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**RACHEL DRATCH TO HOST WRITERS GUILD OF AMERICA AWARDS
EAST COAST CEREMONY**

***JONATHAN AMES, JIMMY FALLON, GEOFFREY FLETCHER, STEVE KROFT, SETH MEYERS,
KATE MULGREW, JAMES SCHAMUS AND JON BENJAMIN JOIN EAST COAST CEREMONY AS
AWARD PRESENTERS***

New York City – Rachel Dratch will host the Writers Guild of America Awards New York Ceremony. The awards will be held on Sunday, February 19, 2012 at B.B. King Blues Club in New York City.

Dratch rose to stardom in 1999 as a cast member of *Saturday Night Live*, in which she starred for seven years. Her film credits include *The Hebrew Hammer*, *Down with Love*, *I Now Pronounce You Chuck and Larry*, *Just Go with It*, and a recurring role on NBC's *30 Rock*.

Jonathan Ames is a writer and the creator of the HBO show *Bored to Death*. Jimmy Fallon is the host of *Late Night with Jimmy Fallon*, was for several years a cast member on *Saturday Night Live*, and has appeared in several films.

Geoffrey Fletcher is the Oscar award-winning writer of *Precious* and most recently, *Violet & Daisy*. Steve Kroft is a journalist and longtime correspondent for CBS's *60 Minutes*. Seth Meyers is the head writer for *Saturday Night Live*, and most recently appeared in the film *New Year's Eve*.

James Schamus is the CEO of Focus Features and an award-winning screenwriter and producer whose credits include *The Ice Storm*, *Crouching Tiger Hidden Dragon* and *Brokeback Mountain*. Kate Mulgrew is best known for her role on *Star Trek: Voyager*. Jon Benjamin created and stars in Comedy Central's known *Jon Benjamin has a Van*, and is the voice of the title character on the hit animated show *Archer*.

The 2012 Writers Guild Awards will be held on Sunday, February 19, 2012, simultaneously at the Hollywood Palladium in Los Angeles and at B.B. King Blues Club in New York City. For

more information about the 2012 Writers Guild Awards, please visit www.wga.org or www.wgaeast.org.

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The Writers Guild of America, East (WGAE) and Writers Guild of America, West (WGAW) are labor unions representing writers in motion pictures, television, cable, digital media, and broadcast news. The Guilds negotiate and administer contracts that protect the creative and economic rights of their members; conduct programs, seminars, and events on issues of interest to writers; and present writers' views to various bodies of government. For more information on the Writers Guild of America, East, visit www.wgaeast.org. For more information on the Writers Guild of America, West, visit www.wga.org.

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