



MN WIFT Monthly Newsletter

March 2014

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.

2014 WRAP PARTY
Wednesday, March 12th!

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 AND DETAILS!!**

Member Spotlight - Lesa Koski

MN WIFT member,

Lesla Koski, entered the industry less than a year ago. "I finally was honest with myself and realized how much I disliked practicing law.... I had to search my soul and it went all the way back to when I was 12 years old. I loved doing plays and musicals. So for the first time in my life I followed my heart...." [More](#)



March Board of Directors Meeting

In lieu of our second Tuesday of the month board meeting, the newly elected **MN WIFT Board of Directors** will be gathering **Saturday, March 8** for an extended meeting and retreat to

2014 - 2016 MN WIFT Board of Directors

On February 11th, 2014 MN Women in Film & TV held elections for the 2014-2016 Board of Directors.

Congratulations to:

Cheri Anderson

Nancy Ford

Deborah Fiscus

Jane Hare, Secretary

Amanda Lathrop, President

Jody Lichtor

Melissa Martin

Meighan McGuire, Vice President

Lori Spangler

Dawn Ulrich, Treasurer

Thank you to all who participated in the election process. Would you like more information on becoming a full, voting member of MN WIFT?

Please contact us at board@mnwift.org.

Shop Amazon AND Support MN WIFT

Did you know that in addition to [becoming a member](#) and [sponsoring MN WIFT](#), you can support us when you purchase items through [AmazonSmile](#)?



Through this generous program, Amazon donates 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to the charitable organization of your choice.

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Member News

Raven Theater in Chicago presents the *World Premiere* of **MN WIFT member, Jennifer Kramer's** film, **LOOKING**

exchange ideas, discuss expectations, and to establish goals benefitting our chapter members and production community. Stay tuned for details in next month's newsletter!

**MN WIFT
New & Renewing Members**

MN WIFT welcomes renewing members **Anglea Andrist, Lisa Blackstone, Nancy Ford, Elizabeth Giorgi, Sammy Sarzosa, Jatin Setia,** and new member, **Amber Steimer.**

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

WIFTI International Summit



**Women In Film & Television International Summit
May 16, 17 & 18, 2014
Westin Convention Center Hotel
1000 Liberty Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15129**

Hosted by **Women in Film & Media, WiFM.** Includes events panel discussions, events, seminars, workshops and Opal Awards. Meet members of Women in Film Chapters from around the world.

Early Bird Registration:
Women In Film Members:
\$325.00
Non-Members:
\$375.00
Day passes also available

To Register: [Click here](#)
E-mail: in_fo@wifmpit.org
412-973-9799

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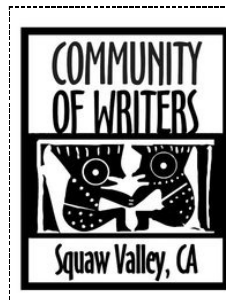
PAST YOU, featuring Maggie Shryer, along with Ms. Shryer's one woman play, **THE RUN-AWAY NUN.** Go to www.maggiereinchicago.com for details.

Call for Submissions

Late submission fee is \$45 must be received by **Friday, March 14, 2014**

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**

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



The **Community of Writers** is pleased to announce our **2014 Summer Writing Workshop in Poetry, Writer's Workshops, and Screenwriting**, and is now accepting applications and submissions.
Submission Deadline: April 2, 2014
For more information, go to: <http://www.squawvalleywriters.org/>

IFP Independent Filmmaker Labs Open for Submissions!

IFP is currently seeking first-time filmmakers with features in post-production (rough assembly through fine cut) for this year's [Independent Filmmaker Labs](#).
Submission deadlines:
Documentary Labs - March 7, 2014
Narrative Labs - April 4, 2014



2014 McKnight Media Artist Fellowships Application Deadline: Monday, April 7, 2014

The McKnight Media Artist Fellowship program supports excellence in the media arts for mid-career artists in Minnesota. Three \$25,000 fellowships will be awarded in 2014. Eligible applicants include independent producers, directors, writers, and developers in film, television, radio, web, computer/video games, transmedia, and other emerging forms of media.





The Minneapolis St. Paul International Film Festival, celebrates its 33rd year, **April 3-19, 2014**. This diverse and highly anticipated celebration of independent cinema 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. The vast majority of these films would never be discovered in the region outside of their participation in the Festival. For more details: <http://www.msppilmfest.org/MMXIII/>

Applicants must submit two completed works of any length. [Guidelines available on website.](#)

The 2014 Minneapolis Underground Film Festival, Minnesota made films submission fees are waived until August 1, 2014.

The Minneapolis Underground Film Festival creates space for independent and underground filmmakers and their buried gems. Our mission is to promote new artists, entertain our audiences and inspire filmmakers to create exciting original work.



The Minnesota made category is for any feature film, short film, music video, animation, experimental or documentary film, with a combined 50% or more of production and postproduction that took place in Minnesota. These films are exempt from the submission fees (excluding the "Late" & WAB Extended" deadlines). Check website, [Withoutabox](#) for more information.

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Unified Wrap Party 2014!!

Wrap Party!

**IFP Minnesota, AICP, MN WIFT, TCFF, IATSE 490,
 Screenwriter's Workshop and The Minnesota Film & TV Board**
 Invite you to the 3rd Annual Wrap Party
Wednesday March 12th
 5:00 until...
 at **The Crooked Pint**
 501 Washington Ave S, Minneapolis, MN

We'll have appetizers, Dawn Urich's delightful desserts, Happy Hour drink prices all evening and very very special price on Stella Artois (til the keg is dry/thank you TCFF and Stella!)

Abundant parking across the street behind the Depot Skate Rink
 Come out and see your old friends and make some new ones
 as we celebrate all the work done in Minnesota this past year.









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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