

THE INDUSTRY SPOTLIGHT

November 21st - The Artesian on 13th
6:00pm Doors | 7:00pm Show | 8:30pm Celebration

speak BOLDLY
act BRAVELY



Why this all Matters?

I left Saskatchewan to find something I couldn't find here. I spent a decade building my career elsewhere because, at the time, that's what I believed I had to do. Now I'm back and I'm witnessing something different. There's a new sense of purpose and determination in Saskatchewan actors. They're hungry, they're doing the work, and they're no longer willing to sit idly by while opportunities pass them by.

Last year taught me something: Saskatchewan talent is ready to be seen, to take up space, to sit across from the people making the decisions and show them exactly what we're capable of.

Industry Spotlight 2025 proved what can happen when we stop waiting for opportunity and start creating it ourselves.

This year, we're speaking boldly and acting bravely because Saskatchewan's screen industry is moving, and our actors are moving with it. We're building bigger rooms, stronger connections, and more opportunities for our talent to step forward and be impossible to overlook. We're not waiting for what's next. We're building it.

So what happens next? The actors you support will prove why investing in Saskatchewan talent matters. They'll audition. They'll book. They'll work. They'll tell our stories here and carry Saskatchewan talent far beyond our borders.

We're just getting started. Watch us.

the judges



Zarqa Nawaz

Zarqa Nawaz is an award-winning Saskatchewan-based writer, director, producer, and actor, best known for creating CBC's groundbreaking comedy Little Mosque on the Prairie, broadcast internationally. A Canadian Screen Award nominee, she also created and starred in ZARQA and directed Me and the Mosque. Her work has helped redefine Canadian television comedy.



Stephen Hall

Stephen Hall is an award-winning Saskatchewan writer and director with over 30 years in film and television. He has directed more than 200 television episodes and 350 commercials, with credits including Rabbit Fall, 2030 CE, and CBC's International Emmy-winning Street Cents. Founder of Platypus Productions, Hall continues developing Saskatchewan-based stories.



Rena Pilgrim

Rena Pilgrim is a Barbadian Canadian producer with Karma Film, bringing eight years of experience in documentary production, financing, and distribution. A participant in the Black Producer Accelerator Program, she works alongside producer Anand Ramayya and is producing Art of Dance for Crave. She champions underrepresented voices and culturally diverse storytelling.



the scenes

California Suite by Neil Simon
Featuring: Patrick Cherneski & Jocelyn Gerspacher
Reeling from a crushing Oscar loss, a struggling actress and her partner confront their disappointments, fractured expectations, and the uncomfortable truths about what they really want from their relationship.

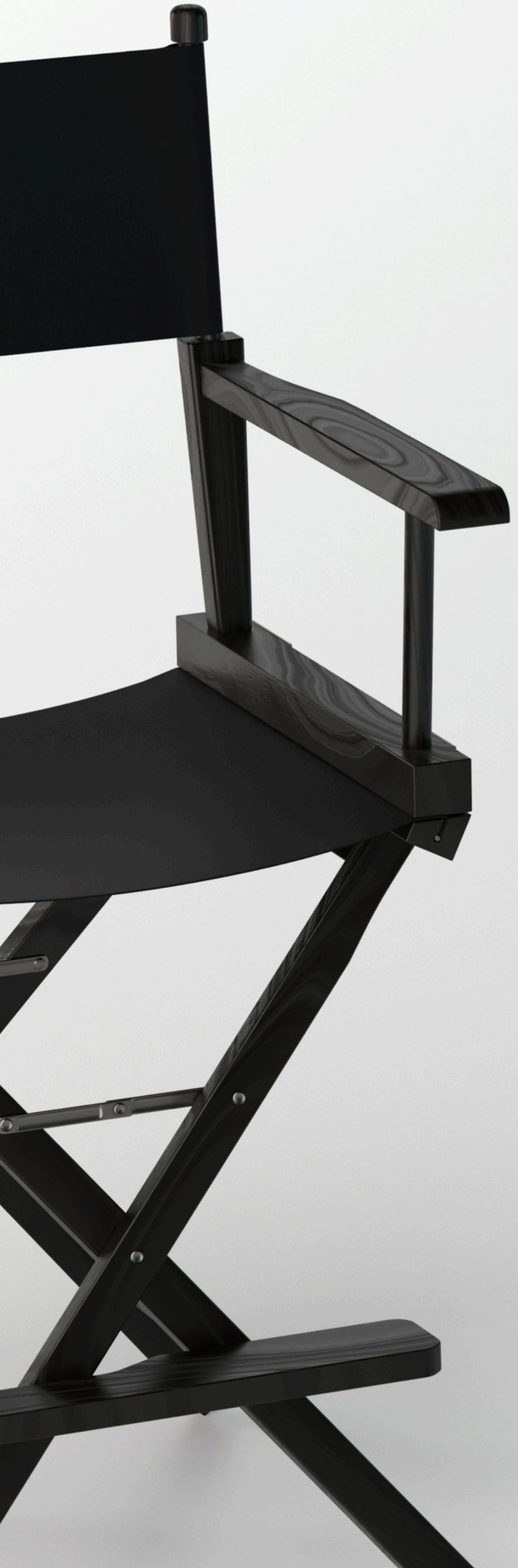
Warrior: Screenplay by Gavin O'Connor
Featuring: Peter John Davey & Davit Khublaryan
Two estranged brothers confront a painful shared past, as pride, resentment, and their desperate need for redemption threaten to destroy their last chance at reconciliation.

