

MN WIFT Monthly Newsletter

November 2013

MN WIFT Mission

Empower

women of all ages to reach their highest potential in the film, television and media industry.

Provide

international access to a broad network of resources, education and support.

Promote

events that showcase work; engaging audience in open-forum discussion.

Inspire

the public and marketplace with diverse voices.

November Board Meeting

Tuesday, November 12, 2013
6:30pm - 8:00pm



[Pizza Luce](#)

800 W 66th St.
Richfield, MN 55423
(612) 767-8603

Members are always welcome to attend. For more information email secretary@mnwift.org

Member Spotlight: Brita Jackson

Give to the Max Day - November 14, 2013



MN WIFT participates in
GIVE TO THE MAX DAY
November 14, 2013!

Funds raised will be used for the
MNWIFT 2014 Production Grant!

Schedule Your Donation NOW!!

[Click HERE](#)

"CAPTAIN PHILLIPS" SCREENING CELEBRATES CASTING OF TWIN CITIANS



It's not too often that a Hollywood blockbuster has a local connection, but five cast members from "*Captain Phillips*" have Twin Cities ties.

MN WIFT, in association with the **Minnesota Film & TV Board**, hosted a screening of "*Captain Phillips*" on Tuesday, October 15th, with four of the five cast members in attendance. Search casting director, **Debbie DeLisi** and her associates **Lynn Younglove** and **Kati Batcheldertory** provided back story on how the pirate characters were cast. This event was a way to provide a local, "red carpet" celebration of the actors' accomplishments. A crowd of nearly 400 packed St. Paul's **Grandview Theater** for the occasion.



MN WIFT member, Brita Jackson"...grew up in LA and my stepbrother was one of the drummers for Guns & Roses, but my stepdad was a preacher in Hollywood, so the industry was not really welcomed in our house. It wasn't until he passed away when I was fifteen that I walked into my first set with PBS Wonderworks..." [more](#)



MN WIFT got a lot of help from members and supporters in organizing the event. Our special thanks to the **MN Film & TV Board** and **Kate Eifrig**; **HDMG** and **Carly Zuckweiler**; **Bill Strohm**, **Savvi Formal Wear**, **The Aegis Foundation**; **Globe University**; **Ulrich Neilsen**; Photographer **Jennifer Whalen** and **cast members Chris Mulkey**; **Barkhad Abdirahman**, **Faysal Ahmed** and **Mahat M. Ali**.

**MN WIFT
New & Renewing Members**

MN WIFT welcomes new members **Brita Jackson** and **Kari Malek**, and renewing members **Maxine Davis**, **Kirsten Gregerson**, **Jane Hare**, and **JoJo Liebeler**.

We look forward to seeing you at a MN WIFT event soon!

**Speed Networking Event -
Round 2**

On October 1st we headed to **Sticks at Acme Comedy Club** for our *second* round of **Speed Networking**. It was a fun, great way to meet new people in just six minutes and make new connections! **Missed it?** Don't worry we are planning another round this spring! Stay tuned for details.

Upcoming MN WIFT Events

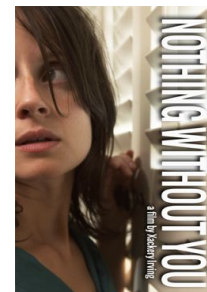


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**MN WIFT Sponsors TCFF
Closing Night Gala Film!!**

MN WIFT was proud to sponsor the **Closing Night Gala Film Screening** of **NOTHING WITHOUT YOU** at **The Twin Cities Film Festival** on Saturday, October 26th.

We would like to congratulate lead actress, **Emily Fradenburgh** for winning **The 2013 TCFF Breakthrough Achievement Award** for her role in the film.



3M Tour and Discussion on changing trends in corporate video production including increased presence of live streaming of corporate meetings and events. Date TBD.

Learn about our next educational event, **free to members** by visiting our website www.mnwift.org.

Stay tuned for next year's **TCFF FILM FESTIVAL** beginning **October 16 - 26, 2014!!**
www.twincitiesfilmfest.org

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Under Representation of Women in the Media



Article from [The Minnesota Women's Press](#)

Media imbalance

Women are still underemployed and underrepresented in news and entertainment media, according to several new studies. At this rate, "it will take until 2085 for women to reach parity with men ...," wrote Diana Mitsu Kos of the Women's Media Center.

The findings include:

- * Print: Bylines by journalists: Men 71.5%, women 27%, (1.5% N/A)
- * Movies: Women made up 9% of directors of the top 250 grossing U.S. films in 2012.
- * Prime-time TV: Men outnumbered women 4 to 1 in directing 3,100 shows.
- * Sunday talk: 25% of guests were female in one study, while in another, 14% of those interviewed were women, with 29% of roundtable guests women.
- * Video games: 47% of gamers are women, while 88% of game developers are men.
- * Boardroom: Only 17 women at media and technology companies are on Fortune's list of the 50 most powerful women in business.

