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24th Annual Gemini Awards Conclude with Star-studded Broadcast Gala in Calgary, Alberta

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Calgary, AB – November 14, 2009 – The 24th Annual Gemini Awards concluded this evening with the Broadcast Gala, a glitzy event held at the historic BMO Centre, Stampede Corral in Calgary, Alberta. Hosted by award-winning comedian Ron James, a total of 17 awards were presented including those for Best Comedy Program or Series and Best Dramatic Series. The gala, broadcast on Global and Showcase, also included special tributes to *Corner Gas*, *Royal Canadian Air Farce*, and *Trailer Park Boys* for their outstanding and enduring contributions to the Canadian television industry.

Premier



The following categories were announced:

Lead



Best Comedy Program or Series

Rick Mercer Report

(Island Edge Inc.)

Gerald Lunz, Rick Mercer

Partner



Best Direction in a Dramatic Series

Kelly Makin - Flashpoint - *Planets Aligned*

Best Dramatic Mini-Series

Burn Up

(Seven 24 Films Inc., Kudos Film and Television)

Tom Cox, Stephen Garrett

Best Dramatic Series

Flashpoint

(Flashpoint Season 1 Inc., PINK SKY ENTERTAINMENT INC., AVAMAR ENTERTAINMENT INC.)

Anne Marie La Traverse, Bill Mustos

Sponsor



Best Ensemble Performance in a Comedy Program or Series

Steve Cochrane, Kevin Ellis, Phyllis Ellis, George Komorowski, Adriana Maggs, Jordan McCloskey, Steven Morana, Paul Snepsts, Joel Stewart - Three Chords from the Truth - *Tommy's Label Showcase*

Best Host or Interviewer in a General/Human Interest or Talk Program or Series

George Stroumboulopoulos - The Hour with George Stroumboulopoulos

Broadcast Partner



Best News Anchor

Diana Swain - CBC News at Six

Media Partner



Best Performance by an Actor in a Continuing Leading Dramatic Role

Enrico Colantoni - Flashpoint - *Who's George?*

Best Performance by an Actor in a Featured Supporting Role in a Dramatic Program or Mini-Series

Hugh Dillon - Of Murder and Memory



Best Performance by an Actor in a Leading Role in a Dramatic Program or Mini-Series

David Suchet - Diverted

Best Performance by an Actress in a Continuing Leading Dramatic Role

Erin Karpluk - Being Erica - *Dr. Tom*

Best Performance by an Actress in a Featured Supporting Role in a Dramatic Program or Mini-Series

Barbara Hershey - Anne of Green Gables: A New Beginning

Best Performance by an Actress in a Leading Role in a Dramatic Program or Mini-Series

Christine Ghawi - Celine

Best Performance or Host in a Variety Program or Series

Leah Miller - So You Think You Can Dance Canada - Season 1 - *Finale*

Best Reality Program or Series

Dragons' Den

(CBC)

Stuart Coxe, Lisa Gabriele, Tracie Tighe

Best Writing in a Comedy or Variety Program or Series

Adam Reid, Max Reid - Billable Hours - *A Manson for All Seasons*

Donald Brittain Award for Best Social/Political Documentary Program

Tiger Spirit

(Storyline Entertainment Inc.)

Ed Barreveld, Anita Lee, Min Sook Lee

For a full list of this year's nominations and winners, please visit geminiawards.ca

Sponsors:

Best Comedy Program or Series - **Zip.ca**

Best Dramatic Mini-Series - **Canadian Television Fund**

Best Dramatic Series - **Independent Production Fund**

Best Performance by an Actor in a Continuing Leading Dramatic Role - **Canadian Television Fund**

Best Performance by an Actress in a Continuing Leading Dramatic Role - **Canadian Television Fund**

Best Performance by an Actress in a Leading Role in a Dramatic Program or Mini-Series - **ACTRA**

Best Reality Program or Series - **A&E Television Networks**

Best Writing in a Comedy or Variety Program or Series - **Astral Media The Harold Greenberg Fund**

Donald Brittain Award for Best Social/Political Documentary Program - **Rogers Group of Funds**

Launched by the Academy of Canadian Cinema & Television in 1986, The Gemini Awards honour outstanding achievements in the Canadian English-language television industry. The Gemini Awards bring together over 2,500 of Canada's most gifted craftspeople, producers, and decision-makers over several evenings of special events.

About the ACCT:

Established in 1979, the Academy of Canadian Cinema & Television is a national, non-profit, professional association dedicated to the promotion, recognition, and celebration of exceptional achievements in Canadian film and television. Unifying professionals across Canada, the ACCT is a vital and integral force, representing all areas of the film and television industries.

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