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**THE MAYOR'S OFFICE OF FILM, THEATRE AND BROADCASTING, THE WRITERS GUILD OF AMERICA, EAST AND HUNTER COLLEGE PRESENT
*CAREERS IN ENTERTAINMENT: WRITING FOR FILM AND TELEVISION***

On Monday, April 26, 2010, the Mayor's Office of Film, Theatre and Broadcasting, the Writers Guild of America, East and Hunter College will present *Careers in Entertainment: Writing for Film and Television* – a panel discussion featuring writers who work in film, television drama, late night comedy, children's programming and morning news. The panel is free, open to the public, and will take place at Hunter College at 6:30pm.

Comprised of members of the Writers Guild of America, East, the labor union that represents professional writers in film, television, and radio, *Careers in Entertainment: Writing for Film and Television* will give students and interested New Yorkers the opportunity to hear first-hand from writers who have found success in New York City. In addition to sharing their personal accounts working in different genres, the panelists will also offer career advice to the audience based on their own experiences breaking into the industry. A Q&A session will follow.

Panelists for *Careers in Entertainment: Writing for Film and Television* include:

WAYNE FEDERMAN –writer, *Late Night with Jimmy Fallon*

ALLISON GIRVIN – writer, *Good Morning America*

CARIN GREENBERG – writer, *Between the Lions, Ghostwriter*

BRIAN KOPPELMAN – writer, *Solitary Man, Rounders*

CHARLIE RUBIN – writer, *Law & Order: Criminal Intent, The Jon Stewart Show*

“New York City is home to a thriving entertainment industry, employing over 100,000 New Yorkers,” Katherine Oliver, Commissioner of the Mayor's Office of Film, Theatre and Broadcasting said. “Our office is committed to attracting new production business and working to ensure that a diverse group of New Yorkers have access to these positions through programs such as this panel and our ‘Made in NY’ Production Assistant Training Program - a series of free, full-time, month-long training programs developed with Brooklyn Workforce Innovations.” For more information about these programs, visit nyc.gov/film.

The panel begins at 6:30 pm. Doors open at 6pm. Seating is limited and available on a first come, first served basis. RSVP to rsvp@film.nyc.gov before Friday, April 23. Panelists are

subject to change. The panel will take place at Hunter College, 695 Park Ave, North Building, Room 543.

About the Mayor's Office of Film, Theatre and Broadcasting

As the first film commission in the country, the Mayor's Office of Film, Theatre and Broadcasting is the one-stop shop for all production needs in New York City. The agency markets the City as a prime location, provides premiere customer service to production companies and facilitates production throughout the five boroughs. To learn more, visit www.nyc.gov/film.

About the Writers Guild of America

The Writers Guild of America, East, AFL-CIO, is a labor union representing writers in motion pictures, television, cable, digital media, and broadcast news. The WGAE conducts programs, seminars, and events on issues of interest to, and on behalf of, writers. In addition, it represents writers' interests on the legislative level. For more information on the Writers Guild of America, East, visit www.wgaeast.org.

About Hunter College

Recently named the #2 Best Value Public College for 2010, Hunter is the largest college in the City University of New York (CUNY) system and the first choice among all CUNY applicants. Founded in 1870, the College offers more than 170 undergraduate and graduate programs. Hunter is noted for its professional schools in education, health sciences, nursing and social work, as well as its excellence in the liberal arts. With a highly diverse student population of more than 21,000, Hunter has a distinguished reputation for nurturing talented minority scientists and meeting the challenge of providing high-quality science education in the 21st century. The College also oversees the Hunter College Campus Schools serving gifted and talented students, kindergarten through grade 12.

If you are a member of the press and would like to cover the event, please RSVP to:

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