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## **Teen Writers Take the Stage**

### *Stories Come Alive at 12th Annual WriteGirl Performance Workshop*

**LOS ANGELES** — After a year of transforming their thoughts into words on paper, this Saturday, WriteGirl teens will learn how to give those words a voice. With the help of several guest performers, including poet and Da' Poetry Lounge Host Natalie Patterson, the girls will learn and rehearse performance techniques.

WriteGirl is excited to be partnering with the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences to present this workshop at the Academy Lab in Hollywood, where there is ample space to accommodate the more than 80 girls and women who will be attending this special event. Fox is a key sponsor of the event, and a longtime supporter of WriteGirl programs.



WriteGirl teens have practiced many forms of creative writing throughout the year, including poetry, screenwriting, fiction and songwriting. This performance workshop helps bring their stories to life. The girls will watch clips of outstanding performers, practice pre-show warm-ups, and learn specific presentation techniques for small and large audiences.

"The WriteGirl Performance Workshop is a high energy, on your feet afternoon, where girls are coached by professional speakers and actors to throw aside their 'inside voice' and let their voices roar to the rafters. It's non-threatening, it's fun, and every girl leaves the day a much more confident public speaker," says Clare Sera, screenwriter and founding WriteGirl volunteer.

## **WriteGirl Performance Workshop**

Saturday June 15, 2013  
11:00 a.m. — 2:30 p.m.

The Academy Lab  
6322 DeLongpre Avenue  
Hollywood, CA 90028

Throughout the past 12 years, WriteGirl has successfully helped 100% of participating seniors to not only graduate from high school but also enroll in college, many on full or partial scholarships. This past fall, WriteGirl teens headed to Harvard, CSU Fullerton, UCLA, University of Wisconsin—Madison, Grinnell, Macalester, Azusa Pacific University, and CSU Channel Islands, just to name a few.

More than 350 girls participate in WriteGirl annually — an enormous increase from WriteGirl's initial group of 30 at its inception in 2001. Over the past decade, WriteGirl's success can be measured by the achievements of its alumnae who continue to study, work and contribute their unique voices around the world.

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### **About WriteGirl ([www.writegirl.org](http://www.writegirl.org))**

WriteGirl is a creative writing and mentoring program for at-risk girls in Los Angeles. WriteGirl pairs professional women writers with teen girls for weekly one-on-one mentoring, monthly full-day creative writing workshops, public readings and publishing opportunities. Through its Bold Futures program, WriteGirl provides college and job preparedness skills building, individual guidance through the college application process and leadership development opportunities.

WriteGirl also brings workshops to schools in Los Angeles County serving critically at-risk teens, including incarcerated teens in Santa Clarita at the Roads to Success Academy. WriteGirl is a project of nonprofit organization Community Partners. WriteGirl was honored as the 2010-2011 California Nonprofit of the Year.

WriteGirl publications, available nationwide, online and at local bookstores, have collectively won 55 national and international book awards.

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