



For Immediate Release
January 10, 2012

**2012 NOMINEES ANNOUNCED
10TH ANNIVERSARY ACTRA AWARDS IN TORONTO**

For Immediate Release: Toronto, January 10, 2012 – ACTRA Toronto is pleased to announce the nominees for the 10th Anniversary ACTRA Awards in Toronto, to be presented at the Carlu on Saturday, February 25, 2012.

Three juried ACTRA Awards will be presented at the industry party in the categories of Outstanding Female Performance, Outstanding Male Performance and Outstanding Voice Performance.

Nominees for Outstanding Performance – Female:

Jayne Eastwood (*Down the Road Again*)
Jennifer Irwin (*Michael: Tuesdays & Thursdays – Small Talk*)
Tommie-Amber Pirie (*Michael: Tuesdays & Thursdays - Vomiting*)
Amy Price-Francis (*King – Lori Gilbert*)
Ellen Wong (*Silent Cargo*)

Nominees for Outstanding Performance – Male:

Clé Bennett (*Flashpoint – A Day in the Life*)
Shawn Doyle (*John A: Birth of a Country*)
Peter Outerbridge (*John A: Birth of a Country*)
Eric Peterson (*Billy Bishop Goes to War*)
Christopher Plummer (*Barrymore*)

Nominees for Outstanding Performance – Voice:

Stacey Depass (*The Adventures of Chuck and Friends – Boomer the Snowplow*)
Robbie Fitzroy (*Stella and Sam – Box Builders*)
Billy MacLellan (*Afghanada – The Promise*)
Rachel Marcus and **Miles Johnson** (*Stella and Sam – Night Fairies*)
Miklos Perlus (*Sidekick – Eric Squared*)

"The nominees this year range from age 7 to age 82 and include a diversity of performers as well as some of Canada's biggest names and greatest actors," said Heather Allin, President of ACTRA Toronto. "It's a strong year and will make the final jury selection a difficult task. It's an impressive snapshot of the current depth and breadth of Canada's acting talent."

Rick Mercer will be presented with ACTRA Toronto's 2012 Award of Excellence at the Awards celebration held this year on Saturday, February 25, 2012. The Award of Excellence recognizes an exceptional body of work and a commitment to advocacy on behalf of all performers.

The Awards Gala will be hosted by comic, **Elvira Kurt** and will feature live musical performances by blues band, **Raoul and The Big Time**, fronted by **Raoul Bhaneja**.

ACTRA Toronto is the largest organization within ACTRA, representing over 15,000 of Canada's 21,000 professional performers working in the English-language recorded media in

Canada. As an advocate for Canadian culture since 1943, ACTRA is a member-driven organization that continues to secure rights and respect for the work of professional performers.

Our Sponsors:

Diamond Sponsor

Actra Fraternal Benefit Society

Platinum Sponsor

ACTRA National and ACTRA Performers' Rights Society

Gold Sponsors

CBC, Copyright Collective of Canada, Deluxe, Rhombus Media, ROI Fund Inc.,
Shaftesbury Films, United Steelworkers

Silver Sponsors

Cavalluzzo Hayes Shilton McIntyre & Cornish LLP, Canadian Media Production Association (CMPA),
Entertainment One, Royal Bank of Canada

Bronze Sponsors

Breakthrough Entertainment, City of Toronto Film & Television Office,
Creative Arts Savings & Credit Union, Don Carmody Productions, Grant Thornton LLP,
Serendipity Point Films, Take 5 Productions, Writers Guild of Canada

- 30 -

Contact:

Karen Woolridge, ACTRA Toronto Public Relations Officer

direct: (416) 642-6710, cell: (416)-937-1437

email: kwoolridge@actratoronto.com