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RICHARD KIND TO HOST WRITERS GUILD AWARDS EAST COAST CEREMONY

BOARDWALK EMPIRE'S BOBBY CANNAVALE, GIRLS' ALLISON WILLIAMS, THE SOPRANOS CREATOR DAVID CHASE, BEASTS OF THE SOUTHERN WILD WRITER LUCY ALIBAR, GINA GERSHON, RUBEN SANTIAGO-HUDSON, SESAME STREET'S SONIA MANZANO, LISA LAMPANELLI, W. KAMAU BELL, MIKE BIRBIGLIA AND SIMPSONS SHOWRUNNER MIKE REISS JOIN EAST COAST CEREMONY AS AWARD PRESENTERS

New York City – Actor Richard Kind, who recently appeared in the Golden Globe award-winning and Academy award-nominated film *Argo* as screenwriter Max Klein, will host the 65th Annual Writers Guild Awards New York Ceremony. The awards will be held on Sunday, February 17, 2013 at B.B. King Blues Club in New York City.

Kind is best known for his roles on the hit television sitcoms *Mad About You* and *Spin City*. His numerous television credits include *Curb Your Enthusiasm*, *Scrubs*, *Psych*, *Burn Notice*, *Law and Order: Criminal Intent* and many more. Kind has also lent his voice to multiple animated works including *A Bug's Life*, *Cars*, *Cars 2*, *Toy Story 3* and a recurring role on the television series *American Dad!*.

When approached to host the annual awards ceremony, Kind remarked, "I am a vapid, empty actor with nothing to say, but on this night, with these great writers writing my material, I will be witty, pithy and even more handsome than I already am."

Joining Kind at the ceremony as presenters are (in alphabetical order):

Lucy Alibar is a writer and nominee for the Oscar-nominated film *Beasts of the Southern Wild*, which she adapted from her one-act play.

Mike Birbiglia is the actor, writer and director of the film *Sleepwalk With Me*, winner of the Audience Award at the 2012 Sundance Film Festival.

Bobby Cannavale is an actor on popular TV series such as the Golden Globe and Emmy award-winning HBO series *Boardwalk Empire*, as well as *Nurse Jackie*, *Louie* and *Will & Grace*. He has also appeared in numerous films including *Win Win* and *The Station Agent*. This spring he will appear on Broadway with Richard Kind in *The Big Knife*.

David Chase has worked in television for over 30 years as a producer, writer, director and creator of the highly acclaimed television series *The Sopranos*. He most recently wrote and directed his feature film debut, *Not Fade Away*.

Gina Gershon is an actress who has appeared in numerous films, most recently *Killer Joe*, and television series such as *P.S. I Love You* and HBO's *How to Make it in America*.

W. Kamau Bell is the stand-up comedian and host of the FX television series *Totally Biased with W. Kamau Bell*.

Lisa Lampanelli is a stand-up comedian and actress who most recently appeared in the film *Not Fade Away*.

Sonia Manzano is a *Sesame Street* writer and actress best known for playing Maria on the long-running children's series.

Ruben Santiago-Hudson is an actor who most recently appeared on the first three seasons of ABC's *Castle*. He is also the award-winning writer of the HBO series *Lackawana Blues* adapted from his one man show of the same name.

Mike Reiss wrote and produced the animated series *The Simpsons* and co-created the animated series *The Critic*.

Allison Williams is an actress on the popular Golden Globe award-winning HBO series *Girls*.

The 2013 Writers Guild Awards will be held on Sunday, February 17, 2013, simultaneously at B.B. King Blues Club in New York City and the JW Marriott in Los Angeles. For more information about the 2013 Writers Guild Awards, please visit www.wgaeast.org or www.wga.org.

The 65th Annual Writers Guild East Awards ceremony supported this year by AT&T along with sponsors Ketel One, Raphael, Blue Moon Brewing Company and Corona Light. New York Magazine is the official media sponsor for the New York awards ceremony.

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