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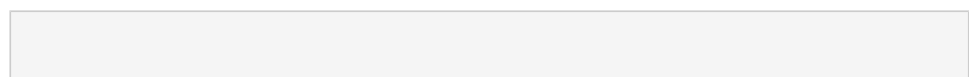
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? Patrick Wright, Director, graduate film program, Maryland Institute College of Art & editor-producer on such films as the Academy Award-winning *Music by Prudence*

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? Austin Chronicle

About the Author

Jill Chamberlain is a script consultant, screenwriting coach, and the founder of The Screenplay Workshop (thescreenplayworkshop.org). She has taught the Nutshell Technique to more than a thousand screenwriters around the globe, and many of her students have achieved success in Hollywood, having their screenplays optioned, sold, and made into award-winning feature films. Learn more and connect with Jill at jillchamberlain.com.

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