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WriteGirl to Host Fearless Women Writers at Bold Ink Awards *Annual Gala Fundraiser at The Eli & Edythe Broad Stage*

Los Angeles, CA — Creative writing and mentoring program, WriteGirl, is scheduled to host their annual Bold Ink Awards on Monday, November 5th, 2012, honoring fearless women writers for their outstanding creativity and bold voices.

The 2012 Bold Ink Award Honorees are **Melissa Rosenberg** (screenwriter/ producer *Twilight* series, *Dexter*), **Lisa Cholodenko** (writer/director *The Kids Are All Right*, *Laurel Canyon*), **Zoe Kazan** (playwright/screenwriter *Ruby Sparks*) and writing team of **Kami Garcia & Margaret Stohl** (authors of the *Beautiful Creatures* series.) Proceeds from the Bold Ink Awards benefit WriteGirl in continuing their mission of empowering young women through mentoring, creativity, and self-expression.

"The Bold Ink Awards were created in 2005 to honor the women writers who inspire our girls, our mentors, and audiences around the world," says Keren Taylor, WriteGirl's Executive Director. "Each year, we seek out storytellers whose voices move us and who are creative role models. Their achievements mark the degree of excellence we all strive for."

The Bold Ink Awards include red carpet interviews, fabulous cocktails and hors d'oeuvres from local restaurants, a special silent auction, and an awards show in the theater where guests will have a chance to hear from each of the honorees and special guests including **Aasha Davis**, **Edi Gathegi**, **Chris Messina** and **Michelle Shocked**.

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 Fall, WriteGirl teens are 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 20 at its inception in 2001. Over the past decade, WriteGirl's success can be measured by the achievements of its alumnae.

For tickets and information about the Bold Ink Awards, please visit www.boldinkawards.org.

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WriteGirl Bold Ink Awards
Monday, November 5th, 2012
6:30 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

The Eli & Edythe Broad Stage
1310 11th Street at Santa Monica Blvd.
Santa Monica, CA 90401

Event Sponsors include: IZZE, Teleflora, Dominick's, Tom Bergin's, Dave's Chillin' and Grillin', Mayura, Barefoot Wine and Bubbly, Angel City Brewery, San Marino Brewery, Big Sugar Bakeshop, Buttercake Bakery, Canele, Four Leaf Tea and Crepes, p.o.p. candy co., Uncle Eddie's Vegan Cookies and FedEx Kinko's.

PHOTO/INTERVIEW OPPORTUNITIES

- **Red-Carpet Celebrity Meet & Greet** will take place at 7:30 p.m.
- **WriteGirl volunteers and alumnae** will be available for interview.
- **In attendance, over 350 TV and film industry professionals, marketing and public relations executives, government officials** and supporters of great writing, youth empowerment and literacy development.

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About WriteGirl (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 named the 2010-2011 California Nonprofit of the Year.

WriteGirl publications, available nationwide, online and at local bookstores, have collectively won 44 national and international book awards.

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