



# THE 72ND ANNUAL WRITERS GUILD AWARDS

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*Heaven has gained  
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In that case...

**Congratulations on your Herb Sargent Award, Paula!**

**You're the best in the biz!**

**Love, Tina Fey, Jeff Richmond, Robert Carlock,  
and all your friends at Little Stranger, Inc.**

## GREETING



### WELCOME TO THE 72ND ANNUAL WRITERS GUILD AWARDS!

Tonight is important because it's the only night during awards season that solely focusses on the work of the writers—the foundation of our industry. It's also a special night because it's the only time of the year when writers from all

the genres that the Writers Guild of America, East represents—both news and entertainment—get to congregate together in one place and celebrate each other's talent and accomplishments.

We're happy to be back at the Edison Ballroom, with its brand new party space for our cocktail hour -- which in a previous life was Lenny Kravitz's recording studio. The main ballroom of the Edison also has a colorful history. It got its start as a music club in the 1930s, featuring the era's top Swing bands. Then, in the 1990s it briefly became The Supper Club, hosting everyone from Tony Bennett to David Bowie. In the interim, it was the Edison Theatre, home to many Broadway shows, including the infamous "Oh! Calcutta!"

I'm thrilled that you're here to celebrate at our annual event, but as someone who is also a member of the WGAE's Council, I want to urge you to not let this be your only way of engaging with the Guild. I encourage you to become involved with the WGAE's committees and caucuses as well as its career training sessions, activities and organizing campaigns.

My deepest congratulations to all tonight's winners and nominees. I'd like to give my heartfelt appreciation to our brilliant host and all our presenters. I'd also like to thank my amazing fellow Executive Producer, Shannon Walker, the show's incredible Head Writer, Ann Cohen, our talented Producer Caroline Waxler and the rest of our great writing team, as well as our dedicated Awards Committee and tireless WGAE staff, particularly Marsha Seeman, Dana Weissman, Nancy Hathorne, Jenna Bond, Jason Gordon, Molly Beer, the crew, all of tonight's volunteers, my fellow Council members, my very patient husband Chris and everyone else involved in making tonight's show possible.

In Solidarity,

Bonnie Datt  
Chair, WGAE Awards Committee





## The Writers Guild of America, East is a union that knows how to fight.

We know how to organize. We know how to negotiate.  
We know how to mobilize our members for some of the  
most important struggles of our time.

We are also a union that knows how to celebrate. And that's what we are  
doing tonight. Celebrating the joyous, funny, tragic, difficult, powerful,  
enlightening, enraging, complicated work that our members do. The programs  
and films and pieces that entertain and inform and challenge us.

Without compelling stories, without narratives that engage audiences and  
readers, the entertainment and news industry would not amount to much.  
Nobody would be talking about Peak TV, or franchise movies, or the  
promise and challenge of streaming video on demand, or the ongoing  
transformation of the news business. The industry would not employ  
hundreds of thousands of people who earn good salaries and pay taxes and  
spend money in their communities across the United States and the globe.

And people would not have well-crafted narratives to help them make  
sense of politics and relationships and the climate and identity and what it  
means to be human. The entertainment and news industry isn't only about  
selling subscriptions and advertising (and, increasingly, about getting access  
to customers' personal data, but that's another story). People build a sense  
of self and community through stories, and our members' work is an  
essential part of that lifelong process. That's important stuff. Well worth  
a night of celebration.

In Solidarity,

Lowell Peterson  
Executive Director

## THE SHOW

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HOSTED BY **JOHN FUGELSANG**

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### **PRESENTERS**

Kevin Bacon  
Samantha Bee  
Jimmy Fallon  
Tony Gilroy  
Sam Heughan  
Sunny Hostin  
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Natasha Lyonne  
Sienna Miller  
Tim Blake Nelson  
Amy Poehler  
Amber Ruffin  
Ramy Youssef

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# Congratulations Alishan Valiani!

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*"I'd like to thank the Collyer family, the King Foundation and the Writers Guild; the universe and any higher power that's out there; and my parents and teachers. I'm humbled by and immensely grateful for this opportunity."*

- ALISHAN VALIANI

The MCMFS, funded by the Charles and Lucille King Family Foundation, (kingfoundation.org), hosted by the Black List (blacklist.com) and presented in partnership with the Writers Guild Initiative is awarded to an undergraduate senior who plans to pursue a career in screenwriting upon graduation. The recipient receives a \$10,000 stipend to write an original screenplay under the mentorship of a prominent screenwriter.

