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2009 Alberta Screenwriters Initiative Winners Announced!

Calgary based screenwriter **Kirk R. Miles** is this year's recipient of the **Alberta Screenwriters Initiative** for his screenplay *Shadow Makers*. Second and third finalists for the award are **Robert de Chazal** for *Marry Me! Inc.*, and **George Szilagyi** for *Hockey Stories for Boys*. Now in its third year, the Alberta Screenwriters Initiative is presented as a joint partnership between the **Writers Guild of Alberta** and the **Alberta Film Partners**. The initiative is supported by proceeds from the Annual Film and Television Industry Wrap Party.

The jury also would like to acknowledge two honourable mentions for this year: *Seeing the Light* by Eileen Bell and *The Eye Collector* by Jonathan Ball.

The Alberta Screenwriters Initiative was created in 2007 by the Alberta Film Partners to facilitate the development of screenwriters in this province. The Initiative recognizes the importance of story in the creation of filmed entertainment and the necessity to actively encourage and develop the voices of Alberta writers in film. This annual prize awards avid Alberta screenwriters a **first prize of \$1000 and a professional workshop** with a carefully matched experienced story editor or screenwriter. **The 2nd and 3rd place winners receives story notes, editorial feedback and \$500.00 and \$250.00 respectively.**

For more information about the Alberta Screenwriters Initiative, please visit www.writersguild.ab.ca

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