

2026 WGC Screenwriting Awards celebrates 30 years of excellence in Canadian TV, film, and digital media

*Katherine Sandford, Garry Campbell, and Kaveh Mohebbi
among top prize winners*

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Toronto, ON | April 27, 2026 — The Writers Guild of Canada (WGC) celebrated 30 years of outstanding screenwriting in Canadian television, film and digital media tonight at the annual WGC Screenwriting Awards, held at Koerner Hall in Toronto. The gala brought together hundreds of screenwriters, industry professionals, and fans.

Created in 1997 to recognize excellence in Canadian screenwriting, and raise the profile of screenwriters, the WGC Screenwriting Awards have grown as the Canadian industry has expanded. Over the years, we have celebrated writers whose work has shaped Canadian culture, and reached audiences around the world.

This year's award winners demonstrate the breadth of talent across nine categories, and include **Katherine Sandford** for Preschool (*Mittens & Pants*, "Pants in the Box"), **Garry Campbell** for Comedy Series (*North of North*, "Dumpcano"), **Kaveh Mohebbi** for Short Series (*18 to 35*, "Buck Mustang"), and many more.

Special honours were also presented:

- **Simon Barry** was honoured with the prestigious Showrunner Award.
- **Jeremy Boxen** received the McGrath Service Award for exceptional service to the Guild.
- **Lawrence S. Mirkin** was presented with the Alex Barris Mentorship Award.
- **Ian Weir** received the Margaret Collier Award, presented with the Canadian Academy as supporting partner.

Hosted by **Ali Hassan** (*Run the Burbs, Sort Of, Laugh Out Loud*) and written by **Kurt Smeaton** (*Children Ruin Everything, Kim's Convenience*), the gala featured lively moments, and presentations by well-known industry professionals and creators, including **Nadine Bhabha** (*Heated Rivalry, Letterkenny*), **Laura Good** (*Bet, The Bletchley Circle: San Francisco*), **Penny E. Gummerson** (*Allegiance, Cardinal*), **Tattiawna Jones** (*Dinner with Friends, Murdoch Mysteries*), **Celeste Koon** (*Dino Dex, Go Togo*), **Phil McCordic** (*Mittens & Pants, Zerby Derby*), **Jennifer Podemski** (*Nika & Madison, Little Bird*), **Sarah Podemski** (*Coroner, Warrior Strong*), **Tamara Podemski** (*The Borderline, Saint-Pierre*), **Bruce Smith** (*Street Legal, 19-2*), **Jacob Tierney** (*Heated Rivalry, Letterkenny*), **Sugith Varughese** (*Kim's Convenience, Transplant*), and **Jean Yoon** (*18 to 35, Kim's Convenience*).

Refer to the following pages for the complete list of winners, as well as our generous sponsors.

Photos of the winners, host, as well as a PDF of the full 2026 event programme, can be downloaded here:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1QKj93U5vwtvuRilBVAu7J0hkBoA-cqjL?usp=sharing>

Congratulations to the WGC Screenwriting Awards nominees and winners!
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ABOUT THE WGC

The Writers Guild of Canada (WGC) represents more than 2,500 professional English-language screenwriters across Canada. Our members create stories that entertain and inspire audiences on every screen.

2026 WGC SCREENWRITING AWARDS WINNERS

CHILDREN'S

Lana Longbeard, "Lana the Something Super Great and Totally Awesome" | Written by Emer Connon

COMEDY SERIES

North of North, "Dumpcano" | Written by Garry Campbell

DRAMA SERIES

Family Law, "Play It Straight" | Written by Corey Liu

DOCUMENTARY

In the Room | Written by Brishkay Ahmed

FEATURE FILM

Honey Bunch | Written by Madeleine Sims-Fewer & Dusty Mancinelli

PRESCHOOL

Mittens & Pants, "Pants in the Box" | Written by Katherine Sandford

SHORT FILM

Now, I Am A Bear | Written by Jason Filiatrault

SHORT SERIES

18 to 35, "Buck Mustang" | Written by Kaveh Mohebbi

TWEENS & TEENS

Bet, "The Hunt" | Written by Laura Good

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