



Women In Film & Television Vancouver –WIFTV
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Our Mandate

Women In Film & Television Vancouver (WIFTV) is an internationally affiliated non-profit society committed to advancing & celebrating women in screen-based media.

WIFTV is one of the largest professional film industry organizations in BC with more than 750 members (including over 100 men). Members benefit by meeting and networking with people working in the film, video and television industries, and also enjoy many members-only opportunities and privileges, workshops and seminars. WIFTV is part of Women In Film & Television International and is one of 35 chapters around the world.

A Brief Background of WIFTV

Women In Film & Television Vancouver was founded in 1989 by Peggy Thompson, Sharon McGowan and Barbara Janes under the name Vancouver Women In Film and Video Society (WIFVV). The membership was 100+. The National Film Board provided support by donating the first meeting space. Initially, the organization's mandate was to lobby about the number of women working in the motion picture industry and to provide them with top-notch professional development.

The first major endeavor was the Producers Workshop series: A three-year educational program aimed at increasing access to information about funding to increase the number of indigenous productions being created by women. The best and brightest guest speakers were invited to co-write the first Producers Workbook.

A "Directors Series" followed in the early 90's, and a new array of events and programs for the growing membership were added yearly, such as the Networking Breakfast, Martini Madness and Walking Talking Heads. In 1995, the mentorship program, Moving Up!, was started to attract young women to the industry. Next WIFVV presented Flash Forward, a career-boosting workshop, as well as The Spotlight Awards Gala honouring outstanding women and men working in the film industry. Men were also welcomed in a membership category called "Friends of WIFVV."

In 1999, WIFVV hired its first full time coordinator, in a permanent office — membership rose dramatically and continues to do so. At the 2007 AGM, membership voted in favour of renaming the chapter to reflect changes in the industry and better align with the international chapters. The organization is now proudly known as Women In Film & Television Vancouver, or WIFTV.

2009 Spotlight Awards Gala

THE EVENT-Saturday, March 7, 2009

20th Anniversary for Women In Film's Vancouver Chapter

Established in 1989, The Spotlight Awards Gala has brought together filmmakers, the film industry, government and media to celebrate the outstanding achievements of BC women and men in screen-based media. Conceived as an event to recognize and promote exceptional professionals in film and television, The Spotlight Awards are acknowledged today as one of the industry's most prestigious accolades.

The Gala features an awards presentation, reception, sponsor exhibits, and a fabulous silent auction, set in the chic, urban environment of the **Vancity Theatre**, Vancouver's premier film festival venue.

This year's Gala will be one of the highlights of the 5-day Women In Film Festival 2009, with most of the screenings, programs, panels and networking events happening in the same venue. Not just another awards ceremony - our guests get up close and personal with our highly creative and dynamic honourees in an evening that captivates and entertains. Now in its ninth year, the event never fails to sell out.

2009 Spotlight Award Winners

This year's Spotlight Award winners were selected by a Jury of WIFTV Board Members:

Woman of the Year

Babz Chula, renowned actor, activist and teacher

Woman of Vision (Special Jury Prize)

Amanda Tapping, actor, director, and producer

Artistic Achievement Award

Maureen Medved, screenwriter

The Wayne Black Service Award

Shauna Hardy Mishaw, Whistler Film Festival

Honorary Friend

John Dippong, Telefilm Canada

Sharon Gibbon Lifetime Member Award

Jacqui Ellis, accountant and outstanding volunteer

The Kodak Image Award

Moira Simpson, documentary DOP/ director

Special Jury Award for Lifetime Contribution

Al Parsons, retired from the National Film Board of Canada

Silent Auction

THE SILENT AUCTION

The hosts of the 2009 Spotlight Awards Gala will hold a Silent Auction in conjunction with the awards celebration.

The Silent Auction was introduced in 2001, and was a resounding success, raising a significant amount of money through each donation. Throughout the evening, guests at the Spotlight Awards Gala have the opportunity to post bids on an array of desirable items and services donated by organizations from around British Columbia.

You can be involved by donating items or services to the Silent Auction! All proceeds from your donation will be used to continue the educational, professional development, advocacy and networking opportunities provided by WIFTV. These programs support our members, and allow them to make innovative contributions to the growth and development of BC's entertainment, communications and technology industries.

This year we are also selling 20th Anniversary Gift bags for \$20. A portion of the sales will be donated to the Babz Chula Society.

WHEN YOU CONTRIBUTE

When you contribute an item, your organization and item/service will be widely publicized both leading up to and on the evening of the Spotlight Awards Gala.

What your donation package should look like

Due to the high volume of donations to the Silent Auction, WIFTV asks that you pre-prepare your package for presentation on the tables on the night of the event. A beautiful presentation of your package not only promotes your company better, but it also attracts attention of the guests who are bidding.

TO DONATE:

Identify the level at which your company would like to donate, then fill out a Donation form and...

