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WIFTV Spotlight Awards 2016 – Celebrating Talent in Canada

Vancouver, BC (June 21, 2016) – We are proud to announce that the Spotlight Awards this year were a complete success. Some of the event highlights include the standing ovation received by Claude Joli-Coeur at his acceptance of the Please Adjust Your Set Award, the call for acknowledging artistic achievement in the film industry by Walter Daroshin (who was both recipient of the Honoured Friend Award and presenter of the Sharon Gibbon Award at the ceremony) and the inspiring speech from our Woman of the Year, the fierce and trailblazing Rachel Talalay. We would love to thank everyone who made the event such a memorable evening.

We are very grateful to Matrix Production Services, Agentic Digital Media, the Directors Guild of Canada BC, Capilano University Film Centre, Teamsters Union Local 155, Troika, Fusion Cine, Thunderbird, Finalé, On Set Headsets, Please Adjust Your Set, Line 21 Media Services and Wendy D Photography. A big thank you to our wonderful host, the dazzling and talented Tracey Bell!

We would also like to thank our volunteers, who put in time and significant effort to make this event possible, as well as our hardworking and dedicated volunteer coordinator, Dawn McCormick.

Congratulations to all of the winners of the night: Kailey and Sam Spear, Gigi Saul Guerrero, Mina Shum, Christine Larsen, Walter Daroshin, Mary Galloway, Katharine Montagu, Sabrina Furminger, Emily Yakashiro, Claude Joli-Coeur, and Rachel Talalay.

We hope everyone enjoyed the ceremony, and will join us for the Spotlight Awards next year! If you didn't get the chance to be there, experience it through the photos of the evening [here](#).