



26th Annual Gemini Awards Culminate with Star-Studded Broadcast Gala

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Toronto, ON – September 7th, 2011 – The Academy of Canadian Cinema & Television is pleased to announce tonight's seven Gemini Award Winners at this evening's Broadcast Gala on CBC Television which included winners in the Comedy, Drama and Sports categories. Comedian Russell Peters, a former Gemini Award winner, hosted the star-studded event which took place at CBC in Toronto.

"On behalf of the Academy, I would like to offer my warmest congratulations to tonight's winners, as well as all of this years Gemini and Academy Special Award winners. Tonight's sensational show was the perfect tribute to the exceptional talent in this country," says Helga Stephenson, interim CEO, ACCT.

Fifty-two Gemini Award winners in News & Sports, Documentary, Lifestyle and Reality categories were announced on Tuesday, August 30th at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre. A further 61 Gemini Award winners were announced in the Drama, Children's or Youth, Comedy and Variety categories on Wednesday, August 31st. For the full list of Gemini Award winners and photos on each night, please visit the 26th Annual Gemini Awards website at www.GeminiAwards.ca.

For photos of tonight's winners, go to the Photo Gallery at: www.GeminiAwards.com (photos will be uploaded during the show). A fact sheet on the 26th Annual Gemini Awards will also be added to the site.

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Barbara Sears Award for Best Editorial Research

Jane Burgess, Andrew Easterbrook, Jonathan Woodward - The Pig Farm

Best Achievement in Casting

Marissa Richmond, Libby Goldstein, Andrea Kenyon, Suzanne Smith, Randi Wells - Durham County - *Distance, Hunting and Home*

Best Achievement in Main Title Design

Robb Thompson, Darren Bierman, Shelley Cornies, Steve Seeley - Blackstone - *Time's Up*

Best Achievement in Make-Up

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Colleen Quinton - The Pillars of the Earth

Best Animated Program or Series

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Hot Wheels - Battle Force Five

Doug Murphy, Tina Chow, Ken Faier, Ace Fipke, Chuck Johnson, Pam Lehn, Audu Paden, Ira Singerman, Barry Waldo, Irene Weibel

Best Biography Documentary Program

Mordecai Richler: The Last of the Wild Jews

Mary Armstrong, David Sherman

Best Breaking News Coverage

CBC News: Here & Now: Hurricane Igor

Doug Letto, Rod Dobbin

Best Breaking Reportage, Local

Francis D'Souza, Alfredo Colangelo - CityTV - *G20 Summit*

Best Breaking Reportage, National

Adrienne Arsenault - CBC News The National - *Pakistan Floods*

Best Children's or Youth Fiction Program or Series

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Degrassi

Linda Schuyler, Stefan Brogren, David Lowe, Stephen Stohn, Stephanie Williams, Brendon Yorke

Best Children's or Youth Non-Fiction Program or Series

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TVOKids - Mark's Moments

Marney Malabar, Daniel Bourré, Patricia Ellingson, Mark Sykes

Best Comedy Program or Series

Rick Mercer Report

Gerald Lunz, Rick Mercer

Best Costume Design

Gabriella Pescucci - The Borgias - *The Poisoned Chalice/The Assassin*

Best Cross-Platform Project - Children's and Youth

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Babar and the Adventures of Badou Interactive

Caitlin O'Donovan

Best Cross-Platform Project - Fiction

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Matthew Hornburg, Mark J. W. Bishop, Ted Brunt, Julie Dutrisac, Johnny Kalangis

Best Cross-Platform Project - Non-Fiction

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Storming Juno Interactive

James Milward, Ryan Andral, Noora Abu Eitah, Pietro Gagliano, Steve Miller

Best Direction in a Children's or Youth Program or Series

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Pat Williams - Degrassi - *All Falls Down Part 2*

