



**WGC  
Screenwriting  
Awards**



**Writers Guild  
of Canada**

**Canada's top screenwriters honoured at the  
15<sup>th</sup> Annual WGC Screenwriting Awards**

**Toronto – April 12, 2011** – The Writers Guild of Canada and about 600 of its closest friends celebrated the winning words of Canadian screenwriters last night at the 15<sup>th</sup> annual WGC Screenwriting Awards.

Screenwriters **Mark Ellis & Stephanie Morgenstern** (*Flashpoint*), **Chris Sheasgreen** (*Less Than Kind*), **Karen Moonah** (*Cat in the Hat Knows a Lot About That*) and **Michael Konyves** (*Barney's Version*) were just a few of those recognized for outstanding scripts. A complete list of winners follows.

Screenwriter **Tassie Cameron** (*Flashpoint*, *Rookie Blue*) was presented with the 5th WGC Showrunner Award to honour her exceptional leadership and creative vision.

Screenwriter **Denise Blinn** took home the Jim Burt Screenwriting Prize for her script "1936." The Prize honours the CBC's Jim Burt and his legacy of championing new talent, by providing support for an unproduced screenplay.

Toronto lawyer **Peter Grant** was recognized with the WGC Writers Block Award for the work he did over his career to strengthen the arguments and increase the support for quality Canadian drama.

The Awards show was hosted by **Laurie Elliott**, and written by Terry McGurrin in collaboration with Laurie.

Dishing out the awards were special guest presenters including **Hélène Joy** (*Murdoch Mysteries*, *Durham County*), **Chris Potter** (*Heartland*), **Jonny Harris** (*Murdoch Mysteries*, *Grown Up Movie Star*), and screenwriters **Dennis Heaton** (*Call Me Fitz*, *Fido*, *My Pal Satan*), **David (Sudz) Sutherland** (*Guns*, *She's the Mayor*) and **Alexandra Zarowny** (*Murdoch Mysteries*, *Republic of Doyle*, *The Listener*).

For more information, or to set up a post-Awards interview with a 2011 WGC Screenwriting Award winner, please contact David Kinahan, 416-979-7907 x5234.

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The Writers Guild of Canada (WGC) represents 2,000 English-language professional screenwriters across Canada. These are the talented creators who make the Canadian entertainment we enjoy on our televisions, movie screens, radios and digital platforms. .

## **15<sup>th</sup> Annual WGC Screenwriting Awards Winners**

### **In Animation**

#### **Karen Moonah**

*The Cat In The Hat Knows A Lot About That*, "The Cat In The Hat Knows A Lot About Maps"

### **In Children & Youth**

#### **Barbara Haynes**

*The Latest Buzz*, "The Extreme Shakespeare Issue"

### **In Documentary**

#### **Christine Nielsen**

*The Pig Farm*

### **In TV Comedy**

#### **Chris Sheasgreen**

*Less Than Kind*, "Coming Home"

### **In TV Drama**

#### **Mark Ellis & Stephanie Morgenstern**

*Flashpoint*, "Jumping at Shadows"

### **In Movies & Miniseries**

#### **Michael Konyves**

*Barney's Version*

### **In Shorts & Web Series**

#### **Lisa Hunter**

*You Are So Undead*

The WGC Showrunner Award – **Tassie Cameron**

The WGC Writers Block Award – **Peter Grant**

The Jim Burt Screenwriting Prize – **Denise Blinn**

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