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WOMEN IN FILM, LOS ANGELES AND THE BLACK LIST LAUNCH TELEVISION LAB FOR FEMALE WRITERS

Los Angeles, CA, March 31, 2016….Women In Film, LA and The Black List announced today that they have joined forces to create a television lab for female writers. The inaugural Women In Film/The Black List Episodic Lab will run for eight weeks beginning in August of this year. Eight women writers will be selected to participate in this first lab, which will consist of script development, workshopping sessions and Master Classes with established writers and industry executives. Lab participants will be hosted by the Black List website for free and have their final pilots read by a variety of agencies and networks, to be announced at a later date.

The participants will be selected through script submissions to The Black List and Women In Film. WIF members can submit applications through WIF. Applications are open as of 12:00PM today at https://blcklst.com or wif.org

“The dearth of roles for women both in front of and behind the camera has been widely chronicled,” said WIF Executive Director Kirsten Schaffer in announcing the new initiative. “As high-quality television programming grows more popular and prominent daily, so too does the need for women to have an inclusive voice, to be equally represented in the creative process.”

"Though it's noteworthy that the most recent WGAW Hollywood Writers Report heralded 2014 as a high water mark for women's employment in television, underrepresentation by a factor of two to one is still unconscionable. This lab hopes to support more women in their pursuit of creating and writing the television that will define our culture for generations to come. We couldn't be more pleased to partner with Women In Film to do so," said Franklin Leonard, Founder and CEO of The Black List.

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