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## HONORARY AWARDS

### **RICHARD PRICE**

IAN MCLELLAN HUNTER AWARD

Presented by **TONY GILROY**

For career achievement in writing

### **PAULA PELL**

HERB SARGENT AWARD

Presented by **AMY POEHLER**

For excellence in comedy writing and for inspiring others through leadership and mentoring

### **LISA TAKEUCHI CULLEN**

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Presented by **RANDALL JANSTA**

For devoted service to the Guild

### **ALISHAN VALIANI**

MICHAEL COLLYER AWARD

Presented by **SUSAN KIM**

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# MOTION PICTURE NOMINEES

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## ORIGINAL SCREENPLAY

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*1917*, Written by **Sam Mendes & Krysty Wilson-Cairns**; Universal Pictures

*Booksmart*, Written by **Emily Halpern & Sarah Haskins** and **Susanna Fogel** and **Katie Silberman**; United Artists Releasing

*Knives Out*, Written by **Rian Johnson**; Lionsgate

*Marriage Story*, Written by **Noah Baumbach**; Netflix

*Parasite*, Screenplay by **Bong Joon Ho** and **Han Jin Won**, Story by **Bong Joon Ho**; Neon

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## ADAPTED SCREENPLAY

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*A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood*, Written by **Micah Fitzerman-Blue & Noah Harpster**, Inspired by the Article "Can You Say...Hero?" by Tom Junod; TriStar Pictures

*The Irishman*, Screenplay by **Steven Zaillian**, Based upon the Book *I Heard You Paint Houses* by Charles Brandt; Netflix

*JoJo Rabbit*, Screenplay by **Taika Waititi**, Based on the book *Caging Skies* by Christine Leunens; Fox Searchlight

*Joker*, Written by **Todd Phillips & Scott Silver**, Based on Characters from DC Comics; Warner Bros. Pictures

*Little Women*, Screenplay by **Greta Gerwig**, Based on the Novel by Louisa May Alcott; Sony Pictures

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## DOCUMENTARY SCREENPLAY

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*Citizen K*, Written by **Alex Gibney**; Greenwich Entertainment

*Foster*, Written by **Mark Jonathan Harris**; HBO Documentary Films

*The Inventor: Out for Blood in Silicon Valley*, Written by **Alex Gibney**; HBO Documentary Films

*Joseph Pulitzer: Voice of the People*, Written by **Robert Seidman & Oren Rudavsky**; First Run Features

*The Kingmaker*, Written by **Lauren Greenfield**; Showtime Documentary Films

# TELEVISION AND NEW MEDIA NOMINEES

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## DRAMA SERIES

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*The Crown*, Written by **James Graham, David Hancock, Peter Morgan**; Netflix

*The Handmaid's Tale*, Written by **Marissa Jo Cerar, Yahlin Chang, Nina Fiore, Dorothy Fortenberry, Jacey Heldrich, John Herrera, Lynn Renee Maxcy, Bruce Miller, Kira Snyder, Eric Tuchman**; Hulu

*Mindhunter*, Written by **Pamela Cederquist, Joshua Donen, Marcus Gardley, Shaun Grant, Liz Hannah, Phillip Howze, Jason Johnson, Doug Jung, Colin J. Louro, Alex Metcalf, Courtenay Miles, Dominic Orlando, Joe Penhall, Ruby Rae Spiegel**; Netflix

*Succession*, Written by **Jesse Armstrong, Alice Birch, Jon Brown, Jonathan Glatzer, Cord Jefferson, Mary Laws, Lucy Prebble, Georgia Pritchett, Tony Roche, Gary Shteyngart, Susan Soon He Stanton, Will Tracy**; HBO

*Watchmen*, Written by **Lila Byock, Nick Cuse, Christal Henry, Branden Jacobs-Jenkins, Cord Jefferson, Jeff Jensen, Claire Kiechel, Damon Lindelof, Janine Nabers, Stacy Osei-Kuffour, Tom Spezialy, Carly Wray**; HBO

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## COMEDY SERIES

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*Barry*, Written by **Alec Berg, Duffy Boudreau, Bill Hader, Emily Heller, Jason Kim, Taofik Kolade, Elizabeth Sarnoff**; HBO

*The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel*, Written by **Kate Fodor, Noah Gardenswartz, Daniel Goldfarb, Alison Leiby, Daniel Palladino, Sono Patel, Amy Sherman-Palladino, Jordan Temple**; Prime Video

*PEN15*, Written by **Jeff Chan, Maya Erskine, Anna Konkle, Gabe Liedman, Stacy Osei-Kuffour, Andrew Rhymer, Jessica Watson, Sam Zvibleman**; Hulu

*Russian Doll*, Written by **Jocelyn Bioh, Flora Birnbaum, Cirocco Dunlap, Leslye Headland, Natasha Lyonne, Amy Poehler, Tami Sagher, Allison Silverman**; Netflix

*Veep*, Written by **Gabrielle Allan-Greenberg, Rachel Axler, Emilia Barrosse, Ted Cohen, Jennifer Crittenden, Alex Gregory, Steve Hely, Peter Huyck, Erik Kenward, Billy Kimball, David Mandel, Ian Maxtone-Graham, Dan Mintz, Lew Morton, Dan O'Keefe, Georgia Pritchett, Leila Strachan**; HBO

