

## **WIFTV Takes Progressive Strides in Announcing Mentee Selection for the Actor Career Mentorship Program 2020.**

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Vancouver, B.C. [January 29, 2020] — Founder of the WIFTV Actor Career Mentorship, actor Krista Magnusson (Away, The Order, The Baby-Sitters Club), returns with a new round of dynamic actors who will have an opportunity to grow their careers in acting.

This mentorship is unique in that it focuses on career progression rather than the craft of acting, and both the mentees and their mentors are self-identifying women who either reside in or work regularly in Vancouver. Over the next 6 months, from January to July 2020, the pairs will meet for one hour, once a month to work through specific career goals & challenges. The 22 selected mentees look forward to receiving insight into relationship management, developing and sustaining long-term careers, creating their own projects, branding, and work/life balance. To enhance the mentorship experience, mentees will also volunteer each month with Quest Food Exchange, as a way to pay it forward, share insight from their mentor among fellow mentees, and engage with the Vancouver community that gives so much support to the film & TV industry.

WIFTV is very pleased that this year's record number of 38 applicants proved to be more diverse than previous years, garnishing the highest number of women of colour applicants and selected mentees in the Mentorship's existence.

This year's jury included actor and founder of the mentorship program Krista Magnusson (Away, The Order, The Baby-Sitters Club), Emmy Award-winning Casting Director Jackie Lind CSA (Fargo, Snowpiercer, Hell On Wheels, Van Helsing), and film & TV Director Alexandra La Roche (Legends of Tomorrow, The Flash, Van Helsing).

"I found this experience really illuminating. It has motivated me to do better and it has reminded me how important passion is for the craft. Their desire to learn is intoxicating," says Lind.

The mentees have already completed the Career Strategy Goal Workshop with Aaron Hutchinson of Actors Business Collective, which helps them clarify their original goals for the program and create actionable, specific and measurable goals to work on with their new mentor.

The following are the 22 selected mentees for the 2020 program, in alphabetical order by last name, and their paired mentors:

Alison Headrick	Nicole Oliver
Alison Ward	Carly Pope
Angelica Stripe	Tammy Gillis
Angie Ip	Jen Spence

Ariel Hansen	Fiona Vroom
Chanika Desilva	Crystal Balint
Chelsea Brown	Loretta Walsh
Claudia Absi	Jill Morrisson
Corey Woods	Priscilla Faia
Crystal Tisiga	Carmen Moore
Emma Cam	Enid-Raye Adams
Juliana Bergstrom	Pascale Hutton
Kay Metchie	Rukiya Bernard
Keren Burkett	Karen Holness
Lucy McNulty	Camille Sullivan
Maddison Silva	Luvia Petersen
Madeline Wahl	Crystal Lowe
Madison Isolina	Carmen Aguirre
Martina Biljan	Gabrielle Rose
Melissa Woodside	Bronwen Smith
Princess Davis	Catherine Lough-Haggquist
Sara Bynoe	Sonja Bennett

WIFTV is grateful to the amazing lineup of mentors for volunteering their time. Talking about her experience, Gabrielle Rose commented, "I think the thing I love about mentoring someone is the connection, the opening of horizons. It takes a village as they say. I learn so much from these relationships."

For more information or to arrange interviews with a mentor, mentee, or program coordinator Krista Magnusson, please contact [communications@womeninfilm.ca](mailto:communications@womeninfilm.ca). Applications for the 2021 mentorship will open in October 2020.

Women In Film and Television Vancouver (WIFTV) incorporated in 1989 as a not-for-profit society registered in British Columbia. We are a member driven organization committed to addressing the systemic barriers to women's equal participation in the production and dissemination of screen-based media, and to the creation of a more inclusive media for both creators and audiences. We approach our goals by working with a range of partners to increase funding, employment, and promotional opportunities for women. We present and publicly celebrate the achievement of women in screen-based media, and offer professional and project development opportunities. We define women as those individuals who identify themselves within the spectrum of the gender identity of woman including trans women and cisgender women. We are located on the unceded traditional and ancestral homelands of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh Nations.

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