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THE GEMINI AWARDS

OCTOBER 20, 21 & 22, 2008  
NOVEMBER 28, 2008**23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Gemini Awards Open With News,  
Sports and Documentary Winners***First of three nights for Industry Awards*

(Toronto, ON) October 20, 2008— The Academy of Canadian Cinema & Television kicked off the first of three industry award evenings tonight at the Liberty Grand Entertainment Complex in Toronto. In total, 32 awards were presented in the News, Sports and Documentary categories. CBC's Don Newman received the Gordon Sinclair Award for Broadcast Journalism and the Canada Award was given to the docu-comedy *Qallunaat! Why White People Are Funny* (announced earlier in October). The Gemini Lifestyle, Children's and Youth winners will be announced on Tuesday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, followed by the Gemini Drama, Variety and Comedy awards on Wednesday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>. The 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Gemini Awards will culminate with the Broadcast Gala November 28<sup>th</sup> at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre, which will be simulcast on E! network and Showcase at 9 p.m. ET/PT.

**The 2008 winners of the Gemini News, Sports, and Documentary Awards are:**

**Best Biography Documentary Program**Confessions of an Innocent Man

(Paperny Films Inc.)

David Paperny, Tracey Friesen, Trevor Hodgson, Terence McKeown, Cal Shumiatcher

**Best Direction in a Documentary Program**Maya Gallus - Girl Inside**Best Direction in a Documentary Series**Derreck Roemer, Neil Graham - The View From Here - *Last Call at the Gladstone Hotel***Best Direction in a Live Sporting Event**Ron Forsythe - CFL on CBC: 95th Grey Cup**Best Direction in a News Information Program or Series**Litsa Sourtzis - Marketplace - *Grey, Black and Blue*

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**Best Documentary Series**

Diamond Road

(Kensington Communications Inc.)

Robert Lang

**Best Game Analyst**

Pierre McGuire - IIHF World Junior Hockey Gold Final: Canada vs. Sweden

**Best History Documentary Program**

Captain Cook: Obsession and Discovery

(Ferns Productions Inc., Cook Films PTY (Australia), South Pacific Pictures (NZ), Film Australia)

Andrew Ferns, W. Paterson Ferns

**Best Host or Interviewer in a News Information Program or Series**

the fifth estate - *The Lady Vanishes*

Hana Gartner

**Best Live Sporting Event**

Hockey Night in Canada: Outdoor Classic

(CBC)

Sherali Najak, Brian Spear, Doug Walton

**Best News Information Series**

the fifth estate

(CBC)

David Studer, Sally Reardon

**Best News Magazine Segment**

Adrienne Arsénault, Richard Devey, Ian Kalushner, Udi Kivity, Samer Shalabi - CBC News: The National - *Moshe and Munir*

**Best News Special Event Coverage**

CBC News: Compass Ice Storm Special

(CBC PEI)

Tracy Lightfoot, Chris Lane, Claire Nantes

**Best Newscast**

CBC News: The National

(CBC)

Jonathan Whitten, Terry Auciello, Mark Harrison, Fred Parker, Greg Reaume

**Best Original Music Score for a Documentary Program or Series**

Mark Korven - A Promise To The Dead: The Exile Journey of Ariel Dorfman

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

Landscape as Muse

(291 Film Company)

Ian Toews

**Best Photography in a Documentary Program or Series**

Mike Sheerin - Bravo Company: Kandahar

**Best Photography in an Information Program or Series**

Andre Dupuis - Departures - *India: Quest for Himalayas*

**Best Picture Editing in a Documentary Program or Series**

Roderick Deogrades - 100 Films & A Funeral

**Best Picture Editing in an Information Program or Series**

Avi Lev - the fifth estate - *Brian Mulroney: The Unauthorized Chapter*

**Best Reportage**

Adrienne Arseneault, Erin Boudreau, Richard Devey - CBC News: The National - *Adrienne Arseneault*

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

Battle of the Bag

(CBC)

Ryszard Hunka, Monika Delmos

**Best Sound in an Information/Documentary Program or Series**

Ian Dunbar, Mark Gingras, Andrew Tay - Triple Sensation - *Workshop Presentations/Finale*

**Best Sports Analysis or Commentary Program, Series or Segment**

Scotiabank Hockey Tonight

(CBC)

Sherali Najak, Brian Spear

**Best Sports Feature Segment**

Hockey Night in Canada - Inside Hockey: The Aud

(CBC)

Jennifer Barr

**Best Sports Play-by-Play Announcer**

Don Wittman - Hockey Night In Canada - *NYR @ OTT*

**Best Studio Analyst**

Bob McKenzie - IHF World Junior Hockey Gold Final: Canada vs. Sweden

**Best Writing in a Documentary Program or Series**

Terence McKeown, John Zaritsky - The Suicide Tourist

**Best Writing in an Information Program or Series**

Barbara Shearer - Pretty Dangerous - *Elena Kiejliches*

**Canada Award**

Qallunaat! Why White People Are Funny

**Donald Brittain Award for Best Social/Political Documentary Program**

A Promise To The Dead: The Exile Journey of Ariel Dorfman

(White Pine Pictures)

Peter Raymont

**Gordon Sinclair Award for Broadcast Journalism**

Don Newman

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Best Performing Arts Program or Series or Arts Documentary Program or Series – **Canadian Television Fund**

Best History Documentary Program – **History Television**

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