# TELEVISION AND NEW MEDIA NOMINEES

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## NEW SERIES

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*Dead To Me*, Written by **Rebecca Addelman, Njeri Brown, Liz Feldman, Kelly Hutchinson, Anthony King, Emma Rathbone, Kate Robin, Abe Sylvia**; Netflix

*PEN15*, Written by **Jeff Chan, Maya Erskine, Anna Konkle, Gabe Liedman, Stacy Osei-Kuffour, Andrew Rhymer, Jessica Watson, Sam Zvibleman**; Hulu

*Russian Doll*, Written by **Jocelyn Bioh, Flora Birnbaum, Cirocco Dunlap, Leslye Headland, Natasha Lyonne, Amy Poehler, Tami Sagher, Allison Silverman**; Netflix

*Watchmen*, Written by **Lila Byock, Nick Cuse, Christal Henry, Branden Jacobs-Jenkins, Cord Jefferson, Jeff Jensen, Claire Kiechel, Damon Lindelof, Janine Nabers, Stacy Osei-Kuffour, Tom Spezialy, Carly Wray**; HBO

*What We Do in the Shadows*, Written by **Jesse Armstrong, Sam Bain, Jemaine Clement, Josh Lieb, Iain Morris, Stefani Robinson, Duncan Sarkies, Marika Sawyer, Tom Scharpling, Paul Simms, Taika Waititi**; FX Networks

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## LONG FORM ORIGINAL

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*Chernobyl*, Written by **Craig Mazin**; HBO

*The Terror: Infamy*, Written by **Max Borenstein, Alessandra DiMona, Shannon Goss, Steven Hanna, Naomi Iizuka, Benjamin Klein, Danielle Roderick, Tony Tost, Alexander Woo**; AMC

*Togo*, Written by **Tom Flynn**; Disney+

*True Detective*, Written by **Alessandra DiMona, Graham Gordy, Gabriel Hobson, David Milch, Nic Pizzolatto**; HBO

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## LONG FORM ADAPTED

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*El Camino: A Breaking Bad Movie*, Written by **Vince Gilligan**; Netflix

*Fosse/Verdon*, Written by **Debora Cahn, Joel Fields, Ike Holter, Thomas Kail, Steven Levenson, Charlotte Stoudt, Tracey Scott Wilson**, Based on the book *Fosse* by Sam Wasson; FX Networks

*The Loudest Voice*, Written by **John Harrington Bland, Laura Eason, Tom McCarthy, Alex Metcalf, Gabriel Sherman, Jennifer Stahl**, Based on the Book *The Loudest Voice in the Room* and the *New York Magazine* Articles by Gabriel Sherman; Showtime

*Unbelievable*, Written by **Michael Chabon, Susannah Grant, Becky Mode, Jennifer Schuur, Ayelet Waldman**, Based on the Pro Publica & The Marshall Project article "An Unbelievable Story of Rape" and *This American Life* radio episode "Anatomy of Doubt"; Netflix

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## ORIGINAL SHORT FORM NEW MEDIA

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*After Forever*, Written by **Michael Slade & Kevin Spirtas**; Prime Video

*Special*, Written by **Ryan O'Connell**; Netflix

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## ANIMATION

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"Bed, Bob & Beyond" (*Bob's Burgers*), Written by **Kelvin Yu**; Fox

"The Gene Mile" (*Bob's Burgers*), Written by **Steven Davis**; Fox

"Go Big or Go Homer" (*The Simpsons*), Written by **John Frink**; Fox

"A Horse Walks Into A Rehab" (*BoJack Horseman*), Written by **Elijah Aron**; Netflix

"Livin' La Pura Vida" (*The Simpsons*), Written by **Brian Kelley**; Fox

"Thanksgiving of Horror" (*The Simpsons*), Written by **Dan Vebber**; Fox

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## EPISODIC DRAMA

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"407 Proxy Authentication Required" (*Mr. Robot*), Written by **Sam Esmail**; USA Network

"A Good Man is Hard to Find" (*Ray Donovan*), Written by **Joshua Marston**; Showtime

"Mirror Mirror" (*The OA*), Written by **Dominic Orlando & Claire Kiechel**; Netflix

"Moondust" (*The Crown*), Written by **Peter Morgan**; Netflix

"Our Little Island Girl" (*This Is Us*), Written by Eboni Freeman; NBC

"Tern Haven" (*Succession*), Written by **Will Tracy**; HBO

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## EPISODIC COMEDY

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"Here's Where We Get Off" (*Orange Is the New Black*), Written by **Jenji Kohan**; Netflix

"It's Comedy or Cabbage" (*The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel*), Written by **Amy Sherman-Palladino**; Prime Video

"Nice Knowing You" (*Living With Yourself*), Written by **Timothy Greenberg**; Netflix

