

2023 WGC Screenwriting Awards Winners Announced

Clement Virgo, Marsha Greene and Kurt Smeaton among top prize winners

Toronto, April 24, 2023 — In a funny, lively ceremony held this evening at Koerner Hall in Toronto, the winners of the 27th annual Writers Guild of Canada Screenwriting Awards were announced. The first in-person WGC Awards ceremony since 2019 (due to COVID-19 precautions), tonight's gala brought together hundreds of Guild members, industry professionals, and fans—all in celebration of the Canadian screenwriters behind the programming and films viewers enjoy in Canada and around the world.

Some winners of 2023's top prizes include Clement Virgo (*Brother*), Marsha Greene (*The Porter*), Kurt Smeaton (*Children Ruin Everything*), Jason Sherman (*My Tree*), and Veronika Paz (*Astrid & Lilly Save the World*). Special awards were also presented to Laura Good, winner of the [Sondra Kelly Award](#), and Adrian Morphy, who was awarded the [Jim Burt Screenwriting Prize](#) for his script *The 300 Year Old Man*. Susin Nielsen, creator and showrunner of *Family Law*, received the [Showrunner Award](#)—the prestigious final prize of the event.

The ceremony was hosted by Vance Banzo, a Saulteaux/Cree comedian, actor, writer, and member of award-winning sketch comedy troupe and series *TallBoyz*. Awards were presented on stage by showrunner Anthony Q. Farrell (*Shelved, Run the Burbs*); actress Paloma Nuñez (*Shelved*); actress and screenwriter Emma Campbell (*The Next Step*); writer/actor/producer Amanda Joy (*Son of a Critch, Amelia Parker*); showrunner Emily Andras (*Wynonna Earp*); writer and producer JP Larocque (*Sort Of, JANN*); actor and screenwriter Sugith Varughese (*Transplant, Fraggie Rock*); Amir Kahn moue (previous WGC Jim Burt Prize winner); and screenwriter and producer Ken Craw (*Heartland*).

Please see the following pages for the complete list of winning scripts and screenwriters, as well as our generous sponsors.

Headshots of the winners, the host Vance Banzo, and a PDF of the event programme (which contains biographical and awards info), can be found here:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1ibzg8i6tIP9G55HE3jx2uL0GETXT2Mgx?usp=sharing>

Congratulations to our finalists and winners! @WGCTweet #WGCAwards

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2023 WGC SCREENWRITING AWARDS WINNERS

CHILDREN'S

The Guava Juice Show, "Adventure 9000" I Written by Christine Mitchell

COMEDY SERIES

Children Ruin Everything, "Road Trips" I Written by Kurt Smeaton

DOCUMENTARY

My Tree I Written by Jason Sherman

DRAMA SERIES

The Porter, "Episode 104" I Written by Marsha Greene

FEATURE FILM

Brother I Written by Clement Virgo

MOW & MINISERIES

Written in the Stars I Written by David Elver

PRESCHOOL

Dino Ranch, "Wings Over Dino Ranch" I Written by Ben Joseph & Mike D'Ascenzo

SHORTS AND WEB SERIES

Second Life I Written by Darrin Rose

TWEENS & TEENS

Astrid & Lilly Save the World, "One Rib" I Written by Veronika Paz

JIM BURT SCREENWRITING PRIZE

Adrian Morphy for *The 300 Year Old Man*

SONDRA KELLY AWARD

Laura Good

SHOWRUNNER AWARD

Susin Nielsen

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