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THE GEMINI AWARDS

OCTOBER 20, 21 &amp; 22, 2008

NOVEMBER 28, 2008

## 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Gemini Awards Celebrates Lifestyle, Children's and Youth Winners

*Final night of Industry Awards taking place October 22*

(Toronto, ON) October 21, 2008 — The best of Canadian Lifestyle, Children's and Youth television were awarded tonight at the second of three Gemini Industry Awards galas. A total of 21 categories were awarded tonight at the Liberty Grand Entertainment Complex in Toronto. This week's award shows will conclude with the Drama, Variety and Comedy Gala on Wednesday, October 22. The 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Gemini Awards will culminate with the Broadcast Gala Awards 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.

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### The 2008 winners of the Gemini Lifestyle, Children's and Youth Awards are:

#### Best Animated Program or Series

##### Chop Socky Chooks

(Decode Entertainment Inc., 2006 Aardman Animations Limited, CSC Productions Inc.)

Miles Bullough, Neil Court, Steven DeNure, Pete Lord, Dave Sproxton, Beth Stevenson, Jacqueline White

#### Best Children's or Youth Fiction Program or Series

##### Degrassi: The Next Generation

(Epitome Pictures Inc.)

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

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

##### Ghost Trackers

(CCI Entertainment)

Jim Corston

#### Best Cross Platform Project

##### Race to Mars Interactive

(Quick Play Media, Galafilm Inc.)

Richard Lachman, Raja Khanna

#### Best Direction in an Animated Program or Series

Pierre-Luc Granjon, Pascal Le Nôtre - Leon in Wintertime

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

Robert Daniel Pytlyk - Drug Class - *Travis' Story*

**Best Direction in a Lifestyle/Practical Information Program or Series**

Michelle Metivier - Tribute Bands - *The Police: The Next Best Sting*

**Best Direction in a Reality Program or Series**

Shelagh O'Brien - Triple Sensation - *Workshop Presentations/Finale*

**Best General/Human Interest Series**

X-Weighted

(Weight To Go II Productions Inc.)

Margaret Mardrossian, Helen Schmidt, Candice Tipton, David Way

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

Bryan Baeumler - Disaster DIY - *Kitchen Attack!/Loomer*

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

Bob McDonald - Heads Up! - *What Will Cars Look Like In The Future?*

**Best Individual or Ensemble Performance in an Animated Program or Series**

Gordon Tootosis, Raven Brass, Trevor Cameron, Lorne Cardinal, Taylor Cook, Eric Jackson, Andrea Menard, DerRic Starlight - Wapos Bay - *The Guardians*

**Best Lifestyle/Practical Information Segment**

CBC News: Sunday - *Nikki Yanofsky*

(CBC)

Douglas Arrowsmith, Dominique Banoun, Tony Marchitto

**Best Lifestyle/Practical Information Series**

Chef School

(Red Apple Entertainment Corp)

Rachel Low, Daniel Gelfant, Dana Speers

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

David Krain - Mantracker - *Dustin and Ian*

**Best Original Music Score for an Animated Program or Series**

Tom Szczesniak, Carolyn Hay, Ray Parker - Ruby Gloom - *Hairless the Musical - part 1*

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

Alexz Johnson - Instant Star - *Let It Be*

**Best Pre-School Program or Series**

Will & Dewitt

(Cookie Jar Entertainment Inc)

Susie Grondin, Michael Hirsh, Pamela Slavin, Toni Stevens, Toper Taylor

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

Peter Faragher - The 2008 Juno Awards

**Best Talk Series**

MTV Live

(MTV)

Alex Sopinka, Pam De Montmorency

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

Robert Pincombe, Shelley Hoffman, Karen Moonah - Iggy Arbuckle - *There's Something about Berries/Idle Worship*

**Sponsors:**

Best Cross Platform Project Award – **Bell Broadcast and New Media Fund**

Best Animated Program or Series – **Canadian Television Fund**

Best Lifestyle/Practical Information Series – **HGTV**

Best Children's or Youth Fiction Program or Series – **Independent Production Fund**

Best Writing in a Children's or Youth Program or Series – **Independent Production Fund**

Best Performance in a Children's or Youth Program or Series – **Shaw Rocket Fund**

Best Pre-School Program or Series - **CBC. Canada lives here**

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