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From the Journal Page to the Hollywood Stage: “Lights, Camera, WriteGirl!” WriteGirl Benefit

Celebrated actors perform stories written by teen girls

LOS ANGELES – **Wendi McLendon-Covey** (*Bridesmaids*), **Keiko Agena** (*Gilmore Girls*), **Mike Rock** (*Chelsea Lately*), **Trevor St. John** (*One Life to Live*), **Aasha Davis** (*Friday Night Lights*), and **Kelsey Scott** (*12 Years a Slave*) are among the actors who will appear at “**Lights, Camera, WriteGirl!**,” an evening to benefit Los Angeles-based creative writing and mentoring organization WriteGirl. Actors will perform scenes written by WriteGirl teens with commentary by accomplished screenwriters, including **Jane Anderson** (*Olive Kitteridge*), **Clare Sera** (*Blended*), **Meredith Stiehm** (*Cold Case*), **Josann McGibbon** and **Sara Parriott** (*The Starter Wife*), and director **Kimberly McCullough**.

The red carpet event will be held on Saturday April. 25 at the Linwood Dunn Theater in Hollywood. Earlier in the day, WriteGirl teens will participate in a four-hour writing workshop, where they will be guided by their mentors and professional screenwriters to craft original characters, monologues, and scenes. In the evening, celebrated actors will bring the girls’ writing to life on stage during the ticketed fundraiser event.

“Women writers are under-represented and WriteGirl is working to change that,” said Keren Taylor, Executive Director of WriteGirl. “These young writers have been mentored by accomplished and generous women and their creative work on Saturday night, in the hands of our special guest actors, will have the audience roaring.”

“**Lights, Camera, WriteGirl!**” will feature live performances as well as a silent auction and catered cocktail reception by Little Flower Cafe, all to support WriteGirl creative writing programs for teen girls. The event will close with a dessert reception, where attendees can meet the star actors and teen girls. [Read about last year's event here.](#)

Tickets: \$40 for regular admission and \$250 for VIP, and can be purchased at www.writegirl.org/lights-camera-writegirl or by calling [213-253-2655](tel:213-253-2655).

“Lights, Camera, WriteGirl!” sponsors include **NYX Cosmetics**, **Lululemon Athletica**, **Cinemark**, **Little Flower**, **BevMo**, **DFV Wines** among others. For information on how to become a sponsor, contact Stephanie Belsky at WriteGirl, [\(213\) 253-2655](tel:213-253-2655), or email office@writegirl.org.

“Lights, Camera, WriteGirl!” Schedule:

Linwood Dunn Theatre, Academy of Motion Arts and Sciences
1313 Vine St., Los Angeles, CA 90028
Saturday, April 25, 2015

- 6:30 p.m. Cocktail reception, silent auction
- 7:00 p.m: Red carpet arrivals (reception and auction continues)
- 7:30 - 9:00 p.m. Performances by acclaimed actors, commentary by prominent screenwriters
- 9:00 - 9:30 p.m. Dessert reception

About WriteGirl: (www.writegirl.org)

Each year, WriteGirl helps more than 350 underserved teen girls (ages 13-18) discover and express their creative voices. Since 2001, WriteGirl has helped 100% of WriteGirl Teens in its Core Mentoring Program to not only graduate from high school, but also enroll in college — a remarkable statistic in contrast to the 67 percent graduation rate at Los Angeles public schools.

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