

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.

**MN WIFT
 New & Renewing Members**

MN WIFT welcomes renewing members **Deborah Fiscus, Joanna Koehler, Sandy Capra** and

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

Upcoming MN WIFT Events

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.

Coming Soon to a Location Near You!!

MN Women in Film & TV

**MN WIFT Annual Business and Board of Directors Meeting
 Tuesday, February 11, 2014**

Join us for MN WIFT's Annual Business Meeting. Help shape the MN WIFT activities for the coming year! Full members will be voting in our 2014-2016 Board of Directors. Not a full member? Join here <http://mnwift.org/membership/application/>

For 2014 Board of Directors Nominee information, go to the MN WIFT website and click on:

<http://mnwift.org/board-of-directors-nominees/>

Questions or to RSVP, contact president@mnwift.org

**Tuesday Feb 11, 2013
 6:30-8:00 pm**



[Showplace Icon Theater](#)
LoBBY Lounge
 1625 West End Boulevard
 St. Louis Park, MN 55416
 (612) 568-0375

**Member Spotlight
 James Byrne**

MN WIFT Member, James Byrne has experience in all aspects of filmmaking from script to screen both behind and in front of the camera. It all began when "I took a video art workshop one summer at MCAD and that got my imagination rolling."



What is he currently working on? "I'm on personal challenge exercise binge to write..." [More](#)

MN WIFT Welcomes New INTERN, Andrea Johnson

has joined fellow industry organizations making plans for the

3rd Annual Unified 2013 Wrap Party!



Stay tuned for details... Really...

Notables

PATHWAYS: Homeless Youth Film Project



Collaborating with six Twin Cities' Homeless Youth organizations, a group of well-established, professional filmmakers will work with 15-20 homeless youth, ages 16-21 during this two phase project.

Phase One is a 16-week long series of filmmaking workshops covering every aspect of creating a film - from conception to completion. During phase-two, the youth will literally "call all the shots": write the script, cast the actors, direct the shots, set lights, record sound, creating their own film! The experts leading workshops in phase-one will supervise all aspects of film production to ensure a professional-quality outcome. Upon completion of production, they will assist participants in submitting to film festivals.

Through a grant from Minnesota State Arts Board, the youth learn to work as a team, using this apprentice-type experience to make professional contacts,



"A consistent goal I have had throughout my college career has been to land an internship - and it's extremely exciting for me to announce that I have!"

My name is Andrea Johnson, and I am in the middle of my senior year at Metropolitan State University, majoring in Screenwriting. A lifelong passion for film and storytelling that led to my enthusiasm for their 'blueprints' or the screenplay, would be solidified during my freshman year at Columbia College Chicago.

While Columbia was a great learning experience in a fantastic environment, it just wasn't the right fit for me. I transferred to Metro State in my home state of Minnesota, a decision that has proved to be the best choice.

After checking out the website, chocked-full of resources and inspiring stories about local women in the industry, I knew that MN WIFT was the perfect place to inquire about my first internship. I'm extremely excited to help Amanda and the other board members, go on different job-shadow assignments, and lend my assistance on various projects.

Being a part of MN WIFT as their very first intern is the perfect way to signal the end of my years as a college student and the perfect way to begin my career. I am truly grateful for this opportunity, and I look forward to meeting and connecting with other talented, motivated, and inspiring filmmakers!"

Call for Submissions

AFI DOCS 2014 NOW ACCEPTING SUBMISSIONS!



**Regular Submission Deadline:
February 7, 2014**

**LATE Submission Deadline:
February 28, 2014**

AFI DOCS is accepting submissions for its 20th annual Festival, taking place June 18-22, 2014 at the **AFI Silver Theatre & Cultural Center** in downtown Washington, DC.

For more information, go to AFI.com/AFIDOC

To submit, go to Withoutabox.com

All Filmmakers will be notified of their status by **May 19, 2014**

secure internships, part-time jobs and find entry into college film programs. For more [details](#) ...

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2014 New Media Project Grant



Submission

deadline: Tuesday, February 11, 2014

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](#).

Regular submission
fee is \$35
if received by
Feb 28, 2014
Late submission
fee is \$45
must be received
by **Friday, March 14, 2014**

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

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 top 10 chosen videos will be screened at the **2014 [OUT Twin Cities Film Festival](#) June 4 -8, 2014**

*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.*

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