



Awards of Excellence Nominees Announced

Montreal, April 8, 2019 – Youth Media Alliance (YMA) is pleased to announce the **nominees for English-language Awards of Excellence**. The winners will be revealed at the gala to be held on **May 29**, at the **CBC Glenn-Gould Studio**, in **Toronto**. Based on the [YMA's Statement of Quality](#), jury members selected the following **nominees**:

Award of Excellence for Best Program, Live Action Scripted and Non-Scripted – Preschool

- **Cutie Pugs** (Bubbles) – produced by Little Engine Moving Pictures; aired on TVOKids, TFO, Knowledge Network and Radio-Canada
- **Dino Dana** (A Dino Never Forgets) – produced by Sinking Ship Entertainment; aired on TVOKids and Amazon
- **Opie's Home** (The Big Blowout) – produced by marblemedia; aired on TVOKids, Knowledge Kids and City Saskatchewan
- **Studio K** (The Ghost of Studio K) – produced by CBC; aired on CBC

Award of Excellence for Best Program, Live Action Scripted – Ages 6-9 and 9+

- **#Roxy** – produced by Mosaic Entertainment; aired on SuperChannel
- **Big Top Academy** (The Show Must Go On) – produced by Apartment 11 Productions, in association with Discovery Kids Latin America, TVOKids and in collaboration with Cirque du Soleil Images; aired on Discovery Kids Latin America and TVOKids
- **Odd Squad** (There's No O in Obot) – produced by Sinking Ship Entertainment; aired on TVOKids and PBS
- **Reboot The Guardian Code** (Identity Theft) – produced by Mainframe Studio's / Reboot 1 Productions Inc.; aired on YTV

Award of Excellence for Best Program, Live Action Non-Scripted – Ages 6-9

- **Raven's Quest** (Madison) – produced by Apartment 11 Productions; aired on TVOKids
- **Super Mighty Makers** (Fantastic Flexi Fish) – produced by marblemedia; aired on TVOKids and Knowledge Kids
- **TVOKids – This is My Family** (Amy & Corey) – produced by TVO; aired on TVOKids
- **When I Grow Up!** (Space Technician) – produced by Riverbank Pictures; aired on TVOKids

Award of Excellence for Best Program, Live Action Non-Scripted – Ages 9+

- **It's My Party!** (It's My Party! Sadeh) – produced by Bristow Global Media; aired on TVOKids
- **Just Like Mom and Dad** (Oatmeal Raisin' the Roof) – produced by marbledmedia; aired on YesTv and BYUtv
- **The Mystery Files** (The Mystery of Nostra Culpa) – by Apartment 11 Productions; aired on TVOKids

Award of Excellence, Best Digital First Content – All age groups

- **According to Kids** – produced by CBC
- **Bravest Warriors** – produced by Nelvana and Frederator Studios
- **Emerald Code** – produced by Shaftesbury
- **Hope Works, Little Lights** – produced by CBC
- **Miss Persona Season 2** – produced by Nelvana and Balloon House Productions
- **Princess Sparkly Butt & the Hot Dog Kid** – produced by Balloon House Productions

Award of Excellence for Best Program, Animation – Preschool

- **Daniel Tiger's Neighbourhood** (Daniel's Fish Dies) – produced by 9 Story Media Group, Fred Rogers Productions; aired on Family Junior
- **Dot. – Super Ruby** (Super Ruby) – produced by Industrial Brothers, The Jim Henson Company; aired on CBC
- **Esme and Roy** (Hugo, We Have a Problem/A New Chapter) – produced by Nelvana, Sesame Workshop; aired on HBO and Treehouse TV
- **Ollie! The Boy Who Became What He Ate** (Bean Raider) – produced by Radical Sheep; aired on Universal Kids and CBC
- **The Cat In the Hat Knows A Lot About That!** (Mind Changing Fun) – produced by Portfolio Entertainment; aired on Treehouse TV
- **The Snowsnaps** (What's Your Treasure / The Monster) – produced by Carpediem Film&TV; aired on Treehouse TV
- **True and the Rainbow Kingdom** (The Living Sea) – produced by Guru Studio; aired on CBC

Award of Excellence for Best Program, Animation – Ages 6-9

- **Chop Chop Ninja** (Camping at Kami's) – produced by Sardine Productions, Gamerizon Studio; aired on Teletoon
- **The Deep** (Finn Comes Aboard) – produced by DHX Media, A Stark Production; aired on Family CHRGD
- **The Magic School Bus: Rides Again** (The Good the Bad and the Gnocchi) – produced by 9 Story Media Group; aired on Netflix
- **Total Dramarama** (That's a Wrap) – produced by Elliott Animation; aired on Cartoon Network and Teletoon
- **Wild Kratts** (Choose Your Swordfish) – produced by 9 Story Media Group, Kratt Brothers Company; aired on TVO

Award of Excellence for Best Program, Animation – Ages 9+

- **Cupcake & Dino: General Services** (Cupcake Days) – produced by Entertainment One, Birdo; aired on Teletoon and Netflix
- **The Dragon Prince** (Bloodthirsty) – produced by Bardel Entertainment, Wonderstorm; streamed on Netflix
- **Wishfart** (Does This Please The Jigmaster? / Baby... Seal... Thingy) – produced by Wishfart Productions; aired on Teletoon

Award of Excellence, Best Interactive Content – Preschool

- **Cutie Pugs Games** – produced by Little Engine Moving Pictures, Sticky Brain Studios, TVOKids, TFO and Radio-Canada
- **Dino Dana Digital** – produced by Sinking Ship Entertainment
- **Opie's Home** – produced by marblemedia
- **Ping and Friends** – produced by Kondolole Films and TV PinGuim

Award of Excellence, Best Interactive Content – Ages 6-9

- **CBC Kids Olympics** – produced by CBC
- **Giver 150** – produced by Sinking Ship Entertainment
- **Mystery Files HQ** – produced by Apartment 11 Productions
- **Odd Squad 2.0** – produced by Sinking Ship Entertainment
- **Raven's Quest Online** – produced by Apartment 11 Productions

Award of Excellence, Best Interactive Content – Ages 9+

- **CBC Kids News** – produced by CBC
- **mPower – Grades 3-6** – produced by TVO
- **NFL Rush Gameday** – produced by Relish and NFL

Award of Excellence, Outstanding Youth Performer

Awarded by a special committee, this **new award** shines the spotlight on a talented performer under 18 years old who stands out for uniqueness, audacity and positive presence on all platforms.

- **Anna Cathcart**
- **Saara Chaudry**
- **Millie Davis**
- **Isaac Kragten**
- **Michela Luci**

On gala night, YMA will be presenting the *Outstanding Achievement Award* to **Fred Penner** and the *Emerging Talent Award* to **Rita Claire Mike-Murphy**.

Tickets to attend the gala are already on sale at the YMA website:

<https://www.ymamj.org/en/awards/awards-of-excellence-2019/>

This celebration of youth TV and digital content includes a cocktail, gala and reception.

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Congratulations to all the nominees and we look forward to seeing you on May 29!

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