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**The 23rd Annual Gemini Awards Nominees Announced**

**Toronto, ON (August 26, 2008)** – The Academy of Canadian Cinema & Television is pleased to announce the nominations for the 23rd Annual Gemini Awards, recognizing the year’s best in Canadian English-language television. The Gemini Awards Broadcast Gala will be presented in Toronto, ON at the John Bassett Theatre on Friday, November 28, 2008. Canwest Broadcasting joins the Academy in celebrating this year's exceptional achievements, airing the Gemini Awards Broadcast Gala on E! Network and Showcase at 9 pm ET.

“This was a banner year for Canadian television,” said Sara Morton, CEO of the Academy of Canadian Cinema & Television. “The nominees announced today truly exemplify the depth and breadth of our country’s talent, both in front of and behind the camera.

Featuring newcomers and returning favourites, this year’s field of nominees has engaged and entertained audiences in Canada and beyond.”

**For a complete list of nominees visit [www.geminiawards.ca](http://www.geminiawards.ca).**

Canadian drama leads the 2008 Gemini Award nominations with *Murdoch Mysteries* receiving 14 nominations followed closely by *Durham County* with 13 nominations; *The Tudors* and *The Englishman’s Boy* received 12 nominations each. News information series *the fifth estate* received 11 nominations, while *The Border* and *CBC News: The National* tied with 9 nominations. The TV mini-series *Would Be Kings* received 8 nominations and *Across the River to Motor City* and *Mayerthorpe* each received 7. *Marketplace*, *ReGenesis*, *Rent-A-Goalie* and *Cowboy Junkies – Trinity Revisited* all amassed 6 nominations.

The Canadian industry will gather in Toronto at the Liberty Grand on October 20th, 21st and 22nd to honour and celebrate the News, Sports and Documentary Awards, the Lifestyle, Children’s and Youth Awards and the Drama, Comedy and Variety Awards. The Gemini Awards Broadcast Gala will be presented in Toronto, ON at the John Bassett Theatre on Friday, November 28, 2008.

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The Academy of Canadian Cinema & Television is a national, non-profit, professional association dedicated to the promotion, recognition and celebration of exceptional achievements in the Canadian film and television industries. Created in 1979, and today unifying industry professionals across Canada, the Academy is a vital and integral force representing these industries.

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