

Announcing the 2016 WGC Screenwriting Awards Winners

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May 3, 2016 — The Writers Guild of Canada celebrated screenwriters and their scripts last night at the WGC Screenwriting Awards gala, held at the TELUS Centre for Performance and Learning's Koerner Hall. The TV, film, and digital media industry gathered to toast the talented winning writers and mark the WGC's 25th anniversary. The awards show was hosted by Elvira Kurt and co-written by Jeremy Woodcock and Ryan Belleville.

The TV Drama award went to Russ Cochrane for his *Orphan Black* script, "Newer Elements of Our Defense," and *The Book of Negroes (Episode 1)*, story by Lawrence Hill, teleplay by Clement Virgo, took home the award in the MOW & Miniseries category. (See below for the complete list of winners.)

The WGC was also pleased to present a number of special awards to four deserving recipients: The WGC Showrunner Award to Frank van Keeken (*The Next Step, Lost & Found Music Studios*); the Writers Block Award for service to Canadian screenwriters to Peter Mohan, the Sondra Kelly Award to Penny Gummerson, and the Alex Barris Mentorship Award to Clive Endersby.

Thank you to our guest awards presenters: Andrew De Angelis, Dylan Taylor, Karen Walton, Michael McNamara, Jessie Gabe, Steven Westren, Katherine Sandford, Elan Mastai, Cynthia Knight, Jennifer Holness, Sudz Sutherland, and Ian Malone.

Congratulations to the award-winning creators honoured at this year's
WGC Screenwriting Awards!

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2016 WGC Screenwriting Awards Winners

CHILDREN

Numb Chucks, Season 2 "Witless to the Prosecution"
Written by **Evan Thaler Hickey**

DOCUMENTARY

Deluged by Data
Written by **Josh Freed**

FEATURE FILM

A Christmas Horror Story
Written by **James Kee and Sarah Larsen and Doug Taylor and Pascal Trottier**

MOW & MINISERIES

The Book of Negroes: Episode 1
Story by **Lawrence Hill**, Teleplay by **Clement Virgo**

SHORTS & WEBSERIES

Goldfish
Written by **Michael Konyves**

TV COMEDY

Schitt's Creek, Season 1 "The Cabin"
Written by **Amanda Walsh**

TV DRAMA

Orphan Black, Season 3 "Newer Elements of Our Defense"
Written by **Russ Cochrane**

TWEENS & TEENS

Some Assembly Required, Season 2 "Rocket with a Pocket"
Written by **Jennica Harper**



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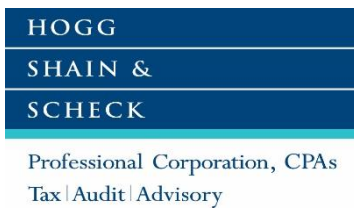


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