

LOCAL WRITER A QUARTERFINALIST IN NICHOLL FELLOWSHIPS

Kansas City Women in Film and Television Board Member is Writer and Producer

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CARUSO AND THE SWORD, written by Kansas resident Paula Smith, was one of only 351 scripts out of 6,730 entries that advanced to the Quarterfinal round in the prestigious Nicholl Fellowships in Screenwriting competition. The Nicholl Fellowships is a program of The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences. According to the Nicholl Fellowships those scripts that have reached the Quarterfinal Round will next be read by at least two judges and about 110 to 120 of the Quarterfinal scripts will advance to the Semifinal Round.

“CARUSO AND THE SWORD is about a young teen who falls in love with the sport of fencing and then must overcome the school bully, poor grades, low self-esteem, and parental objections to achieve his dream of qualifying for the largest fencing tournament in the world – the Summer Nationals,” says Paula Smith.

Paula is trying to raise funds to film CARUSO AND THE SWORD locally. “We have the talent in the Kansas City area. The difficulty in producing a movie is in raising the money even for a low-budget indie film.” Paula has set up the project under the fiscal sponsorship of Fractured Atlas. CARUSO AND THE SWORD is a sponsored project of Fractured Atlas, a non-profit arts service organization. Contributions for the purposes of CARUSO AND THE SWORD must be made payable to Fractured Atlas and are tax-deductible to the extent permitted by law.

Donations to CARUSO AND THE SWORD can be made online or by check. Online donations can be made through the Fractured Atlas website (<https://www.fracturedatlas.org/site/contribute/donate/2654>).

To donate by check, please make checks payable to Fractured Atlas and send to Paula Smith, Script 2 Screen, LLC, P.O. Box 19486. Lenexa, KS 66285-9486.

For more information about CARUSO AND THE SWORD please contact Paula Smith or go to: <http://carusoandthesword.com>. CARUSO AND THE SWORD can also be found on Facebook at <http://Facebook.com/CarusoAndTheSword>.

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