Fax 604-685-1124

or

Email to: KATE GREEN at 2009wiftvsilentauction@gmail.com

or

Mail to

Attention: Spotlight Awards – Silent Auction
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DONATION FORMS MAY BE FOUND AT www.womeninfilm.ca

SILENT AUCTION CONTRIBUTION LEVELS

Quartz Level Sponsorship - \$10,000

Logo placement

- Listing in the WIFTV Quarterly Newsletter E-Zine for one year
- Recognition on the WIFTV website, with link to your site for one year
- Listing in an E-Blast to our members before your sponsored event
- Large logo on prominent signage at your sponsored event

Advertisements

- Half page ad Women in Film Festival & Spotlight Awards Gala Program Booklet
- Two (2) full colour quarter page ads in WIFTV Quarterly Newsletter E-Zine
- One 250 word text ad w/ photo jpeg in the Members Only area of the WIFTV website

Event tickets

- Two (2) tickets to the Spotlight Awards Gala with reserved seating
- A total of Four (4) tickets to Martini Madness

Product placement

- Brochures on display at your sponsored event

Garnet Sponsorship Level - \$5,000

Logo placement

- Listing in the WIFTV Quarterly Newsletter E-Zine for one year
- Recognition on the WIFTV website, with link to your site for one year
- Medium logo on prominent signage at your sponsored event

Advertisements

- One (1) full colour quarter page in WIFTV Quarterly Newsletter E-Zine

Event tickets

- A total of Four (4) tickets to Martini Madness
- Two (2) tickets to the Spotlight Awards Gala with reserved seating

Product placement

- Brochures on display at your sponsored event

Aquamarine Sponsorship Level - \$2,500

Logo placement

- Listing in the WIFTV Quarterly Newsletter E-Zine for one year
- Recognition on the WIFTV website for one year
- Small logo on prominent signage at your sponsored event

Advertisements

- One (1) business card size ad in the quarterly newsletter
- One (1) business card size ad in Women in Film Festival & Spotlight Awards Gala program booklet

Event tickets

- Two (2) tickets to Martini Madness
- Two (2) tickets to the Spotlight Awards Gala with reserved seating

Product placement

- Brochures on display at your sponsored event

Turquoise Sponsorship Level - \$1,000

Logo placement

- Listing in the WIFTV Quarterly Newsletter E-Zine for one year
- Recognition on the WIFTV website for one year
- Small logo on prominent signage at your sponsored event

Event tickets

- Two (2) tickets to Martini Madness
- One (1) Ticket to the Spotlight Awards Gala

Product placement

- Optional product placement in an event gift bag (must be tangible product)

Onyx Sponsorship Level - \$750

Logo placement

- 2 Listings in the WIFTV Quarterly Newsletter E-Zine
- Recognition on the WIFTV website for one year
- Logo on prominent signage at your sponsored event

Event tickets

- Two (2) tickets to Martini Madness
- One (1) Ticket to the Spotlight Awards Gala

Product placement

- Optional product placement in an event gift bag (must be tangible product)

Amber Sponsorship Level - \$500

Logo placement

- 1 Listing in the WIFTV Quarterly Newsletter E-Zine
- Recognition on the WIFTV website for 4 months
- Logo on prominent signage at your sponsored event

Event tickets

- Two (2) tickets to Martini Madness OR One (1) Ticket to the Spotlight Awards Gala

Jade Sponsorship Level - \$250

Logo placement

- Recognition on the WIFTV website for 4 months
- Your company listed on signage at your sponsored event

Event tickets

- One (1) ticket to Martini Madness

Hematite Sponsorship Level - \$100

Logo placement

- Your Company listed on prize signage at your sponsored event

PAST SPOTLIGHT AWARD RECIPIENTS

Since 1989, more than 100 remarkable people have received Spotlight Awards. Many of today's outstanding filmmakers and industry leaders are past recipients of a Spotlight Award – a testament to women's contributions to Canada's entertainment community.

The Woman of the Year Award

2008 Carol Tarlington
2007 Gabrielle Rose
2006 Deborah Gabler
2005 Vicki Gabereau
2003 Trish Dolman
2002 Louise Clark
2001 Rae Hull
2000 Sharon McGowan, Peggy Thompson
1999 Camelia Frieberg
1997 Bonnie Sherr Klein
1996 Aerlyn Weissman
1995 Anne Wheeler (*1st time the Woman of Distinction Award was given*)

The Woman of Vision/ Artistic Achievement Award

2008 Christine Welsh
2007 Julia Kwan
2006 Katherine Dodds
2005 Jennifer Ouano
2003 Susan Fox
2002 Sara Diamond

The Wayne Black Service Award

2008 Maureen Levitt
2007 Janice Talbott
2006 Lodi Butler, Liz Shorten
2005 Kathryn Lynch
2003 Shelly Gillen
2001 Melanie Friesen
2000 Margaret Newton
1999 Sylvia Jonescu Lisitza
1998 Dana Neville
1997 Pearl Williams
1996 Gay Black

The Honourary Friend Award

2008 Andrew Williamson
2007 Lynne MacNamara
2006 Paul Sharpe
2005 Bob Scarabelli
2003 Rob Egan
2002 Patricia Gruben
2001 Ron Harvey
2000 Tom Adair
1999 Sandy Flanagan
1997 Jon Robertson, Curtis Staples
1996 Wayne Sterloff

The Sharon Gibbon Lifetime Member Award

2008 Jacqueline Samuda
2007 Janine Bizzocchi-Steele
2006 Carol Whiteman
2005 Deborah Harry
2003 Eileen Hoeter
2002 Joyce Thierry
2001 Mary Anne Waterhouse
2000 Justine Bizzocchi
1999 Mary Ungerleider
1997 Sharon McGowan
1996 Margaret Long, Shelah Reljic, Arla Saare

The Kodak Image Award

2008 Michelle Porter
2007 Amy Belling
2006 Tara Hungerford
2005 Shannon Kohli
2003 Kirsten Carthew
2002 Jessica Bradford

* If you have any additional information regarding the history of these awards please contact the WIFTV office.