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Hooray for Hollywood! Los Angeles Teens Learn Screenwriting from Industry Pros WriteGirl Workshop Hosted at the Linwood Dunn Theater on May 18th

LOS ANGELES – Surrounded by the classic Hollywood glamour of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts & Sciences, nearly 75 teen girls will experience a fun, intensive screenwriting workshop led by **Liz Kruger** (Necessary Roughness), **Toni Graphia** (Sarah Conner Chronicles, Battlestar Galactica), **Clare Sera** (The Princess Diaries), and many others, at the upcoming 12th Annual WriteGirl Character & Dialogue Workshop on Saturday, May 18th.

Immediately following the intensive writing workshop, the girls will get a once in a lifetime experience – **seeing their work performed on stage by a cast of noted TV actors**. The cast also includes main actors from the **Lizzie Bennet Diaries**, a popular webseries with over a million views. The performance will begin at 3:00 pm, in the beautiful **Linwood Dunn Theater**, and will include valuable feedback from the panel of screenwriter special guests.

“For our 12th annual Character & Dialogue Workshop, we wanted to inspire our girls with a Hollywood venue and a prestigious group of actors and screenwriters,” said Keren Taylor, WriteGirl’s Executive Director. “This is one of our biggest, most exciting events of the season, and we’re thrilled to host the talents of Susan Dickes, Jane Anderson, Liz Kruger, Aasha Davis, and many others to help our girls expand their creativity.”

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.

Additional Event Sponsors include: City of Los Angeles Department of Cultural Affairs, Los Angeles Unified School District Beyond the Bell Division, Pitfire Pizza, Yuca's On Hollywood, Chichen Itza, International Arrivals, Rock Scissors Paper and Paperblanks.

WriteGirl 12th Annual Character & Dialogue workshop

Saturday, May 18th, 2013

11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Academy of Motion Picture Arts & Science's Linwood Dunn Theater
1313 Vine St
Hollywood, CA 90028

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 honored as the 2010-2011 California Nonprofit of the Year.

WriteGirl publications, available nationwide, online and at local bookstores, have collectively won 46 national and international book awards.

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