



2024 WGC Screenwriting Awards Winners Announced

Zoe Hopkins, Marie Clements, and Lienne Sawatsky among top prize winners

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Toronto, ON | May 13, 2024 — The winners of the 28th annual Writers Guild of Canada Screenwriting Awards were announced this evening at Koerner Hall in Toronto. Tonight's gala brought together hundreds of Guild members, industry professionals, and fans—all in celebration of the Canadian screenwriters behind the programming and shows viewers enjoy in Canada and around the world.

Some winners of 2024's top prizes include Euka Okuma (*Workin' Moms*), Zoe Hopkins (*Little Bird*), Lienne Sawatsky (*Pinecone and Pony*), Marie Clements (*Bones of Crows*), and many others. Special awards were also presented to Meredith Vuchnich, winner of the Sondra Kelly Award, Ben Joseph, winner of the Alex Barris Mentorship Award, and Alex Levine, who was awarded the Denis McGrath Award for Service to the WGC for his exceptional service to the Guild and the Canadian screenwriting community. Mark Haroun, showrunner and executive producer of *Heartland*, received the Showrunner Award—the prestigious final prize of the event.

The ceremony was hosted by Jessica Holmes, known for her funny mental health keynotes as well as her work in *The Holmes Show*, *Royal Canadian Air Farce*, and *The Communist's Daughter*. Awards were presented on stage by writer/producer Ken Crow (*Heartland*, *Family Law*); writer/producer/director Sasha Leigh Henry (*Bria Mack Gets A Life*, *Sinking Ship*); actress Malaika Hamadi (*Bria Mack Gets A Life*, *Law & Order Toronto: Criminal Intent*); actor/writer/producer Andrew Phung (*Run the Burbs*, *Kim's Convenience*); actor Jonathan Langdon (*Run the Burbs*, *Robyn Hood*); writer Karen Walton (*Ginger Snaps*, *Orphan Black*); writer Doug Taylor (*Splice*, *A Christmas Horror Story*); writer Ben Joseph (*Rolie Polie Olie*, *Hotel Transylvania: The Series*); actor/writer Mike D'Ascenzo (*Dino Ranch*, *Charlie Bartlett*); and actor/writer Sugith Varughese (*Transplant*, *Fraggle Rock*).

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 Jessica Holmes, and a PDF of the event programme (which contains biographical and awards information) can be found here:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1rgD2Xr1ezr2HVAsR708hheqA26EtSKYn?usp=sharing>

Congratulations to the WGC Screenwriting Awards finalists and winners! #WGCAwards2024

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2024 WGC SCREENWRITING AWARDS WINNERS

CHILDREN'S

Pinecone and Pony, "Hero Soup" | Written by Lienne Sawatsky

COMEDY SERIES

Workin' Moms, "It's Five O'Clock Somewhere" | Written by Euka Okuma

DRAMA SERIES

Little Bird, "Bineshi Kwe" | Written by Zoe Hopkins

FEATURE FILM

Irena's Vow | Written by Dan Gordon

The Burning Season | Written by Jonas Chernick and Diana Frances

MOW & MINISERIES

Bones of Crows, "To Be Here" | Written by Marie Clements

PRESCHOOL

Superbuns, "The Sweet Sound of Christmas" | Written by Suzanne Bolch and John May

SHORTS (includes web series, drama and comedy series episodes under 15 minutes)

I Will Bury You, "Depression" | Written by Ravi Steve Khajuria

TWEENS & TEENS

Popularity Papers, "Pain in the Bat Mitzvah" | Written by Jeff Detsky

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