

**WGC Screenwriting Awards 2019 Finalists Announced**  
***Women screenwriters sweep TV Drama and TV Comedy categories***

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**Toronto, March 4, 2019** — The WGC Screenwriting Awards are now in their 23<sup>rd</sup> year of celebrating the best of the best in Canadian screenwriting — continuing to acknowledge the all-important talent behind the creation of the most engaging and powerful Canadian-made TV, films, documentaries and webseries.

And for the very first time in the competition's history, women screenwriters have swept the TV Drama and TV Comedy nominations, nabbing every nod in both categories. Scripts from drama series *Cardinal* (Jennica Harper, Sara Dodd), *Killjoys* (Julie Puckrin) and *Wynonna Earp* (Caitlin D. Fryers), along with those from comedy series *Letterkenny* (Sonja Bennett), *Schitt's Creek* (Rupinder Gill) and *Second Jen* (Amanda Joy) are in the running.

Also in contention are notable scripts from shows, films and webseries including *Little Dog* (Joel Thomas Hynes), *Cupcake & Dino: General Services* (Mike Girard), *The Grizzlies* (Graham Yost and Moira Walley-Beckett), *Catwalk: Tales from the Cat Show Circuit* (Michael McNamara) and many more. Please see below for the complete list of categories and finalists.

The WGC Screenwriting Awards will recognize and celebrate Canadian screenwriters and their scripts in a gala evening. **Gavin Crawford**, writer, comedian, and host of CBC Radio's *Because News*, is slated to return as this year's host along with his long-time collaborator, screenwriter **Kyle Tingley**, as awards show writer.

**Save the date:** The 23<sup>rd</sup> annual WGC Screenwriting Awards are on April 29, 2019, at the TELUS Centre for Performance and Learning's Koerner Hall in Toronto. Ticket info coming soon to [wgc.ca](http://wgc.ca).

Congratulations to the awards finalists! @WGCTweet #WGCAwards

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## **2019 WGC SCREENWRITING AWARDS FINALISTS**

### **BEST NEW SERIES SCRIPT**

*The Bletchley Circle: San Francisco*, "Presidio," written by **Daegan Fryklind**

*Cupcake & Dino: General Services*, "Growing Pains," written by **Joel Buxton**

*Little Dog*, "Round One," written by **Joel Thomas Hynes**

*Little Dog*, "Round Five," written by **Christopher Roberts**

### **CHILDREN'S**

*Chop Chop Ninja*, "In Charge," written by **Paul Stoica & Alexandre Riendeau**

*Cupcake & Dino: General Services*, "Christmas is Cancelled," written by **Mike Girard**

*Odd Squad*, Season 2, "Saving Agent Orson," written by **Mark De Angelis**

*WISHFART*, "I Wear This Hat Ironically," written by **Josh Sager & Jerome Simpson**

*WISHFART*, "Litterfools Ain't Cool," written by **John Hazlett & Lienne Sawatsky & Dan Williams**

### **DOCUMENTARY**

*Catwalk: Tales from the Cat Show Circuit*, written by **Michael McNamara**

*The Fruit Machine*, written by **Sarah Fodey**

*Jumbo: The Life of an Elephant Superstar*, written by **Christine Nielsen**

### **FEATURE FILM**

*22 Chaser*, written by **Jeremy Boxen**

*The Grizzlies*, story by **Graham Yost**/screenplay by **Graham Yost and Moira Walley-Beckett**

*Splinters*, written by **Thom Fitzgerald**

### **MOW AND MINISERIES**

*No One Would Tell*, written by **Caitlin D. Fryers**

*Odd Squad: World Turned Odd*, written by **Tim McKeon**

*Separated at Birth*, written by **James Phillips**

### **SHORTS AND WEBSERIES**

*Chateau Laurier*, story by **Emily Weedon**/teleplay by **Kent Staines & Emily Weedon**

*NarcoLeap*, "Unintended Consequences," written by **David Schmidt**

*We've Come to the End of Our Time*, written by **Alex Epstein & Lisa Hunter**

### **TV COMEDY**

*Letterkenny*, "A Letterkenny Christmas: The Three Wise Men," written by **Sonja Bennett**

*Schitt's Creek*, Season 4, "RIP Moira Rose," written by **Rupinder Gill**

*Second Jen*, Season 2, "Like a Girl," written by **Amanda Joy**

### **TV DRAMA**

*Cardinal: Blackfly Season*, Season 2, "Kevin," written by **Jennica Harper**

*Cardinal: Blackfly Season*, Season 2, "Red," written by **Sarah Dodd**

*Killjoys*, Season 4, "Baby, Face Killer," written by **Julie Puckrin**

*Wynonna Earp*, Season 3, "When You Call My Name," written by **Caitlin D. Fryers**

### **TWEENS & TEENS**

*ReBoot: The Guardian Code*, "Identity Theft," written by **Todd Ireland**

*Star Falls*, "The Bachelor Auction," written by **Cole Bastedo**

*Star Falls*, "The Camping Trip," written by **Jennifer Daley**

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