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2013 WRITERS GUILD AWARDS WINNERS ANNOUNCED

Los Angeles and New York – The Writers Guild of America, West (WGAW) and the Writers Guild of America, East (WGAE) tonight announced the winners of the **2013 Writers Guild Awards** for outstanding achievement in writing for screen, television, radio, news, promotional, videogame, and new media writing at simultaneous ceremonies at the JW Marriott L.A. LIVE in Los Angeles and the B.B. King Blues Club in New York City.

SCREEN WINNERS

ORIGINAL SCREENPLAY

Zero Dark Thirty, Written by **Mark Boal**; Columbia Pictures

ADAPTED SCREENPLAY

Argo, Screenplay by **Chris Terrio**; Based on a selection from *The Master of Disguise* by Antonio J. Mendez and the *Wired* Magazine article “The Great Escape” by Joshua Bearman; Warner Bros. Pictures

DOCUMENTARY SCREENPLAY

Searching for Sugar Man, Written by **Malik Bendjelloul**; Sony Pictures Classics

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TELEVISION WINNERS

DRAMA SERIES

Breaking Bad, Written by **Sam Catlin, Vince Gilligan, Peter Gould, Gennifer Hutchison, George Mastras, Thomas Schnauz, Moira Walley-Beckett**; AMC

COMEDY SERIES

Louie, Written by **Pamela Adlon, Vernon Chatman, Louis C.K.**; FX

NEW SERIES

Girls, Written by **Judd Apatow, Lesley Arfin, Lena Dunham, Sarah Heyward, Bruce Eric Kaplan, Jenni Konner, Deborah Schoeneman, Dan Sterling**; HBO

EPISODIC DRAMA

“The Other Woman” (*Mad Men*), Written by **Semi Chellas** and **Matthew Weiner**; AMC

EPISODIC COMEDY

“Virgin Territory” (*Modern Family*), Written by **Elaine Ko**; ABC

LONG FORM – ORIGINAL

Hatfields & McCoys, Nights Two and Three, Teleplay by **Ted Mann** and **Ronald Parker**, Story by **Bill Kerby** and **Ted Mann**; History Channel

LONG FORM – ADAPTED

Game Change, Written by **Danny Strong**, Based on the book by Mark Halperin and John Heilemann; HBO

ANIMATION

“Ned 'N' Edna's Blend Agenda” (*The Simpsons*), Written by **Jeff Westbrook**; Fox

COMEDY / VARIETY (INCLUDING TALK) – SERIES

Portlandia, Writers: **Fred Armisen, Carrie Brownstein, Karey Dornetto, Jonathan Krisel, Bill Oakley**; IFC

COMEDY / VARIETY – MUSIC, AWARDS, TRIBUTES – SPECIALS

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66th Annual Tony Awards, Written by **Dave Boone**; Special Material by **Paul Greenberg**; Opening and Closing Songs by **David Javerbaum, Adam Schlesinger**; CBS

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DAYTIME DRAMA

The Young and the Restless, Written by **Amanda Beall, Jeff Beldner, Susan Dansby, Janice Ferri Esser, Jay Gibson, Scott Hamner, Marla Kanelos, Natalie Minardi Slater, Beth Milstein, Michael Montgomery, Anne Schoettle, Linda Schreiber, Sarah K. Smith, Christopher J. Whitesell, Teresa Zimmerman**; CBS

CHILDREN'S – EPISODIC & SPECIALS

"The Good Sport" (*Sesame Street*); Written by **Christine Ferraro**; PBS

CHILDREN'S – LONG FORM OR SPECIAL

Girl vs. Monster, Teleplay by **Annie DeYoung** and **Ron McGee**, Story by **Annie DeYoung**; Disney Channel

DOCUMENTARY – CURRENT EVENTS

"Money, Power and Wall Street: Episode One" (*Frontline*), Written by **Martin Smith** and **Marcela Gaviria**; PBS

DOCUMENTARY – OTHER THAN CURRENT EVENTS

"The Fabric of the Cosmos: The Illusion of Time" (*Nova*), Telescript by **Randall MacLowry**, Story by **Joseph McMaster** and **Randall MacLowry**; PBS

