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**Creator and Executive Producer of *THE FAIRLY ODDPARENTS*
and Creator & Director of *SANCTUARY*
added to Toronto Screenwriting Conference**

Toronto, CANADA – March 21, 2011 – The Toronto Screenwriting Conference is pleased to announce three new additions to its list of speakers. Just added are **Butch Hartman**, the creator and executive producer of Nickelodeon's mega-hit animated series *THE FAIRLY ODDPARENTS*, and part of the team behind the international hit sci-fi series *SANCTUARY*, creator, writer & executive producer, **Damian Kindler**, along with director & executive producer, **Martin Wood**. The Toronto Screenwriting Conference takes place April 9th & 10th at Ryerson University.

"We're thrilled to host Butch Hartman, Damian Kindler & Martin Wood. Butch's expertise in writing for animation, along with Damian & Martin's innovative techniques in writing for green screen are great additions to the previously announced comedy, drama, and video game writing sessions," said Cher Hawrysh, Conference Manager.

Butch Hartman will share his experience in the creative process of writing for animation in a Q&A style master class. In a career that spans two decades Hartman is best known as the creator and executive producer of *THE FAIRLY ODDPARENTS*, which is one of the longest running series on Nickelodeon at nine seasons and more than 120 episodes. In addition, he has created other animated hit series for Nickelodeon including *DANNY PHANTOM* and his latest project, *T.U.F.F. PUPPY*. His other writing credits include *JOHNNY BRAVO* and *DEXTER'S LABORATORY*.

The Conference is also thrilled to welcome the writing/producing/directing duo of *SANCTUARY*, **Damian Kindler** and **Martin Wood**, who will lead a workshop that will delve into what it takes to create, write and direct a successful sci-fi series. This groundbreaking series launched as an Internet series and within the first six months had more than 3.7 million views and downloads. It has since become a one-hour television series seen in over 180 countries, received numerous awards, and earned a place in the Guinness Book of World Records. *Sanctuary* is currently in production on its fourth season. Prior to *Sanctuary*, Kindler was co-executive producer and writer for *STARGATE SG-1* and creative consultant and writer for *STARGATE ATLANTIS*, and Wood directed more than 50 episodes of *Stargate SG-1* and 30 episodes *Stargate Atlantis*.

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The **Toronto Screenwriting Conference** brings together leading experts in TV, film and video games for advanced training and skills development. Speakers include Emmy Award-winning writer-producer Leonard Dick (*THE GOOD WIFE*), Academy Award-nominated writer-producer-director Pen Densham (*ROBIN HOOD: PRINCE OF THIEVES*), gaming scribe Kevin Shortt (*Avatar: The Game*), comedy writer/executive producer Christine Zander (*NURSE JACKIE*) and more. The Toronto Screenwriting Conference is sponsored by Telefilm Canada, National Screen Institute, Meridian Artists and the Canadian Film Centre. The Toronto Screenwriting Conference takes place at Ryerson University's Ted Rogers School of Management April 9th & 10th, (torontoscreenwritingconference.com).

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