Best Direction in a Comedy Program or Series

Scott Smith - Call Me Fitz - *Long Con Silver*

Best Direction in a Documentary Program

Michael McNamara - Acquainted With the Night

Best Direction in a Documentary Series

P.J. Naworynski - Nazi Hunters - *Erich Priebke*

Best Direction in a Dramatic Program or Mini-Series

Stephen Hopkins - Sleepyhead

Best Direction in a Dramatic Series

Jeremy Podeswa - The Borgias - *Death On A Pale Horse*

Best Direction in a Lifestyle/Practical Information Program or Series

Grant Greschuk - Village on a Diet - *Beyond the Diet*

Best Direction in a Live Sporting Event

Chris Elias - 2010 Queen's Plate

Best Direction in a News Information Program or Series

Oleh J. Rumak - the fifth estate - *Above Suspicion*

Best Direction in a Performing Arts Program or Series

Gail Gallant - Star Portraits - *Gordon Pinsent*

Best Direction in a Reality Program or Series

Dwayne Beaver, Karen Duthie - Conviction Kitchen - *Episode 5*

Best Direction in a Variety Program or Series

Joan Tosoni - The 2011 Juno Awards

Best Direction in an Animated Program or Series

Ken Cunningham - Glenn Martin DDS - *Date with Destiny*

Best Documentary Series

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Africa on the Move

Sue Dando, Peter John Ingles, Paul Morin

Best History Documentary Program

Nazi Hunters: Herbert Cukurs

Simon Lloyd, Nick Godwin

Best Dramatic Mini-Series or TV Movie

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The Pillars of the Earth

Ridley Scott, Rola Bauer, Jonas Bauer, Tim Halkin, Michael Prupas, David Rosemont, John Ryan, Tony Scott, David W. Zucker

Best Dramatic Series – Sponsored by Independent Production Fund

The Borgias

Neil Jordan, James Flynn, Sheila Hockin, John Weber

Best Ensemble Performance in a Comedy Program or Series

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Alex House, Maggie Castle, Angela Jill Guingcango, Chris Leavins, Melanie Leishman, Jason Mewes, Bill Turnbull - Todd and the Book of Pure Evil - *The Phantom of Crowley High*

Best General/Human Interest Series

Hell on Hooves

Dennis Hrapchak, Douglas Hudema

Best Host in a Lifestyle/Practical Information, or Performing Arts Program or Series

Gail Vaz-Oxlade - Princess - *Princess Nicola*

Best Host in a Pre-School, Children's or Youth Program or Series

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Jeremie Saunders - Artzooka! - *Episode 111*

Best Host or Interviewer in a General/Human Interest or Talk Program or Series

George Stroumboulopoulos - George Stroumboulopoulos Tonight

Best Host or Interviewer in a News Information Program or Series

Mark Kelley - Connect with Mark Kelley

Best Host or Interviewer in a Sports Program or Sportscast

James Duthie - NHL All-Star Fantasy Draft

Best Lifestyle/Practical Information Segment

Ron Waksman, Laurie Few, Mary Garofalo, Brennan Leffler - 16:9 The Bigger Picture - *Electronic Pickpocket*

Best Lifestyle/Practical Information Series

Til Debt Do Us Part

Jamie Brown, Jennifer Horvath

Best Live Sporting Event

HNIC on CBC - Heritage Classic

Trevor Pilling, Sherali Najak, Brian Spear

Best Local Newscast, Large Market

News Hour

Ian Haysom, Clive Jackson, Randy McHale, Tim Perry, Doug Sydora

Best Local Newscast, Small Market

CBC News Saskatchewan

Paul Dederick, Chris Lane, Costa Maragos, Jonathan Shanks, Anna-May Zeviar

Best News Anchor

Dawna Friesen - Global National

Best News Information Segment

Adrienne Arsenault, Stephanie Jenzer, Claude Panet-Raymond, Keith Whelan - CBC News The National - *Mexico's Deadly Explosion*

Best News Information Series

CBC News: Marketplace

Tassie Notar

Best News Special Event Coverage

CBC News: The New Governor General

Mark Bulgutch, Tom Dinsmore, Fred Parker

Best Music, Variety Program or Series

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Battle of the Blades

John Brunton, Kevin Albrecht, Sandra Bezic, Barbara Bowlby, Sue Brophey

Best Original Music for a Lifestyle/Practical Information or Reality Program or Series