NEWS – REGULARLY SCHEDULED, BULLETIN, OR BREAKING REPORT

"Tragedy In Colorado: The Movie Theatre Massacre," Written by **Lisa Ferri, Joel Siegel**; ABC News

NEWS – ANALYSIS, FEATURE, OR COMMENTARY

"The Ghost of Joe McCarthy" (*Moyers & Company*), Written by **Bill Moyers, Michael Winship**; Thirteen/ WNET

RADIO WINNERS

NEWS – REGULARLY SCHEDULED OR BREAKING REPORT

"World News This Year 2011," Written by **Darren Reynolds**; ABC News Radio

NEWS – ANALYSIS, FEATURE, OR COMMENTARY

"Dishin Digital," Written by **Robert Hawley**; WCBS-AM

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PROMOTIONAL WRITING AND GRAPHIC ANIMATION WINNERS

ON-AIR PROMOTION (RADIO OR TELEVISION)

“Partners,” Written by **Dan A. Greenberger**; CBS

TELEVISION GRAPHIC ANIMATION

“The Oscars” (*Sunday Morning with Charles Osgood*), Animation by **Bob Pook**; CBS

VIDEOGAME WRITING WINNER

OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN VIDEOGAME WRITING

Assassin’s Creed III: Liberation, Scriptwriting by **Richard Farrese, Jill Murray**; Ubisoft

NEW MEDIA WRITING WINNERS

OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN WRITING ORIGINAL NEW MEDIA

“The Compromises, Episode 1,” “The Pest, Episode 3,” “The Snake, Episode 4,” “The Bonding, Episode 6,” “The Future, Episode 7/Series Finale” (*Jack in a Box*), Written by **Michael Cyril Creighton**; jackinaboxsite.com

OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN WRITING DERIVATIVE NEW MEDIA

“Hide And Seek,” “Keys to the Kingdom,” “The Chosen Ones,” “Parting Shots” (*The Walking Dead: Cold Storage*), Written by **John Esposito**; amctv.com

*(*Editor’s Note: There were no nominees in the Documentary – Radio category this year.)*

The Writers Guild Awards honor outstanding writing in film, television, new media, videogames, news, radio and promotional writing, and graphic animation. The awards were presented jointly in all competitive categories during simultaneous ceremonies on Sunday, February 17, 2013, in Los Angeles at the JW Marriott L.A. LIVE and in New York at the B.B. King Blues Club.

Emmy-winning *Castle* TV star **Nathan Fillion** hosted the West Coast WGA ceremony, which was executive produced by **Cort Casady**. Presenters who appeared at the L.A. show included: two-time Academy Award-nominee and Golden Globe-winning actress **Jessica Chastain** (*Zero Dark Thirty*), *Modern Family* co-stars, two-time Emmy-winning actress **Julie Bowen** and ALMA

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Award-winning actor **Rico Rodriguez**, Emmy and Golden Globe-winning actress **Jane Lynch** (*Glee*), Academy Award-winning director **Steven Spielberg** (*Lincoln*), Golden Globe-nominated actor **Tobey Maguire** (*The Great Gatsby*), two-time Academy Award-nominated actress **Jacki Weaver** (*Silver Linings Playbook*), Screen Actors Guild Award-winning actress **Kate Walsh** (*Private Practice*, *Grey's Anatomy*), three-time Writers Guild and nine-time Emmy Award-nominated actress-writer **Amy Poehler** (*Parks and Recreation*) and her *Parks and Recreation* co-star, Independent Spirit Award-nominated actor **Adam Scott**, Emmy-nominated actress **Anna Gunn** (*Breaking Bad*), Emmy-nominated actor **Walton Goggins** (*Justified*), actor **Alfred Molina** (*Monday Mornings*), Emmy and Writers Guild Award-winning *Mad Men* creator **Matthew Weiner**, ALMA Award-winning actress **Aubrey Plaza** (*Parks and Recreation*), Emmy-winning actor **Sam Waterston** (*The Newsroom*), three-time Emmy-winning actor **Brad Garrett** (*Everybody Loves Raymond*), actor **Craig Robinson** (*The Office*), writer/actor/director **Mark Duplass** (*The Mindy Project*), screenwriters **Jon Lucas & Scott Moore** (*The Hangover*), and Writers Guild Award-nominated *Key and Peele* co-creators/co-stars **Keegan-Michael Key** and **Jordan Peele**.

