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WRITER'S DIGEST EDITOR AMY JONES AND AWARD-WINNING AUTHOR NICOLE GIVENS KURTZ TO KEYNOTE WRITE NOW! 2024

Raleigh, N.C. – **Triangle Association of Freelancers (TAF)** is proud to announce that *Writer's Digest* Editor-in-Chief Amy Jones and award-winning science fiction author Nicole Givens Kurtz will keynote Write Now! 2024, TAF's 14th annual spring writing symposium.

The conference will be held on Saturday, April 27, 2024, at The McKimmon Conference & Training Center at North Carolina State University, 1101 Gorman Street, in Raleigh. Doors will open at 8 a.m. and the conference will begin with Nicole Givens Kurtz' opening address at 9 a.m. The event will conclude at 4 p.m.

Amy Jones is the Editor-in-Chief of *Writer's Digest* and was the managing content director for WD Books. She is the editor of the *Novel and Short Story Writer's Market* and *Children's Writer's and Illustrator's Market*. Prior to joining the WD team, Amy was the managing editor for North Light Books and IMPACT Books. Like most WD staffers, Amy is a voracious reader and has a particular interest in literary fiction, historical fiction, steamy romance, and page-turning mysteries. Her keynote address is entitled "**Plot Twist: How Not to Land Your Dream Job.**" In addition to her keynote, Amy will present a session on how to catch and keep an editor's attention.

Nicole Givens Kurtz has been called "a genre polymath who does crime, horror, and SFF" by *Book Riot*, which named her one of the 6 Black SFF Indie Writers You Should be Reading. With over 20 years in publishing, she has published more than 50 short stories and is the author of the *Cybil Lewis and Death Violations* Cyber Noir series as well as the *Kingdom of Aves* fantasy mystery series. Her keynote, "**When Everything Feels Terrible, Create,**" covers the importance of creativity in today's writing environment. Givens Kurtz will also present a session on the art of short story writing.

Additional conference presenters include veteran freelancer **Don Vaughan**, who will explore how writers can turn life experience into article ideas; editor and writing instructor **Kyle Marie McMahon** on how to use your personal memories to create a memoir; award-winning romance author **Reese Ryan** on crafting supporting characters; longtime GQ correspondent **Sean Flynn** on the elements of a successful interview; publisher **Karin Wiberg** presents a self-publishing how-to; and editor **Laura Poole** explains how to get the most out of a style manual.

The fee for Write Now! 2024 is \$109 from February 1 thru March 31 (includes special gift); \$119 from April 1 thru 26; and \$119 at the door. Registration includes all conference activities, coffee during morning registration, a catered box lunch and door prizes. For more information or to register online, visit <https://TAFNC.com/WriteNow>.

Triangle Association of Freelancers is a nonprofit organization serving independent nonfiction and fiction writers throughout North Carolina. Founded in 2003, TAF is committed to educating, mentoring, and promoting both aspiring and established writers by connecting them with fellow writers and the

vital resources and services available to them. TAF advocates for fair compensation of writers and content creators, as well as the ongoing professional development of those in the writing profession. To those ends, TAF hosts monthly meetings featuring guest speakers presenting on a diverse array of topics and presents an annual writers conference each spring.

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