Graeme Coleman - Ice Pilots NWT - *Arnie Calls It*

Best Original Music Score for a Documentary Program or Series

Claudio Vena - T O in 2 4

Best Original Music Score for a Dramatic Program, Mini-Series or TV Movie

Jonathan Goldsmith - The Nativity

Best Original Music Score for a Program or Series

Trevor Morris - The Tudors - *Episode 410*

Best Original Music Score for an Animated Program or Series

Hal Beckett - League of Super Evil - *Ant-archy*

Best Original Program or Series produced for Digital Media - Non-Fiction

The Test Tube with David Suzuki

Rob McLaughlin, Loc Dao, Tyler Kealer, Kris McLaughlin, Nate Smith

Best Performance by an Actor in a Continuing Leading Comedic Role

Peter Keleghan - 18 to Life - *Family Portrait*

Best Performance by an Actor in a Continuing Leading Dramatic Role

Callum Keith Rennie - Shattered - *Out of Sorrow*

Best Performance by an Actor in a Featured Supporting Role in a Dramatic Program or Mini-Series

Joshua Close - Sleepyhead

Best Performance by an Actor in a Featured Supporting Role in a Dramatic Series

Sergio Di Zio - Flashpoint - *Acceptable Risk*

Best Performance by an Actor in a Featured Supporting Role or Guest Role in a Comedic Series

Ernie Grunwald - Call Me Fitz - *Honesty, Integrity, & Low Mileage Part 1*

Best Performance by an Actor in a Guest Role, Dramatic Series

Tim Rozon - Flashpoint - *I'd Do Anything*

Best Performance by an Actor in a Leading Role in a Dramatic Program or Mini-Series

Barry Pepper - The Kennedys - *In Love With Night*

Best Performance by an Actress in a Continuing Leading Comedic Role

Tracy Dawson - Call Me Fitz - *Going Down Syndrome*

Best Performance by an Actress in a Continuing Leading Dramatic Role

Michelle Thrush - Blackstone - *Suffer The Children*

Best Performance by an Actress in a Featured Supporting Role in a Dramatic Program or Mini-Series

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Diana Hardcastle - The Kennedys - *Life Sentences*

Best Performance by an Actress in a Featured Supporting Role in a Dramatic Series

Ksenia Solo - Lost Girl - *Oh Kappa My Kappa/Sorority*

Best Performance by an Actress in a Featured Supporting Role or Guest Role in a Comedic Series

Rachel Blanchard - Call Me Fitz - *Going Down Syndrome*

Best Performance by an Actress in a Guest Role, Dramatic Series

Alberta Watson - Heartland - *Where the Truth Lies*

Best Performance by an Actress in a Leading Role in a Dramatic Program or Mini-Series

Jackie Richardson - The Gospel According to the Blues

Best Performance in a Children's or Youth Program or Series

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Jordan Todosey - Degrassi - *My Body is a Cage Part 2*

Best Performance in a Hosted Stand-Up/Sketch Comedy Program or Series

Hannibal Buress - Funny As Hell 2010 - *Show 1*

Best Performance in a Performing Arts Program or Series (Individual or Ensemble)

Victor Micallef, Clifton Murray, Remigio Pereira, Fraser Walters - Season of Song: The Canadian Tenors and Friends

Best Performance in an Animated Program or Series

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Gordon Pinsent - Babar and the Adventures of Badou - *Neighbourly Nice Day 19A*

Best Performance or Host in a Variety Program or Series (Individual or Ensemble)

Adam Beach, Evan Adams - The 18th Annual National Aboriginal Achievement Awards

Best Performing Arts Program or Series or Arts Documentary Program or Series

The National Parks Project

Ryan J. Noth, Joel McConvey, Kristina McLaughlin, Kevin McMahon, Michael McMahon, Geoff Morrison

Best Photography in a Comedy Program or Series

Stephen Reizes csc - Living in Your Car - *Chapter 1*

Best Photography in a Documentary Program or Series

Daron Donahue - Code Breakers

Best Photography in a Dramatic Program or Series

David Moxness csc - The Kennedys - *Life Sentences*

Best Photography in an Information Program or Series

Sean Cable, Todd Craddock - Ice Pilots NWT - *Under Pressure*

Best Photography in a Variety or Performing Arts Program or Series

Kelly Jones - The 18th Annual National Aboriginal Achievement Awards

Best Picture Editing in a Comedy, Variety or Performing Arts Program or Series

Kim McTaggart - Call Me Fitz - The Pilot

Best Picture Editing in a Documentary Program or Series

Sally Blake, Avril Jacobson - Peep Culture

Best Picture Editing in a Dramatic Program or Series

Sylvain Lebel - Fakers

Best Picture Editing in an Information Program or Series

Clark Masters, Richard Rotter - Best. Trip. Ever.

