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The 24th Annual Gemini Awards Celebrate News and Sports Winners

Toronto, ON – October 19, 2009 – The Academy of Canadian Cinema & Television kicked off the Gemini Awards Industry Galas tonight at The Sound Academy in Toronto, Ontario. Hosted by Jian Ghomeshi, a total of 18 awards were presented in the News and Sports categories. Winners in the Documentary and Lifestyle categories will be announced later this evening; winners in Drama, Children's and Youth, Comedy, and Variety categories will be announced on Tuesday October 20. The 24th Annual Gemini Awards will conclude with the Broadcast Gala on Saturday November 14 at the BMO Centre, Stampede Corral in Calgary, Alberta. Hosted by award-winning comedian Ron James, the event will be broadcast on Global and Showcase at 9pm ET/PT.

The following categories were announced during the evening's first presentation:

Best Direction in a Live Sporting Event

Ron Forsythe - Hockey Night in Canada on CBC: 2009 Bridgestone NHL Winter Classic

Best Direction in a News Information Program or Series

Harvey Cashore - CBC News: the fifth estate - The Chess Master

Best Host or Interviewer in a News Information Program or Series

Gillian Findlay - CBC News: the fifth estate - Powerless

Best Host or Interviewer in a Sports Program or Sportscast

Brian Williams - 2008 Grey Cup Pre-game on TSN

Best Live Sporting Event

2008 Beijing Olympics

(CBC Toronto)

Trevor Pilling, Don Peppin

Best News Information Series

CBC News: the fifth estate

(CBC)

David Studer, Sally Reardon

Best News Magazine Segment

Frédéric Zalac, Kris Fleerackers, Doug Husby, Georges Laszuk, Alex Shprintsen - CBC News: The National - The Taser Test

Best News Special Event Coverage

Global National - Decision Canada Election Night

(Global National)

Kenton Boston, Neill Fitzpatrick, Scott Hinde, John McEwen, Marc Riddell

Best Newscast

CBC News: The National

(CBC)

Mark Harrison, Mary Mather, Heather McLennan, Fred Parker, Greg Reaume

Best Reportage

Neil MacDonald - CBC News: The National - *U.S. Economic Crisis*

Best Sports Analysis or Commentary Program, Series or Segment

Hockey Day in Canada 2009

(CBC)

Michael Dodson

Best Sports Analyst

Byron McDonald - 2008 Beijing Olympics

Best Sports Feature Segment

Natalie Tedesco, Mark Kelley, Catherine Legge, Aileen McBride - 2008 Beijing Olympics

Best Sports Play-by-Play Announcer

Steve Armitage - 2008 Beijing Olympics

Best Sports Reporting

Elliott Friedman - 2008 Beijing Olympics

Best Sportscast (National or Local)

SportsCentre

(TSN)

Ken Volden, Steve Argintaru

Best Sportscaster/Anchor

James Duthie - NHL on TSN TradeCentre '09

Gemini Humanitarian Award

Susan Hay

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Best Live Sporting Event - **Zip.ca**

About the ACCT:

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