



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **LOCAL WRITER FINALIST FOR NATIONAL AWARD –**

Cindy Palin of Olds, Alberta Canada has been shortlisted in a national writing competition two years in a row, for her song lyrics in the songwriting category.

Cindy is an accomplished lyricist and composer. She and her husband own and operate a custom picture framing shop in their hometown. Her midi-keyboard keeps her company in the studio, and she can be found writing and scoring music in between design projects.

Cindy's song "O Morning Star", this year was written out of a tumultuous time for her church and community, when a longtime friend and resident of the area was stricken suddenly by cancer. Cindy's lyrics take you on a reflective journey that begs the question, "Why is there suffering when God is good and all powerful?"

The winner will be announced June 11<sup>th</sup> at a black-tie Awards Gala at World Vision's headquarters in Mississauga, Ontario, to which the public is invited. The Gala is the premier event honoring the work of Canadian Christian writers.

This writing challenge continues to inspire hundreds of new entries from across Canada every year. The 28 award categories include; non-fiction books, novels, articles, columns, poems, and song lyrics.

**"I am thrilled to be shortlisted for this award, again this year. I have been writing, playing and singing, since I was twelve years old, and the language I share with our Creator brings such satisfaction and comfort. I would like to thank the worship team who helped me introduce this song to our congregation, and thank my daughter for helping me sing it for the Strohschein family, who said goodbye to a beloved wife and mother, far too soon."**

The Word Guild organization who sponsors the awards, consists of more than 300 writers and editors across Canada who write from a Christian perspective and publish work in a variety of genres.

The Word Guild also sponsors Canada's largest Christian writers' conference, Write Canada [www.thewordguild.com/write-canada-2014/](http://www.thewordguild.com/write-canada-2014/). After the Gala, 250 writers, editors, agents and publishers will meet in Guelph, Ont. From June 12 to 14 for professional development, networking and marketing opportunities.

Some of Canada's best-known Christian writers, leaders, academics, and journalists have entered this contest and been recognized for their contributions, including: J. I. Packer, Jean Vanier, James M. Houston, Brian C. Stiller, John G. Stackhouse, Jr., Ann Voskamp, Mark Buchanan, William P. Young, Janette Oke, James K. A. Smith, Greg Paul, Craig Evans, Douglas Harink, Tim Perry, Craig G. Bartholomew, Elmer John Thiessen, John Redekop, Maxine Hancock, Stanley J. Grenz, Brian J. Walsh, Douglas Farrow, John P. Bowen, Rod J. K. Wilson, Stanley E. Porter, Hugh Cook, Sigmund Brouwer, Phil Callaway, Ali Matthews, Greg Paul, Tim Huff, Connie Brummel Crook, Lois Sweet, Bob Harvey, Jennnifer Green, and Thomas Froese

To see the complete shortlist of finalists, or to obtain more information about the Gala or The Word Guild, visit [www.thewordguild.com](http://www.thewordguild.com). To read more about Cindy's music, please visit [www.newcindypalin.com](http://www.newcindypalin.com), or join her on Facebook and Twitter, or follow her blog at [www.cindysouljourney.wordpress.com](http://www.cindysouljourney.wordpress.com)

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