# TELEVISION AND NEW MEDIA NOMINEES

“Pilot” (*Dead to Me*), Written by  
**Liz Feldman**; Netflix

“The Stinker Thinker” (*On Becoming  
a God in Central Florida*), Written  
by **Robert F. Funke & Matt Lutsky**;  
Showtime

“Veep” (*Veep*), Written by  
**David Mandel**; HBO

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## COMEDY/VARIETY TALK SERIES

*Conan*, Head Writer: **Matt O’Brien**  
Writers: **Jose Arroyo, Glenn Boozan,**  
**Daniel Cronin, Andres du Bouchet,**  
**Jessie Gaskell, Brian Kiley,**  
**Laurie Kilmartin, Todd Levin,**  
**Levi MacDougall, Conan O’Brien,**  
**Andy Richter, Frank Smiley,**  
**Mike Sweeney**; TBS

*Full Frontal with Samantha Bee*, Head  
Writer: **Melinda Taub** Writing Supervised  
by: **Joe Grossman, Nicole Silverberg**  
Writers: **Samantha Bee, Kristen Bartlett,**  
**Pat Cassels, Sean Crespo, Mike Drucker,**  
**Mathan Erhardt, Miles Kahn, Sahar Rizvi,**  
Special Material by: **Allison Silverman**;  
TBS

*Last Week Tonight with John Oliver*,  
Senior Writers: **Dan Gurewitch,**  
**Jeff Maurer, Jill Twiss, Juli Weiner**  
Writers: **Tim Carvell, Daniel O’Brien,**  
**John Oliver, Owen Parsons,**  
**Charlie Redd, Joanna Rothkopf,**  
**Ben Silva, Seena Vali**; HBO

*Late Night with Seth Meyers*, Head  
Writer: **Alex Baze** Supervising Writers:  
**Sal Gentile, Seth Reiss,** Writers:  
**Jermaine Affonso, Karen Chee,**  
**Bryan Donaldson, Matt Goldich,**  
**Dina Gusovsky, Jenny Hagel,**  
**Allison Hord, Mike Karnell, John Lutz,**  
**Seth Meyers, Ian Morgan, Amber Ruffin,**  
**Mike Scollins, Mike Shoemaker, Ben**  
**Warheit**; NBC Universal

*The Late Late Show with James Corden*,  
Head Writers: **Lauren Greenberg,**  
**Ian Karmel** Writers: **Demi Adejuyigbe,**  
**James Corden, Rob Crabbe, Lawrence**  
**Dai, Nate Fernald, Caroline Goldfarb,**  
**Olivia Harewood, David Javerbaum,**  
**John Kennedy, Kayleigh Lamb, James**  
**Longman, Jared Moskowitz, CeCe**  
**Pleasants, Tim Siedell, Benjamin Stout,**  
**Tom Thriveni, Louis Waymouth,**  
**Ben Winston**; CBS

*The Late Show with Stephen Colbert*,  
Head Writers: **Jay Katsir, Opus Moreschi**  
Writers: **Michael Brumm, River Clegg,**  
**Aaron Cohen, Stephen Colbert,**  
**Paul Dinello, Ariel Dumas, Glenn**  
**Eichler, Django Gold, Gabe Gronli,**  
**Greg Iwinski, Barry Julien, Daniel**  
**Kibblesmith, Eliana Kwartler, Matt**  
**Lappin, Asher Perlman, Tom Purcell,**  
**Kate Sidley, Jen Spyra, Brian Stack,**  
**John Thibodeaux**; CBS

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## COMEDY/VARIETY – SPECIALS

*Desi Lydic: Abroad*, Written by  
**Devin Delliquanti, Lauren Sarver**  
**Means**; Comedy Central

*Full Frontal with Samantha Bee*  
*Presents: Not the White House*  
*Correspondents’ Dinner Part 2*,  
Head Writer: **Melinda Taub**, Writing  
Supervised by: **Joe Grossman, Nicole**  
**Silverberg**, Writers: **Samantha Bee,**  
**Kristen Bartlett, Pat Cassels, Sean**  
**Crespo, Mike Drucker, Mathan Erhardt,**  
**Lewis Friedman, Miles Kahn, Sahar Rizvi,**  
Special Material by **Allison Silverman**; TBS

*The Late Late Show Carpool Karaoke*  
*Primetime Special 2019*, Head Writers:  
**Lauren Greenberg, Ian Karmel**, Writers:  
**Demi Adejuyigbe, James Corden, Rob**  
**Crabbe, Lawrence Dai, Nate Fernald,**  
**Caroline Goldfarb, John Kennedy,**  
**James Longman, Jared Moskowitz,**  
**CeCe Pleasants, Tim Siedell, Benjamin**  
**D. Stout, Tom Thriveni, Louis Waymouth,**  
**Ben Winston**; CBS

*Ramy Youssef: Feelings*, Written by  
**Ramy Youssef**; HBO

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## COMEDY/VARIETY SKETCH SERIES

