

Bell Media Diverse Screenwriter Intern Joins Motive

Toronto — **Nov. 13, 2014**. The Writers Guild of Canada and the Bell Media Diverse Screenwriters program are pleased to announce that emerging Vancouver-based writer, Tami Gabay, is joining the hit series, *Motive*, for a paid internship in the writers' room.

A McGill University graduate, Tami has written and produced reality programming, working with CTV's MMVAs, MuchTopTens, MuchNews, YTV's The Zone, CBC's Living Vancouver, HGTV Canada's Urban Suburban, and W Network's The Audience Canada. With a background as a comedian and improviser, Tami says she aims to create TV that makes people laugh, "really, really, really hard."

Tami is one of 56 emerging and mid-career writers who have completed the Bell Media Diverse Screenwriters program since its inception in 2010. One more internship winner from the fourth year of the program will be placed on another Bell Media series in early 2015.

About the Bell Media Diverse Screenwriters Program

Each year the WGC runs the Bell Media Diverse Screenwriters program, offering 16 writers from across Canada the opportunity to sharpen their skills and gain key insider contacts in the Canadian television industry. It begins with a one-week "bootcamp" featuring some of Canada's leading showrunners, screenwriters, broadcast executives, producers and literary agents. This is followed by a 12-week mentorship where each writer is teamed with an experienced WGC story editor to hone script and pitch materials. These materials determine which two writers will receive the coveted internships in a Bell Media writers' room. In the end, all participants emerge from the experience with a polished industry calling card, an enhanced professional network, and a better understanding of how to become a successful television writer in Canada.

The fifth year of the program is gearing up, with a **Dec. 8, 2014 deadline for western Canada.** The eastern Canada session is now closed for applications. For more information, please contact diversity@wgc.ca and visit the WGC website.

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.