

Profiles markets for Chicago's screenwriters, scriptwriters, and playwrights.

A Guide to Chicago's Screen Scene

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& Scriptwriting Market

Selling Your Plays, Screenplays, and
Video/TV Scripts in the Second City

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Resources: Organizations

American Screenwriters Association

ASA's mission is to cultivate a thriving screenwriting community by connecting film, new media, and television screenwriters with the skills, services, information, and people they need to develop their craft and sell their work.

118 William Howard Taft Rd.
Cincinnati, Ohio 45219
(866) 265 9091

For more information, visit their website: asascreenwriters.com

Chicago Alliance for Playwrights

Chicago Alliance for Playwrights is an umbrella organization to promote Chicago playwrights.

c/o Theatre Building, 1225 West Belmont
Chicago, IL 60657
(773) 929 7367, ext.60

For more information, visit their website: chicagoallianceforplaywrights.org

Chicago Screenwriters Network

Chicago Screenwriters Network members meet every month and welcome anyone who is interested to stop by, pull up a chair, and "plug in" to the network. They generally meet the first Sunday of every month, 6:00PM, at the Lincoln Restaurant, 4008 N. Lincoln, just north of the Irving Park/Lincoln/Damen intersection. Meetings include a guest speaker from either inside or outside the group, the rest of the time is spent in informal networking. They ask for a modest \$3 donation per meeting, which goes to cover the cost of the website and meeting expenses. CSN is managed by an all-volunteer board with no paid staff.

For more information, visit their website: chicagoscreenwriters.org

ChicagoWriters Bloc

A group of professional playwrights that meet once a month to read and critique each others work and have chamber readings by Chicago actors. If you are interested, submit a script that has had at least one staged reading or production to Joanne Koch, 343 Dodge Avenue, Evanston, IL 60202 or email them at junediana@earthlink.net.

The Christian Theatre Network

The Christian Theatre Network encourages participation in the numerous Christian theatre organizations which offer regional and national workshops, seminars and resources.

114 Horizon Circle, Carol Stream, IL 60188

For more information, visit their website: christiantheatrenetwork.org

CineStory

CineStory is a non-profit educational association dedicated to providing new screenwriters with opportunities to work with committed industry professionals on a personal basis in order to raise the level of their craft and the marketability of their projects.

427 N Canon Drive, Suite 202

Beverly Hills, CA 90210

For more information, visit their website: cinestory.org

Dramatists Guild of America

The Dramatists Guild of America was established over eighty years ago, and is the only professional association which advances the interests of playwrights, composers, lyricists and librettists writing for the living stage. The Guild has over 6,000 members nationwide, from beginning writers to the most prominent authors represented on Broadway, Off-Broadway and in regional theaters.

1501 Broadway, Suite 701

New York, NY 10036

(212) 398 9366

For more information, visit their website: dramatistsguild.com

IFP/Chicago

IFP has evolved into the nation's oldest and largest organization of independent filmmakers, and also the premier advocate for them.

IFP/Chicago

1104 S Wabash, Suite 403

Chicago, IL 60605

(312) 235 0161

International Centre for Women Playwrights

ICWP is a non-profit membership organization devoted to supporting women playwrights worldwide and is overseen by a elected volunteer Board of Trustees. Membership dues vary according to members' means and ability to pay, with the option of deferred dues in exchange for service to the organization. We are run entirely by volunteer playwrights, directors, performers and others who give up some of their time to ensure women playwrights from various cultures can discuss and develop their work.

For more information, visit their website:

internationalwomenplaywrights.org

National Alliance for Media Arts and Culture

The National Alliance for Media Arts and Culture (NAMAC) is a nonprofit association whose membership comprises a diverse mix of organizations and individuals dedicated to a common goal: the support and advocacy of independent film, video, audio and digital arts.

145 9th Street, Suite 250

San Francisco, CA 94103

(415) 431 1391

For more information, visit their website: namac.org

New Dramatists

New Dramatists is the nation's oldest nonprofit center for the development of talented playwrights. It is a national membership organization that cultivates the work of its resident playwrights through a free, seven-year program of play readings, workshops, educational and career support. They are dedicated to finding gifted playwrights and giving them the time, the space, and the tools to develop their craft, so that they can fulfill their potential and make lasting contributions to the theatre.

For more information, visit their website: newdramatists.org

Organization of Black Screenwriters

The Organization of Black Screenwriters, Inc. (OBS) began in 1986 to address the lack of black writers represented within the entertainment industry. Their primary function is to assist screenwriters in the creation of works for film and television and to help them present their work to the industry. As a result of their great efforts and the continued growth of the organization, they have developed a powerful network which includes the Writers Guild of America and many agents, producers, directors and studios.

Org of Black Screenwriters

Golden State Mutual Life Insurance Bldg.
1999 West Adams Boulevard, Mezzanine
Los Angeles, CA 90018
(323) 735 2050

For more information, visit their website: obswriter.com

Screenwriters Federation of America

The Screenwriters Federation of America (SFA) (formerly known as Screenwriters Guild of America) is a proactive federation of industry professionals united for the mutual aid and promotion of common interests. Our experience and expertise is derived from the cooperative, collective wisdom of industry Screenwriters, Directors, Producers, Studio Executives, Literary Agents, Managers, Authors and Educators.

578 Washington Boulevard, Suite 149
Marina del Rey, California 90292

For more information, visit their website: screenwritersfederation.org

Screenwriters Group

The Screenwriters Group has been in existence for five years and its founder and general manager, Dan Decker is dedicated to supporting and mentoring local writers with their aspirations to master the craft of screenwriting. The Group promotes a no-frills approach to screenwriting - the journey is a long and intensive process that cannot be squeezed into one crash-course weekend or even over six weeks. The Screenwriters Group emphasizes character as the drive of all story, regardless of a script's genre. The Group offers a hierarchy of classes, starting first with the First Draft Class that introduces all writers, veteran or virgin, to the philosophies and tools of great scriptwriting. This place is an up and coming force in Chicago's film community with its in-house production company, Argyle Pictures, and writer's representation agency, Stylus Management. It is worthy to note that Dan Decker is also the founder of the Chicago Center for Film Development which currently also houses IFP/Midwest. The Screenwriters Group is a great mecca of thriving forces, so if you're looking for an "in" into the industry—call or check this place out!

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(773) 665 8500

Email: dan@screenwritersgroup.com

For more information, visit their website: screenwritersgroup.com

The Scriptwriters Network

The Scriptwriters Network, founded in 1986, is a non-profit, volunteer-based organization created by writers for writers and industry professionals. The Network serves its members by enhancing their awareness of the realities of the business, providing access and opportunity through alliances with industry professionals, and furthering the cause and quality of writing in the entertainment industry.

6404 Wilshire Boulevard, #1640

Los Angeles, CA 90048

For more information, visit their website: scriptwritersnetwork.org

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