Best Pre-School Program or Series

The Mighty Jungle

Katrina Walsh, Charles Bishop, Michael Donovan, Beth Stevenson

Best Production Design or Art Direction in a Fiction Program or Series

François Séguin - The Borgias - The Poisoned Chalice/The Assassin

Best Production Design or Art Direction in a Non-Fiction Program or Series

Callum MacLachlan - Season of Song: The Canadian Tenors and Friends

Best Reality Program or Series

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Dragons' Den

Tracie Tighe, Mike Armitage, Lisa Gabriele

Best Science, Technology, Nature, Environment or Adventure Documentary Program

Code Breakers

Niobe Thompson

Best Sound in a Comedy, Variety or Performing Arts Program or Series

Fred Brennan, Robert Bertola, Stefan Fraticelli, Matthew Harrold, Allen Ormerod, Jane Porter - Call Me Fitz - The Pilot

Best Sound in a Dramatic Program

Marcel Pothier, Jo Caron, Gavin Fernandes, Guy Francoeur, Louis Gignac, Antoine Morin, Guy Pelletier, Christian Rivest - The Pillars of the Earth – Anarchy

Best Sound in a Dramatic Series

Glen Gauthier, Tom Bjelic, Christian Cooke, Steve Moore, John Douglas Smith - Being Erica - Bear Breast

Best Sound in an Information/Documentary Program or Series

Mark Gingras, Christian Cooke, Sanjay Mehta, Adrian Tucker - Yonge Street - Toronto Rock & Roll Stories

Best Sports Analysis or Commentary (Program, Series or Segment)

Vancouver 2010 Olympic Winter Games Anniversary Special

Rick Chisholm, Robert MacAskill, Don Young

Best Sports Analyst

Jim Bannon - 2010 Queen's Plate

Best Sports Feature Segment

Michael Farrell, James Cybulski - SportsCentre: Jay Triano and Terry Fox Feature

Best Sports Play-by-Play Announcer

Mark Lee - 2010 Canadian Track & Field Championships

Best Sports Reporting

Elliott Friedman - HNIC on CBC - Heritage Classic

Best Sportscaster/Anchor

Jay Onrait - SportsCentre

Best Talk Series

George Stroumboulopoulos Tonight

George Stroumboulopoulos, David Freeman, Tania Natscheff

Best Visual Effects

Bob Munroe, Bret Culp, Maria Gordon, Luke Groves, Bill Halliday, Ian MacLeod, Martin Tori, Paul Waggoner, Patrik Witzmann - The Tudors - Episode 407

Best Visual Research

Sonja Carr, Benoît Michaud - Meltdown: The Secret History of the Global Collapse - The Men Who Crashed The World

Best Writing in a Children's or Youth Program or Series

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Richard Elliott, Simon Racioppa - Spliced - Pink

Best Writing in a Comedy or Variety Program or Series

Pat Bullard - Call Me Fitz - Long Con Silver

Best Writing in a Documentary Program or Series

Terence McKenna - Meltdown: The Secret History of the Global Collapse - A Global Tsunami

Best Writing in a Dramatic Program or Mini-Series

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Steven Westren, Jesse McKeown - Fakers

Best Writing in a Dramatic Series

– Sponsored by Independent Production Fund

Mark Ellis, Stephanie Morgenstern - Flashpoint - Jumping At Shadows

Best Writing in an Information Program or Series

Linden MacIntyre - the fifth estate - *The Betrayal*

Donald Brittain Award for Best Social/Political Documentary Program

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Life With Murder

John Kastner, Silva Basmajian

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