

Emma Hunter to Host 2021 WGC Screenwriting Awards Jim Burt Prize Nominees Also Announced, Registration Now Open

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Toronto, April 8, 2021 — The Writers Guild of Canada is delighted to announce that award-winning Canadian actor, writer and comedian Emma Hunter is writing and hosting the 2021 WGC Screenwriting Awards ceremony, which will take place over Zoom on **Monday, April 26 at 8:00 p.m. ET**.

Most recently, Emma completed filming her star turn as Nora in the first season of CBC drama *Feudal* created by WGC member Sheri Elwood, and she was a co-host and writer for three seasons on CTV's *The Beaverton*. Leaning into her comedic talent, Emma has a snappy, fun-filled show planned for attendees. Additionally, the award winners will be invited to accept their prizes in real-time to maintain that true element of surprise.

The WGC is also pleased to name 2021's nominees for the bi-annual Jim Burt Screenwriting Prize:

- *Goners I* Written by **Ken Hegan**
- *Magnificent I* Written by **Travis McDonald**
- *Sluggy and Bogie I* Written by **Tommy Gushue**
- *Struck I* Written by **Lynne Kamm**
- *Tall Grass I* Written by **Bri Proke**

The 2021 awards mark the WGC's 25th annual celebration of Canadian screenwriters and their scripts. The milestone will be formally recognized at a planned live ceremony in 2022. This year, special awards include the Jim Burt Screenwriting Prize, the Sondra Kelly Award and Showrunner of the Year — previous winners of this prestigious prize include Dennis Heaton (*The Order*), Emily Andras (*Wynonna Earp*) and Michael MacLennan (*The Bletchley Circle: San Francisco*). The complete list of 2021 script category finalists is available on wgc.ca.

To register for the 2021 WGC Screenwriting Awards:

Find the event's registration page [here](#). The ceremony is free to attend, but capacity is limited and priority will be given to WGC members.

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