstern (*X Company*), Graham Yost (*Justified*), Dean DeBlois (*How to Train Your Dragon*), Tim Long (*The Simpsons*), Patricia Rozema (*Grey Gardens*), and Chuck Tatham (*How I Met Your Mother*). The seventh annual Toronto Screenwriting Conference takes place at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre on April 30 and May 1.

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

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