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BERKELEY IS THE NEW HOLLYWOOD

Berkeley, California. The Office of Letters and Light proudly presents Script Frenzy, the world's largest scriptwriting event! During the month of April, over 30,000 people will participate in writing a movie, play, or graphic novel—the goal is to come up with 100 original pages in just 30 days.

It's completely free, and there are no judges and no prizes. So what's the point? The Office of Letters and Light believes that everyone is a writer. After all, they're the folks who run National Novel Writing Month every November. Frantically working to complete a writing project in a month gives participants a powerful creative outlet and an extraordinary sense of achievement.

Now in its fifth season, Script Frenzy is a place for budding scriptwriters to tackle the screenplay they've always been thinking about, or experienced playwrights to get a little additional support while working on a new project. You don't have to live in Hollywood to write a script; there are Script Frenzy regions all over the world, from Gainesville, Florida to Cape Town, South Africa. Script Frenzy is all about folks getting together in their living rooms, or local coffee shops, and knocking out a script over the course of 30 days.

Script Frenzy also has a youth writing component, facilitated through our Young Writers Program. Kids and teens log on to the YWP website for scriptwriting boot camps, workbooks, and expert advice as they write the scripts they've got rattling around in their ultra-imaginative brains. Educators download free lesson plans and mark students' scriptwriting progress with complimentary classroom incentive kits. We reach thousands of young writers, both online and in their schools.

Program Director Sandra Salas puts it best: "When it comes to the arts, whether you write, paint, sculpt, compose music, or do something else entirely, it opens your mind to a whole other world and broadens the range of choices you have in your life. That's the intent behind Script Frenzy, changing people's lives one story at a time. We're inspiring thousands of kids and adults around the world to pursue their writing goals. What's better than that?"

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