SCRIPTWRITERS NETWORK

invites you to attend the **SWN SPEAKER SERIES**

"SCREENWRITING FOR ANIMATION"

Featuring ANIMATION SCREENWRITERS

DAN WICKSMAN (The Tribe, The Magic Crystal)

CRAIG MILLER (Smurfs, Curious George)

JOELLE SELLNER (Teen Titans, Jackie Chan Adventures)

CHARLES HORN (Robot Chicken, Robot Chicken: Star Wars)

JIM PERONTO

(Kim Possible, Lilo & Stitch: The Series)

Attend this one-time only panel of top animation screenwriters and hear about what it takes to get started in the industry, writing tips, and stories from the trenches!

SATURDAY, December 11th, 2010

12pm - 3pm Networking begins at 12pm Speaker to begin at 1pm at **Universal Studios Backlot** Rehearsal Hall 3269 3900 Lankershim Blvd (Enter Gate #3)

Universal City, CA 91608 Free Parking on the Lot!

YOU MUST RSVP

TO REGISTER:

You MUST RSVP no later than 10pm on Thursday, December

9th, 2010 with your <u>full name</u> and the full names of ALL <u>guests</u> (for studio security purposes) to:

universal@scriptwritersnetwork.org

Be sure to include:

1. Your FULL name (for studio security purposes)

2. The FULL name of any guests you are bringing (required for studio security purposes!)

3. Subject line should include the DATE and NAME of the event you wish to attend

<u>NOTE:</u> You will <u>NOT</u> receive a confirmation email but you will be placed on the list. Also, <u>each</u> attendee must be prepared to show **Driver's License** to Studio Security Personnel.

PRICE:: \$15 (ask about student prices)

ABOUT THE SPEAKERS:

Dan Wicksman has written for companies including *Aardman Animations*, the *BBC* and *Mike Young Productions*. His animation credits include series broadcast on *Disney Channel* and worldwide, and work for iconic characters such as **Thomas, The Tank Engine**.

Dan co-wrote animated feature **The Magic Crystal**, to be released in December.

Craig Miller is a well-known and respected writer/producer with over 150 credits. The majority of Miller's work has been for the children's and young adult market. His 104 episode TV series **Pocket Dragon Adventures** was a finalist for the *Humanitas Prize* and was seen seven days a week on the *BBC* and in nearly 100 countries around the world.

His writing has run the gamut from action-adventure projects like **G.I.** Joe and **Transformers: Beast Wars** to comedy-adventure series like **The Real Ghostbusters** to softer shows such as **The Smurfs**. Miller has also written comics for *DC*, *Disney*, and others, including adapting the manga title **Cobra** for the US market.

Recently, he spent three years writing the multiple Emmy-winning

Curious George for *PBS*. For that series, the first several DVD releases are each titled and themed after his episodes and new Curious George books have been written based on his scripts.

Currently, he's working on two international productions: **Resistance**, a live-action science fiction adventure series which begins filming in Australia next year, and **Playtime Buddies**, a new original animated pre-school series being produced by *Mondo TV* in Italy.

Craig Miller is a member of the *Writers Guild of America* (for which he chairs the *Animation Writers Caucus*), the *Writers Guild of Canada*, and the *Academy of Television Arts and Sciences* (where he has been an Emmy Judge for several years).

Charles Horn is an Emmy-nominated comedy writer with credits including Robot Chicken, Robot Chicken: Star Wars, Pink Panther and Pals, 1001 Nights, and freelance for The Tonight Show with Jay Leno.

He is also the author of **The Laugh Out Loud Guide: Ace the SAT Exam without Boring Yourself to Sleep!**, as well as the creator of numerous *iPhone apps*, including the **iHateIt Personal Disapproval Assistant**.

Joelle Sellner began her career as an advertising copywriter, writing award-winning print, radio and television ads for clients such as *Lexus Automobiles*, *Northwest Airlines*, *In-N-Out Burger*, *Kleenex* and *Mattel*.

While working fulltime, Joelle also began writing animation, starting with an animated series featuring the Olsen Twins: **Mary-Kate and Ashley in Action**.

Though the series only lasted one season, this led to writing assignments on other shows including **Teen Titans**, **Jackie Chan Adventures**, **Shin Chan**, **Secret Saturdays**, **Zevo-3** and **Avengers: Earth's Mightiest Heroes**. Joelle has recently branched out into comic books, writing two Secret Saturdays issues for *DC Comics* and an upcoming project for *Marvel*. She also wrote a branded entertainment video game for *Starwood Hotels*. Her first live action feature won Best Screenplay at the *2010 La Femme Film Festival*.

Joelle graduated from the University of Pennsylvania with a double major in English and Communications. She is also a graduate of the *Warner Bros Sitcom Writers Workshop* and a WGA member.

SCRIPTWRITERS NETWORK is a non-profit organization which serves established and aspiring writers in the film and television industries through many venues, including monthly meetings with industry guest speakers, opportunities for writers to obtain constructive feedback on their scripts, and a chance to get them marketed. Scriptwriters Network is the premier organization for scriptwriters - since 1986.

For more information about the Scriptwriters Network please visit: www.scriptwritersnetwork.org <<u>http://www.scriptwritersnetwork.org</u>> or call: **(888) 796-9673** (1-888-SWN-WORD)

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