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**THE SIXTH ANNUAL CAYLE CHERNIN AWARDS:  
CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS 2017**

[www.caylecherninaward.ca](http://www.caylecherninaward.ca)

Toronto, ON — The Cayle Chernin Memorial Fund and Equity Showcase Theatre announce the call for submissions for the **sixth annual Cayle Chernin Awards (CCAs)**. The CCAs are awarded to emerging or transitioning female artists in their **creation, development or production of a new work**.

The **CCA Media Arts: Production** and the **CCA Theatre: Production** each comprise a **\$2500.00** Cash Prize, access to a respected paid industry professional through the **Mentorship** Program at **CSARN** [www.csarn.ca](http://www.csarn.ca) (Canadian Senior Artists Resource Network), and traditionally the CCA's in Production receive in-kind industry services, TBD. Investment, Experience and Services.

The **NEW CCA Media Arts: Development** and **CCA Theatre: Development** each comprise a **\$1000.00** Cash Prize and access to a respected paid industry professional through the **Mentorship** Program at **CSARN** [www.csarn.ca](http://www.csarn.ca) (Canadian Senior Artists Resource Network). Investment and Experience.

**Application Deadline: Friday, February 17, 2015**

Guidelines and applications can be found at [www.caylecherninaward.ca](http://www.caylecherninaward.ca). Applicants must be an Ontario resident and either an emerging or transitioning female artist. The Sixth annual **Cayle Chernin Awards (CCAs): An Evening of Recognition, Music and Celebration of Women in the Arts** will be held on **Wednesday May 17, 2017**, at the **Heliconian Hall, 35 Hazleton Ave. Toronto**.

Past recipients of the CCA's are Collette Micks (M), Susanna Fournier (T), Fenulla Jiwani (M), Melissa D'Agostino (M), Audrey Dwyer (T), Jani Lauzon (M) and Andrea Scott (T).

The Cayle Chernin Awards were established in 2012 to honour the life and work of actor, documentary filmmaker, writer, teacher and mentor Cayle Chernin (1947 – 2011).

*"We are at a frontier of new connection to our audiences, marketing and distribution. New ideas, new ways and opportunities to make it happen...and we are ready"* Cayle Chernin, Toronto 2005.

## **Cayle Chernin Biography**

Cayle Chernin's professional journey began co-starring in Don Shebib's 1969 classic film *Goin' Down the Road* and came to a close with Mr. Shebib's acclaimed sequel

*Down The Road Again*, 40 years later. Ms. Chernin was loved for her generosity, imagination, perseverance, talent and her welcoming smile. Cayle was valued for her commitment to women's issues, serving as an elected councillor on the board of ACTRA Toronto, as co-chair of the ACTRA Toronto Women's Committee (TAWC) and on the board of Equity Showcase Theatre until her passing in February 2011.

Cayle Chernin's career spanned four decades in film and on stage, developing new works and encouraging young artists. An overview of her career can be accessed at [www.caylechernin.com](http://www.caylechernin.com).

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