Attendees at the WGAW's awards ceremony included: **James Gandolfini**, **Francis Ford Coppola**, **Kathleen Kennedy**, **Frank Marshall**, **T. Bone Burnett**, **Jay Roach**, **Congressman Henry Waxman**, and **L.A. Councilmember Steve Koretz**.

Versatile television and screen actor **Richard Kind** hosted the East Coast WGA ceremony, which was executive produced by **Craig Shemin** and **Bonnie Datt**. Presenters who appeared at the New York show included: Academy Award-nominated writer **Lucy Alibar** (*Beasts of the Southern Wild*), writer and actor **Jonathan Ames** (*Bored to Death*), stand-up comedian and writer **W. Kamau Bell** (*Totally Biased with W. Kamau Bell*), Sundance Audience Award-winning actor and writer **Mike Birbiglia** (*Sleepwalk With Me*), Emmy-winning actor **Bobby Cannavale** (*Boardwalk Empire*, *Nurse Jackie*), Academy Award-nominated writer **Scott Frank** (*Minority Report*), actress and writer **Gina Gershon** (*Killer Joe*), actress and CBS News Sunday Morning contributor **Nancy Giles** (*China Beach*), stand-up comedienne and actress **Lisa Lampanelli** (*Not Fade Away*), Emmy-winning actress and writer **Sonia Manzano** (*Sesame Street*), Emmy-winning producer and writer **Mike Reiss** (*The Simpsons*), producer and writer **Liz Tuccillo** (*Smash* and *Sex and the City*) and author **Meg Wolitzer** (*The Interestings*, *This Is Your Life*).

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Attendees at the WGAE's awards ceremony included: **Fred Armisen Talia Balsam, Amy Berg, Eleanor Bergstein, Jacob Bernstein, Louis C.K., Lena Dunham, Terry George, Gina Gionfriddo, Steve Higgins, Alex Karpovsky, Brian Koppelman, Franklin Leonard, David Magee, John McLaughlin and Matthew Quick.**

The Writers Guild of America, West presented special honors to: **Tom Stoppard** – Laurel Award for Screen for lifetime achievement in screenwriting; **Joshua Brand & John Falsey** – Paddy Chayefsky Laurel Award for Television for lifetime achievement in television writing; **Tony Kushner** (*Lincoln*) – Paul Selvin Award for written work which embodies constitutional rights and civil liberties; past WGAW President **Daniel Petrie, Jr.** – Morgan Cox Award for exemplary service to the Guild; *Everybody Loves Raymond* Creator **Phil Rosenthal** – Valentine Davies Award for community service and humanitarian efforts; **Akira Kurosawa, Shinobu Hashimoto, Ryūzō Kikushima, and Hideo Oguni** – Jean Renoir Award for Screenwriting Achievement, given to international screenwriters who have advanced the literature of motion pictures and made outstanding contributions to the profession of screenwriter.

The Writers Guild of America, East presented special honors to: **David Koepp** – Ian McClellan Hunter Award for Career Achievement in Writing, and **Bob Schneider** – Richard E. Jablow Award for devoted service to the Guild. The Guild also presented a special tribute to the late **Nora Ephron.**

Credits for the WGAW's West Coast show included: Executive Producer **Cort Casady**, Director **Joe DeMaio**, Talent Producer **Carole Propp**, Head Writer **Dave Boone**, Writers **Beth Armogida** and **Cort Casady**, Coordinating Producer **Michelle Robinson**, Co-Producer **Aaron Cooke**, and Production Designer **John Calkins.**

Credits for the WGAE's East Coast show included: Executive Producer and Head Writer **Craig Shemin**, Executive Producer **Bonnie Datt**, Consulting Producer **David Steven Cohen**, and Producer **Larry Bogush.** The show's writers included: **David Steven Cohen, Bonnie Datt, John Marshall and Frank Santopadre.** Additional material provided by **Tim Carvell, Travon Free, Dan McCoy and Sam Means.**

For media inquiries about the 2013 Writers Guild Awards Los Angeles show, please contact Gregg Mitchell in the WGAW Communications Department at: (323) 782-4651 or email: gmitchell@wga.org, or visit online at: www.wga.org.

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