*At Home with Amy Sedaris*, Writers:  
**Cole Escola, Amy Sedaris, Allison**  
**Silverman**; truTV

*I Think You Should Leave with Tim*  
*Robinson*, Writers: **Jeremy Beiler,**  
**Zach Kanin, Tim Robinson, John**  
**Solomon**; Netflix

*Saturday Night Live*, Head Writers:  
**Michael Che, Colin Jost, Kent Sublette**  
Supervising Writers: **Anna Drezen,**  
**Fran Gillespie, Sudi Green, Streeter**  
**Seidell** Senior Writer: **Bryan Tucker**

Weekend Update Head Writer:  
**Pete Schultz** Writers: **James Anderson,**  
**Neal Brennan, Andrew Briedis, Dan Bulla,**  
**Megan Callahan, Steven Castillo,**  
**Emma Clark, Andrew Dismukes,**  
**Alison Gates, Tim Herlihy, Steve Higgins,**  
**Sam Jay, Erik Kenward, Steve Koren,**  
**Rob Klein, Michael Koman, Dan Licata,**  
**Alan Linic, Eli Coyote Mandel,**  
**Dave McCary, Dennis McNicholas,**  
**Lorne Michaels, John Mulaney,**  
**Josh Patten, Jasmine Pierce, Katie Rich,**  
**Simon Rich, Gary Richardson, Marika**  
**Sawyer, Robert Smigel, Mark Steinbach,**  
**Will Stephen, Julio Torres, Bowen Yang**;  
NBC Universal

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## QUIZ AND AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

*Are You Smarter Than A 5th Grader?*,  
Head Writer: **Bret Calvert**, Writers:  
**Seth Harrington, Rosemarie DiSalvo**;  
Nickelodeon

*Hollywood Game Night*, Head Writers:  
**Ann Slichter, Grant Taylor**, Writers:  
**Michael Agababian, Marshall Davis,**  
**Allie Kokesh, Dwight D. Smith**; NBC

*Jeopardy!*, Writers: **Matthew Caruso,**  
**John Duarte, Harry Friedman,**  
**Mark Gaberman, Debbie Griffin,**  
**Michele Loud, Robert McClenaghan,**  
**Jim Rhine, Steve D. Tamerius,**  
**Billy Wisse**; ABC

*Who Wants To Be A Millionaire*,  
Head Writer: **Stephen Melcher**, Writers:  
**Kyle Beakley, Patricia A. Cotter,**  
**Ryan Hopak, Gary Lucy, James Rowley,**  
**Ann Slichter**; Disney/ABC Syndication



# TELEVISION AND NEW MEDIA NOMINEES

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## DAYTIME DRAMA

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*Days of Our Lives*, Writers: **Lorraine Broderick, Ron Carivati, Joanna Cohen, Carolyn Culliton, Richard Culliton, Rick Draughon, Dave Kreizman, Rebecca McCarty, Ryan Quan, Dave Ryan, Katie Schock, Betsy Snyder**; NBC Universal

*General Hospital*, Head Writers: **Shelly Altman, Christopher Van Etten, Dan O'Connor**, Associate Head Writer: **Anna T. Cascio** Writers: **Barbara Bloom, Suzanne Flynn, Charlotte Gibson, Lucky Gold, Kate Hall, Elizabeth Korte, Donny Sheldon, Scott Sickles**; ABC

*The Young and the Restless*, Writers: **Amanda L. Beall, Jeff Beldner, Sara Bibel, Matt Clifford, Annie Compton, Christopher Dunn, Sara Endsley, Janice Ferri Esser, Mellinda Hensley, Lynn Martin, Anne Schoettle, Natalie Minardi Slater, Teresa Zimmerman**; CBS

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## CHILDREN'S EPISODIC, LONG FORM AND SPECIALS

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"It's Just... Weird" (*Alexa & Katie*), Written by **Romi Barta**; Netflix

"Remember Black Elvis?" (*Family Reunion*), Written by **Howard Jordan, Jr.**; Netflix

"Remember How This All Started?" (*Family Reunion*), Written by **Meg DeLoatch**; Netflix

"Stupid Binder" (*Alexa & Katie*), Written by **Nancy Cohen**; Netflix

"Time to Make... My Move" (*Jim Henson's The Dark Crystal: Age of Resistance*), Written by **Javier Grillo-Marxuach**; Netflix

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## DOCUMENTARY SCRIPT – CURRENT EVENTS

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"Coal's Deadly Dust" (*Frontline*), Written by **Elaine McMillion Sheldon**; PBS

"The Mueller Investigation" (*Frontline*), Written by **Michael Kirk & Mike Wiser**; PBS

"Trump's Trade War" (*Frontline*), Written by **Rick Young**; PBS

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## DOCUMENTARY SCRIPT – OTHER THAN CURRENT EVENTS

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"Chasing The Moon Part One: A Place Beyond The Sky" (*American Experience*), Written by **Robert Stone**; PBS

