



Canada's Premier Int'l Digital Series Festival
March 17th - 20th 2016

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NEW FORM DIGITAL, BERNIE SU, JAMESON WHISKEY & TRIGGER STREET PRODUCTIONS

Official Judges from around world, Custom Designed Trophies and Parties you don't want to miss!

Vancouver, BC, CANADA - **VANCOUVER WEB FEST (VWF)** is excited to announce their 2016 Keynote Speakers **Melissa Schneider**, SVP Development and Production of **New Form Digital** (Los Angeles), and Producer & Director **Bernie Su** (Los Angeles). In addition, both Melissa Schneider and Bernie Su will sit on panels and participate in Pitch Sessions throughout the weekend alongside **OUTtv** (Vancouver), **Dailymotion** (Toronto), **JTstv** (Los Angeles), **BroadbandTV** (Vancouver) and **Flixtra** (Los Angeles). Saturday night VWF2016 will have **Jameson Whiskey** host the **Jameson First Shot** screening and party where they will screen **Kevin Spacey's Trigger Street Production's** shorts, *The Mascot*, *The Library Book* and *Boredom* starring **Adrien Brody**.

VWF is honoured to have an amazing line up of **2016 Official Judges** for their 3rd annual festival. The judges come from around the world with diverse backgrounds in Film & Television and include: Sarah Croce (**Fox Digital Studios**), Robert Guastini (**Sony Pictures**), Eric Y. Lapointe (**Just for Laughs**), Marie-Charlotte Derne (**Moving Picture Company**), Lindsay Elizabeth Donovan (**Technicolor Canada Inc.**), Jack Fox (**OUTtv** and **Roundhouse Radio**), Lissa Lloyd (**Lloyd Talent**). Allan Harmon (**DGC-BC**) and Jack Sheehan (**Lotus Entertainment**) to name only a few of the talented group.

The Character Guys, **Mike Cavers** and **Nic Harrison**, will host the VWF2016 Award Ceremony/Gala. Using their unique humour and outgoing personalities they will be presenting trophies, in-kind and cash awards to the 22 genres and category winners. **Sparkling Hill Resort** (Vernon, BC) and its owner, **Mr. Gernot Langes-Swarovski**, have graciously sponsored the Vancouver Web Fest 2016 awards trophy. Sparkling Hill Resort has had this beautiful crystal trophy custom designed as a one-of-a-kind through **Swarovski** in **Austria**. The new trophy will be unveiled during the awards ceremony March 20th, 2016.

"The weekend will be filled with phenomenal screenings, guest speakers, panelists, workshops and parties. The outstanding digital series submitted this year from around the world resulted in an incredibly difficult selection process. It's going to be such an honour to present the VWF2016 winners at the Sunday night awards gala with the absolutely breathtaking custom designed trophy that has been generously sponsored by Sparkling Hill Resort and Mr. Gernot Langes-Swarovski," says **Suzette Laqua**, Founder and Executive Director.

VWF2016 continues on the successes of its previous years, bringing together International and Canadian digital content creators, producers and viewers to celebrate entertainment and programming created exclusively for the Internet. The three-day festival will host workshops, screenings, pitch sessions, networking parties, industry panels and the awards ceremony & gala.

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About Vancouver Web Fest

Vancouver Web Festival Presentation Society (VWF), founded in 2013 by Executive Director, Suzette Laqua, is a Not-for-Profit Society and Canada's Premier International Digital Series Festival. Vancouver Web Fest brings digital content creators and their teams from around the world to celebrate the progressive evolution of entertainment and programming created exclusively for the Internet. The festival is an annual event and has been ranked one of the top digital series festivals globally.

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