True West by Sam Shepard
Featuring: Kyle Kelbert & Tyler Toppings
Two brothers from opposite worlds clash over the meaning of family, as buried resentments and bitter rivalry threaten to unravel everything they believe about themselves.

Gone Before You Left by Joseph Arnone
Featuring: Harlow Laloudakis (*emerging*) & Edith Nye (*emerging*)
When a young woman discovers her older sister's secret plan to leave town, a desperate confrontation exposes their competing dreams of freedom, loyalty, and the fear of being left behind.

The Sunset Limited by Cormac McCarthy
Featuring: Akash Christian & Darnell Kwiatkowski
After one man saves another from suicide, two strangers engage in a fierce battle of faith and philosophy, confronting despair, human connection, and whether life itself is worth living.





the scenes

The Effect of Gamma Rays by Paul Zindel

Featuring: Dekoda Nelson & Lyla Campbell (*emerging*) I

In a troubled family home, two sisters dream of a better future. One longs for independence and escape, while the other struggles to preserve the innocence of a childhood slipping away.

Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike by Christopher Durang

Featuring: Greg Gerspacher & Kelly Chittenden

A brother and sister prepare for the arrival of their successful sibling while drowning in self-pity, confronting missed opportunities and the uncomfortable possibility that they're responsible for their own unhappiness.

Reasons to Be Pretty by Neil LaBute

Featuring: Monte McNaughton & Bryan Englund

Two best friends confront their relationships, loyalty, and what it means to be part of a team, as one becomes consumed by winning while the other desperately searches for redemption.

The Social Network: Screenplay by Aaron Sorkin

Featuring: Sara Price & Tristin Nameireakpam (*emerging*)

Consumed by ambition and the desperate need to belong, a young man humiliates the one person who truly sees him, sacrificing their relationship in pursuit of acceptance and status.

Proof by David Auburn

Featuring: Trinity Smith & Elly Gerspacher

Following their father's death, two estranged sisters struggle to reconnect as grief, uncertainty, and the fear of inheriting his troubled brilliance threaten to tear their fragile relationship apart.



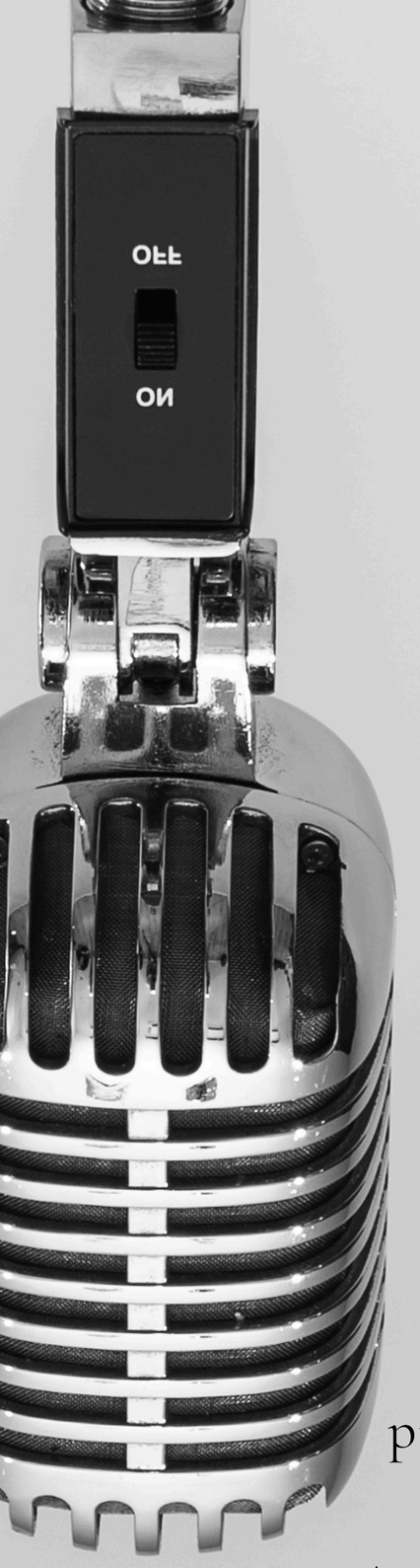
who made tonight happen

Capital Auto Group

Founded in Saskatchewan, Capital Auto Group has grown into a leading automotive group with dealerships across Canada and the United States. Built on a foundation of trust, service, and community involvement, Capital is committed to giving back to the communities it serves, supporting local initiatives, and helping Saskatchewan organizations grow and thrive.

The Artesian: Venue Partner

Artesian Performing Arts is a not-for-profit charitable arts organization in Regina, SK. The organization is registered as a non-profit charitable corporation in the province of Saskatchewan and is a Registered Charity under the Federal Income Tax Act of Canada. Our vision is to foster a diverse community through access to a unique, inclusive, and supportive event space.



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The Workbook: Media Partner

The Workbook (formerly Casting Workbook) is a global, full-service entertainment platform with 40+ proprietary applications supporting talent, casting, talent representation, producers, content creators, streamers, and distributors worldwide. Serving members in 64 countries, theWorkbook helps industry professionals collaborate efficiently, stay inclusive, and succeed in a rapidly changing landscape

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AMME Collective Inc: Door Opener

AMME Collective Inc. is a Saskatchewan-based film production company founded by Andrea Hoffman. With 11 years in film and three decades of business leadership, Andrea brings extensive experience in producing, financing, and international production logistics. Her portfolio spans 14 projects across film and television, including feature films, documentaries, and scripted series.

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the awards

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