"Right To Fail" (*Frontline*), Written by **Tom Jennings**; PBS

"Supreme Revenge" (*Frontline*), Written by **Michael Kirk & Mike Wiser**; PBS

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## NEWS SCRIPT – REGULARLY SCHEDULED BULLETIN OR BREAKING REPORT

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"Terror in America: The Massacres in El Paso and Dayton" (*Special Edition of the CBS Evening News with Norah O'Donnell*), Written by **Jerry Cipriano, Joe Clines, Bob Meyer**; CBS News

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## NEWS SCRIPT – ANALYSIS, FEATURE, OR COMMENTARY

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"Atlanta, EP. 3" (*A King's Place*), Written by **Jessica Mouliete, Ashley Velez**; TheRoot.com

"Fly Like An Eagle" (*60 Minutes*), Written by **Katie Kerbstat Jacobson, Scott Pelley, Nicole Young**; CBS News

"'Tis the Season: Here's How Jesus Became So Widely Accepted as White," Written by **Joon Chung, Felice León, Ashley Velez**; TheRoot.com

"Toxic Water Crisis Still This Haunts New York Town", Written by **Lena Jackson**; HuffPost.com

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## DIGITAL NEWS

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"A Gridiron of Their Own," Written by **Kelsey McKinney**; Deadspin.com

"Stories About My Brother," Written by **Prachi Gupta**, Jezebel.com

# RADIO/AUDIO NOMINEES

## RADIO/AUDIO NEWS SCRIPT—REGULARLY SCHEDULED, BULLETIN, BREAKING REPORT

"CBS News on the Hour with  
Norah O'Donnell - El Paso, Texas  
and Dayton, Ohio - Communities in  
Mourning," Written by **James Hutton**;  
CBS News Radio

"Hail and Farewell: Remembering  
Some Headline Makers," Written by  
**Gail Lee**; CBS News Radio

"World News This Week, August 9,  
2019," Written by **Stephanie Pawlowski**  
and **Jim Ryan**; ABC News Radio

"World News This Week, September 13,  
2019," Written by **Joan B. Harris**; ABC  
News Radio

## RADIO/AUDIO NEWS SCRIPT—ANALYSIS, FEATURE, OR COMMENTARY

"The Enduring Legacy of Jackie  
Kennedy Onassis," Written by  
**Dianne E. James, Gail Lee**; CBS  
News Radio

