“Writers have a collective moral responsibility for the emotional lives of our community. We do make a difference. We change people, their opinions. We inform our audience, not just nationally, but worldwide. We influence them with our own prejudices, hatreds, fears, fantasies. We inform them with our own humanity. They listen to us, they believe us, they accept what we say as truth.”

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“HUMANITAS is here to empower and champion the cause, the purpose, and the task of the writer, these architects and agents of change, whose vision and craft lay the groundwork for the art that becomes our legacy.”

ALI LEROI
President & Mentor
THE PRIZE

- Comedy Feature
- Drama Feature
- Family Feature
- Independent Feature
- Feature Documentary
- 60-minute Drama
- 30-minute Comedy
- Children’s Teleplay

Represented studios and networks support their finalists with a purchase of a table for each finalist and their writing staff.
“I come here every year and every year it’s special. I am proud be around people who believe that entertainment is meaningless if it has nothing to say.”

David Shore
2018 HUMANITAS Prize Winner
60 Minute, The Good Doctor
HUMANITAS has a reliable revenue stream from our annual Prize event.
WINNERS PAY IT FORWARD:

As of 2018, themes present in HUMANTIAS Prize-winning scripts are honored as winners’ prize money is donated to an organization of their choice.
PROGRAMS
We pair up-and-coming writers with mentors. Writers work with mentor on notes and rewrites.

HUMANITAS exposes the new draft to our studio partners. Winning writers are recognized at the annual awards event and receive $7,500.

PAST MENTORS: Alan Ball, Janine S. Barrois, Jenny Bicks, Carter Covington, Tom Fontana, Marc Guggenheim, Hart Hanson, Felicia Henderson, David Hudgins, Jason Katims, Bill Lawrence, Ali LeRoi, Melanie Marnich, Rashad Raisani, David Shore, Patrick Sean Smith, Robin Swicord, Raelle Tucker, Pam Veasey, Ben Watkins, David Zuckerman.
“With NEW VOICES, HUMANITAS is giving promising writers an opportunity to be mentored by some of the best in the business and CBS Television Studios is honored to be part of this program.”

David Stapf
President
CBS Television Studios
PLAY LA

Created in 2015 to support local playwrights based in Greater Los Angeles

Playwrights go from a blank page to a competed script

Each play gets a staged reading with professional actors

PAST MENTORS:
Mike Binder, Lee Blessing, Nick Hamm, Christopher Mack, Kelly Miller, Steven Leigh Morris, Tom Schulman, Pier Carlo Talenti, Craig Wright
COLLEGE FELLOWSHIPS
THE DAVID AND LYNN ANGELL COLLEGE COMEDY FELLOWSHIP

David Angell (*Fraiser, Cheers, Wings*) and his wife Lynn were aboard Flight #11 when it crashed into the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001.

Together, the Angells focused their philanthropic efforts on the ideal that all people are entitled to develop to their fullest potential.

- Fellowship created in 2003 in honor of David and Lynn
- Open to both undergraduate and graduate college students
- Winners announced at HUMANITAS Prize Award
THE CAROL MENDELSOHN COLLEGE DRAMA FELLOWSHIP

• Created thanks to a generous endowment from acclaimed television writer and producer Carol Mendelsohn (CSI: Crime Scene Investigation)

• This fellowship exists to recognize and reward the talents of young writers with financial support to empower them to tell meaningful stories.

• Fellowship created in 2017
• Open to both undergraduate and graduate college students
• Students must be enrolled at the time of submission
• Winners announced at HUMANITAS Prize Award
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“To me, the HUMANITAS prize is like a Pulitzer Prize or a Nobel Prize, because it speaks to the highest aspirations of a writer.”

David Seltzer
2013 HUMANITAS Prize Winner
90 Minute, Cinema Verite
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