

News Flash! Elvira Kurt Hosts WGC Screenwriting Awards Monday, May 2, 2016

April 25, 2016 – The Writers Guild of Canada is pleased to announce that Elvira Kurt, multiple-award winning comic and writer, will host the 2016 WGC Screenwriting Awards on May 2 at Koerner Hall in Toronto. This year’s awards mark the WGC’s 25th anniversary of working on behalf of Canadian screenwriters.

The WGC Screenwriting Awards have a unique focus: screenwriters and the scripts they write — scripts that fuel an entire television and film industry. The awards honour screenwriters in a wide range of genres (finalists below). Additionally, special awards presented at the gala include the following:

The WGC Showrunner Award: Frank van Keeken (*The Next Step; Lost & Found Music Studios*) for his strong vision with every show he runs, and for his generosity to writers.

The Alex Barris Mentorship Award: Clive Endersby (*The Cat in the Hat Knows a Lot About That; My Big, Big Friend*) for his significant impact on the careers of numerous writers.

The Sondra Kelly Award (for women screenwriters undertaking self-initiated projects): Penny Gummerson (*Arctic Air, Blackstone*) for her project *Forgive Me, Father*.

Join us Monday, May 2, 2016, at the TELUS Centre for Performance and Learning’s Koerner Hall. Reception, 7 p.m., Awards, 8:30 p.m., Party, 9:30 p.m.

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Complete List of Finalists Below

2016 WGC Screenwriting Awards Finalists

CHILDREN

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

Odd Squad, Season 1 "Puppet Show"
Written by **Charles Johnston**

Pirate Express, Season 1 "Fountain of Misspent Youth"
Written by **David Elver**

DOCUMENTARY

Deluged by Data
Written by **Josh Freed**

Ninth Floor
Written by **Mina Shum**

FEATURE FILMS

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

End of Days, Inc.
Written by **Christina Ray**

The Saver
Written by **Wiebke von Carolsfeld**

MOW & MINISERIES

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

The Gourmet Detective
Written by **Becky Southwell & Dylan Neal**

Kept Woman
Written by **Doug Barber & James Phillips**

SHORTS & WEBSERIES

Bob! The Slob

Written by **James Nadler**

Goldfish

Written by **Michael Konyves**

TV COMEDY

Mr. D, Season 4 "President Jimmy"

Written by **Anita Kapila**

Mr. D, Season 4 "Short Stocked"

Written by **Marvin Kaye**

Schitt's Creek, Season 1 "The Cabin"

Written by **Amanda Walsh**

TV DRAMA

19-2, Season 2 "Orphans"

Written by **Jesse McKeown**

19-2, Season 2 "Property Line"

Written by **Nikolijne Troubetzkoy**

19-2, Season 2 "School"

Adapted by **Bruce M. Smith**

Orphan Black, Season 3 "Newer Elements of Our Defense"

Written by **Russ Cochrane**

X Company, Season 1 "Into the Fire"

Written by **Mark Ellis & Stephanie Morgenstern**

TWEENS & TEENS

Some Assembly Required, Season 2 "Rocket with a Pocket"

Written by **Jennica Harper**

Some Assembly Required, Season 2 "Snappo"

Written by **Cole Bastedo & Jennifer Siddle**

The Stanley Dynamic, Season 1 "The Stanley Grandpa"

Written by **Alice Prodanou**

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