Source: [Women's Media Center](#)

Notables



Don't miss IFP's Incredibly Fun Party and Silent Auction
Thursday, November 7, 2013
6:30pm to 10:00pm

[Porter & Frye Restaurant](#)

1115 2nd Av S, Minneapolis, MN 55403, 612.353.3500
(Please enter through Hotel Ivy lobby)

Tickets available [online](#) or by phone at 651.644.1912

If you can't attend please consider making a fully deductible donation in the

amount of a ticket-or more!

The Incredibly Fun Party is the biggest gathering of the year for the Minnesota film community. Please join us! See and be seen, network, drink, celebrate and mingle. Bid on fantastic items in our Silent Auction. Sample Porter & Frye's Contemporary American cuisine and signature craft cocktails. Revel in the gorgeous ambiance of the Ivy Tower.

Along with our current membership drive, the Incredibly Fun Party and Silent Auction are also essential fundraisers for IFP MN. Tickets are partly tax deductible*and help support our work in the community: youth programs, classes, annual Filmmaker Conference, Master Classes, grants, networkings, Cinema Lounge, and (new!) 20 free Film Independent Spirit Award members only screenings.



Call for Submissions



2014 New Media Project Grant

Submission deadline: Tuesday, February 11, 2014

Attend an Informative Session:

November 13, NOON - **Webinar** (email llippold@ifpmn.org to join)

November 13, 5:30PM - **at IFP**, 2446 University Ave. W., St. Paul

The New Media Project Grant provides funding for one innovative cross-platform or interactive media arts project. Successful applicants will demonstrate excellence in storytelling, innovation, and artistry in the media arts. The grant recipient will receive \$50,000 to create his/her proposed project. The grant is **for Minnesota residents only**.

Application guidelines for the New Media Project Grant are available [here](#).

The KCWIFT and KC FilmFest 3rd Annual Short Screenplay Contest is now accepting entries!

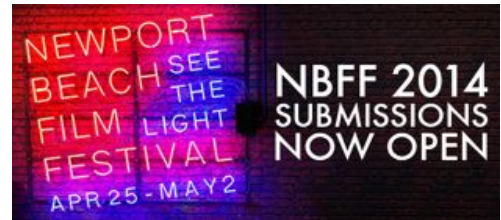


Writers of any age are eligible to enter and scripts may be any genre. Women writers may work with male partners as well. Screenplays must be 15 pages or less.

Enter to win \$1,000 to take your script from page to screen!

Visit [contest page](#) for more information.

Announcing the first FILM SERIES at the Newport Beach Film Festival! The 15th annual Newport Beach Film Festival (NBFF) is open for submissions! This year the NBFF will spotlight women directed features, docs, and shorts in our **Women Direct! Film Series**.



We are offering a special discount to women-directed films. Use the codes below when you submit your film on Withoutabox.com!

FEATURES: \$40
CODE: WDFeature
SHORTS: \$30
CODE: WDSHORT

The deadline for these discounts is January 17, 2014. Please submit early!

To submit your film, please visit: <http://www.newportbeachfilmfest.com/2013/submityour-film/>



2014 Minneapolis St. Paul International Film Festival

Submission Deadlines: *Regular:* November 1, 2013, *Late:* January 3, 2014,

Extended Deadline: January 10, 2014

*No submission fees are required for eligible films submitting to the Minnesota Made competition by the Early or Regular Deadline.

Submissions are now open for the **33rd Minneapolis St. Paul International Film Festival**, returning to Minneapolis, Minnesota **April 3-19, 2014**. The largest film event in the region and one of the longest-running film festivals in the US, the **Minneapolis St. Paul International Film Festival** annually showcases more than 250 international, national, and local independent films, and welcomes the attendance of more than 150 filmmakers and artists from around the world. Submissions are now open for all films **made after January 1, 2012**. All entrants are required to submit to: throughWithoutabox.com. Additional information can be found atmspfilmfest.org.

Women Interactive, a Creative Technology Festival that takes place **November 8-9, 2013** is calling for content: micro-shorts, phone short films, interactive video exhibitions, short films and web-series. Email: submissions@womeninteractive.net with a link to your project or project trailer along with a synopsis of the project and a short bio about the creator.



The 2014 **OUT** Twin Cities Film Festival's
Most FABULOUS GLBT
Wedding Proposal
Video Contest
Be Creative & Have Fun!

Deadline March 14, 2014

The video submissions can be no more than 5 minutes in length. Applicants must be a resident of the state of Minnesota. There will be 10 finalists selected and a 3rd, 2nd and 1st place, but only one can win the grand prize! The full prizes will be announced officially on February 14th, 2014 - Valentines Day! The top 10 chosen videos will be screened at the **2014 [OUT Twin Cities Film Festival](#)**.

Members, if you have something you want to see in the newsletter, write it up in a few sentences (125 words or less) with a description of WHAT, WHEN - Date and Time and WHERE. Include a LINK to more DETAILS (if applicable) and submit it to communications@mnwift.org by the 20th of the month for inclusion in the next month's newsletter.

Contact Information:

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