"Woodstock: Back to the Garden,"  
Written by **Gail Lee**, CBS News Radio

# PROMOTIONAL WRITING NOMINEES

## ON-AIR PROMOTION (RADIO OR TELEVISION)

"CBS Promos", Written by **Molly Neylan**;  
CBS

"Star. Kill. Evil. FBI.," Written by  
**Ralph Buado**; CBS

"Star Trek: Picard" and "All Rise  
Promos," Written by **Jessica  
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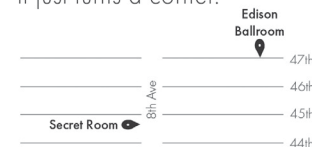
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David Stephen Cohen  
Bonnie Datt  
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Dru Johnston  
Kristy Lopez-Bernal  
Monique Moses  
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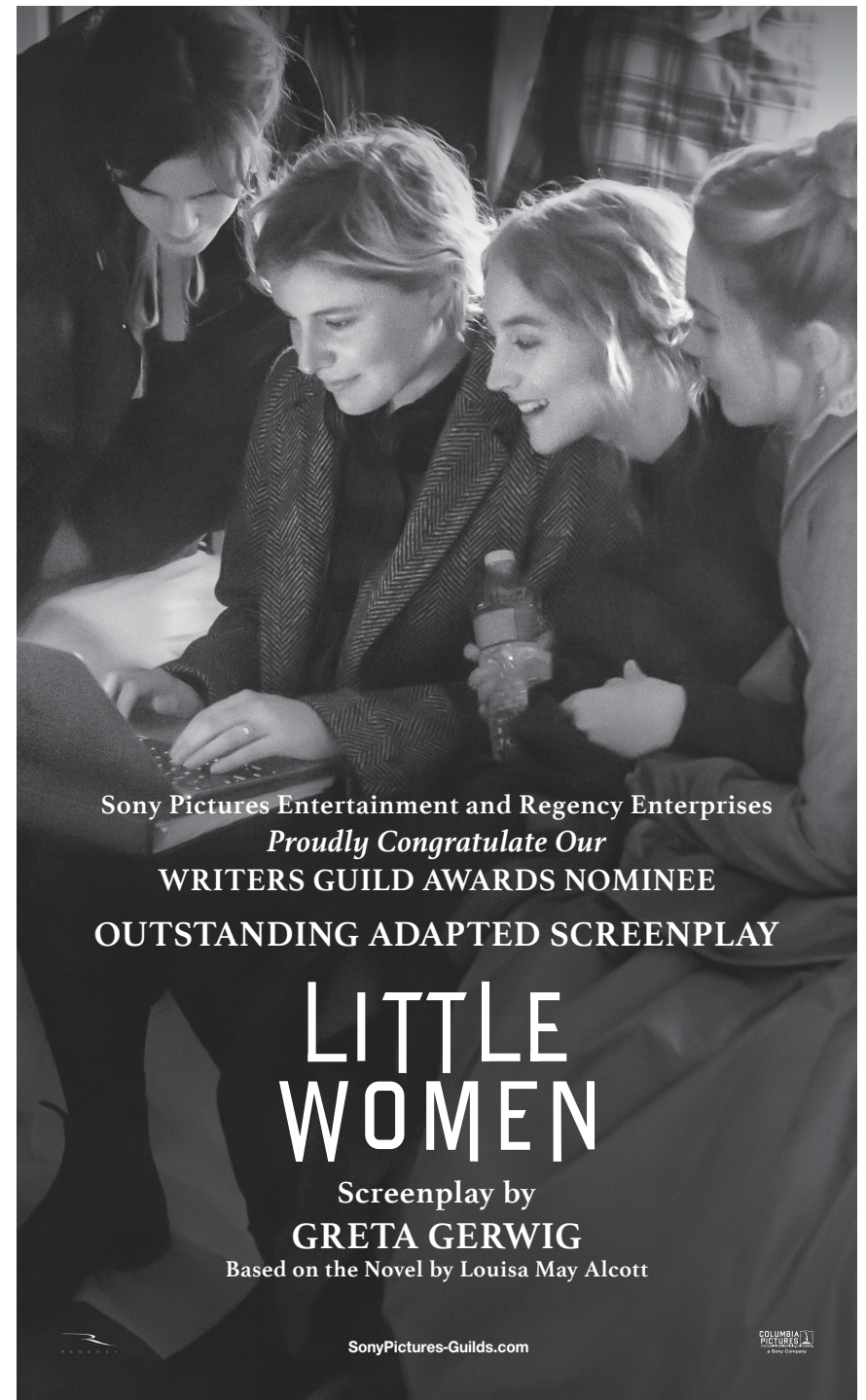
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 up, using the small mirror in  
 his locker. Behind him a  
 couple other clowns are eating  
 their lunch at a small table,  
 not paying Arthur any  
 attention.

Arthur pauses, half-finished,  
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 beat. Hooks the corners of his  
 mouth down with his index  
 fingers, turning his mouth into  
 the "tragedy mask" frown--

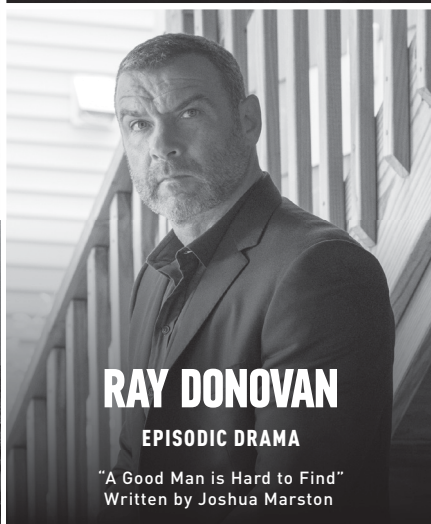
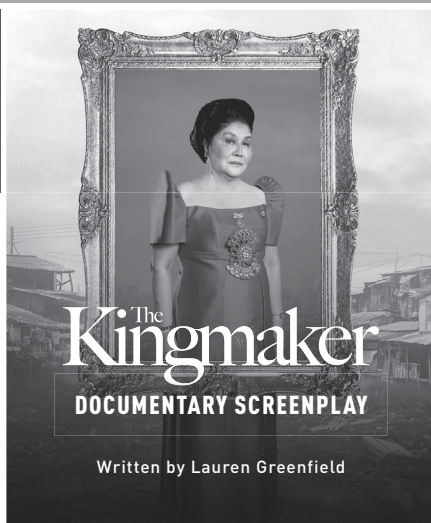
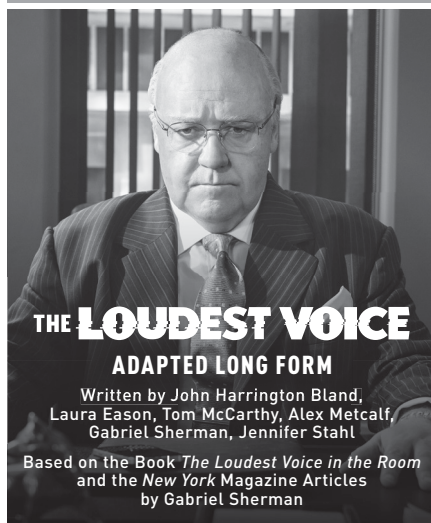
And then he pulls his fingers  
 up, pulling them up wider and  
 wider, stretching his smile  
 into a grotesque parody of the  
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 himself look happy, pulling  
 his mouth so wide tears come  
 to his eyes--

