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Round Two: Women in Film & Television Vancouver's Mentorship Program for Actors Returns

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Vancouver, BC – Following the success of 2014's inaugural Actor Mentorship Program, Women in Film and Television Vancouver (WIFTV) is bringing the program back for a second round.

The six-month program was launched by WIFTV Board Member Krista Magnusson in the fall of 2013 with the intention of providing female actors with guidance and inspiration in developing their craft and advancing their acting careers.

The program matches successful applicants (Mentees) with female working actors (Mentors), with whom they will meet with for one hour, once a month for six months, working through specific goals set for the program.

This year's Mentors include Lori Triolo, Kristin Lehman, Chelah Horsdal, Keegan Connor Tracy, Ali Liebert, Gabrielle Rose, Johannah Newmarch, Luvia Petersen, Agam Darshi, Carmen Moore, Julia Benson, Crystal Lowe, Emilie Ullerup, Tammy Gillis, Jennifer Spence, Beverley Elliott, Jill Morrison, and April Telek.

"To have some of the most successful actresses in town be willing to share their time so generously and really support actresses coming up in the industry has been truly life-changing for mentees, and gave them an underlying confidence they hadn't had before," says Magnusson.

The mentees were chosen by a jury consisting of actor **Krista Magnusson** (*Bloody Knuckles, Limitless*), casting director **Maureen Webb** (*Motive, The Interview*) and writer/showrunner **Susin Nielsen** (*Arctic Air, Robson Arms*).

The 18 successful mentees are Agnes Tong, Christine Bortolin, Lauren Donnelly, Julie Lynn Mortensen, Alison Wandzura, Rhona Rees, Christine Bissonnette, Shelley Janzé, Jessie Crabb, Claire Garner, Brigette Drescher, Kelli Ogmundson, Delia Tatiana, Leonie Armstrong, Michelle Povill, Erika Walter, Michele de Broel and Allyson Grant.

This year, the mentees will also be giving back to the community by volunteering as a group at **Quest for Change**, a not-for-profit food exchange program that supports marginalized individuals. This will provide the Mentees with an opportunity to share developments and lessons learned, creating camaraderie for the group, as well as the opportunity for something the Mentors in Round 1 noted as very important – involvement in something positive outside the film industry.

The program runs February 1 to July 31, 2015.

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