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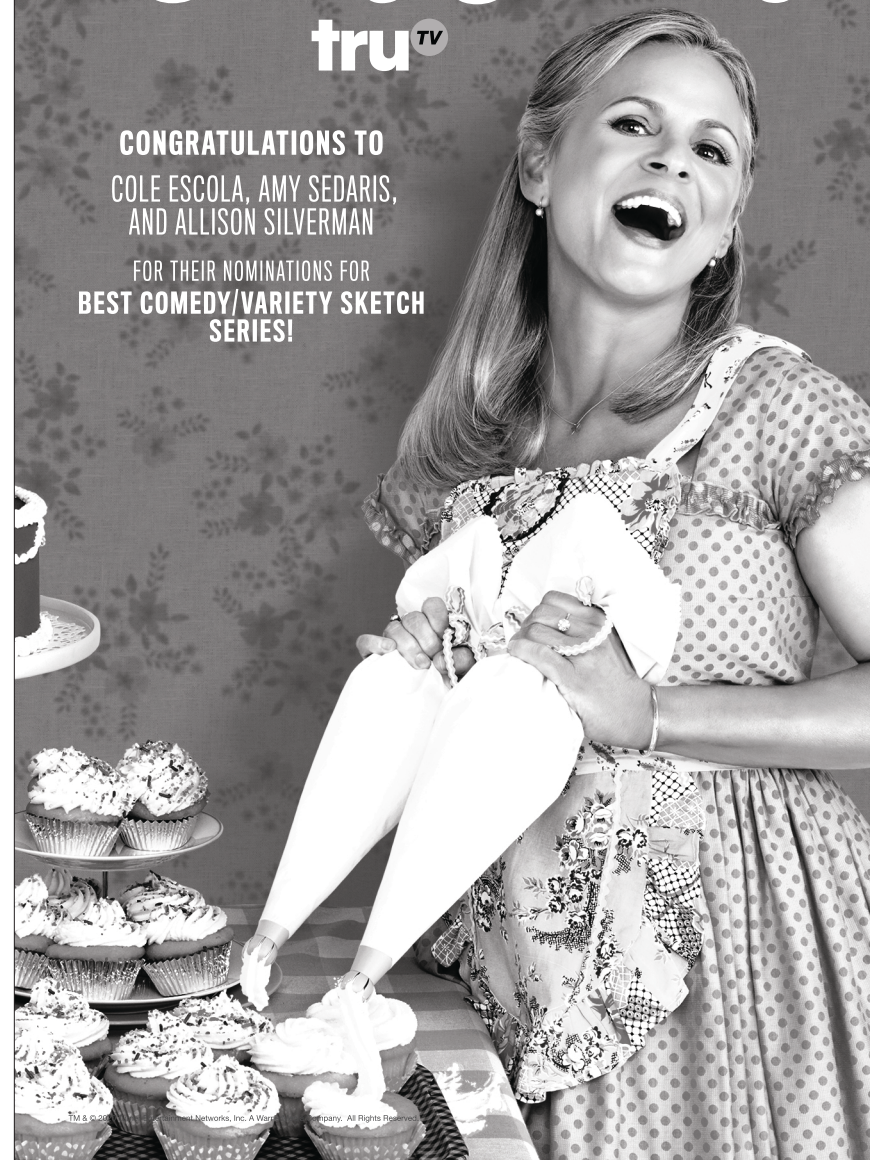
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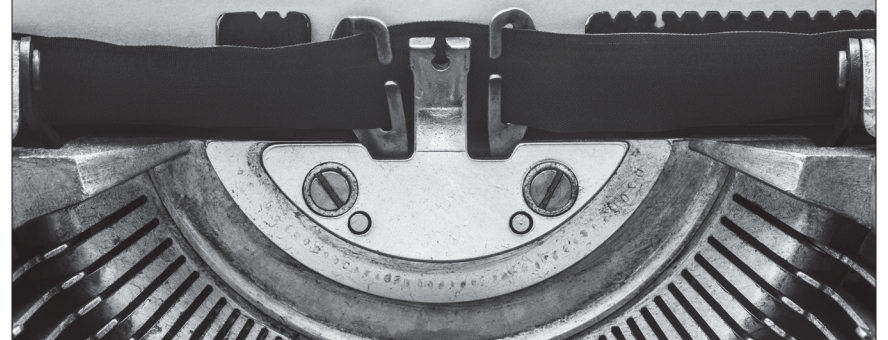
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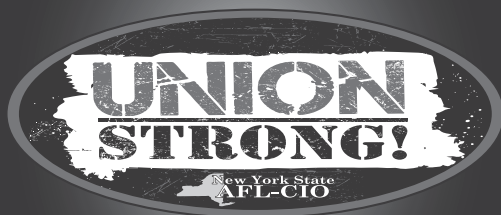
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