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### Gemini Award Winners in Children's and Youth, Comedy, Drama, and Variety Categories Announced

Toronto, ON – October 20, 2009 – The 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Gemini Awards Industry Galas continued their celebration of this year's winners, presenting awards in the Children's and Youth, Comedy, Drama, and Variety categories tonight at The Sound Academy in Toronto, Ontario. Hosted by Ennis Esmer (CTV's *The Listener*) and Zoie Palmer (Global's *The Guard*), a total of 24 awards were presented; additional winners in these categories will be announced later this evening. The 24<sup>th</sup> 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 Achievement in Main Title Design

Kim Jackson, Ron Gervais, Mike McDougall - Flashpoint - *Flashpoint Main Title Sequence*

#### Best Animated Program or Series

Life's a Zoo.tv  
(Cuppa Coffee Studios, Teletoon)  
Adam Shaheen

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

Life with Derek  
(Shaftesbury Films Inc.)  
Christina Jennings, Daphne Ballon, Jeff Biederman, Suzanne French,  
Scott Garvie, Laurie McLarty

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

TVO Kids - Mark's Moments  
(TVO)  
Marney Malabar, Daniel Bourre, Pat Ellingson, Mark Sykes

#### Best Cross Platform Project

CBC News: Ormiston Online  
(CBC)  
Susan Ormiston, Allison Brachman, Karl Delgadillo, Paul Hambleton,  
Jeff Wyonch

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

Eleanore Lindo - Degrassi: The Next Generation 8 - *Fight the Power*

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

Daniel Oron - Reality Obsessed - *The Ultimate Casting Tape*

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

George Elliott, Joey So - Rollbots - *Training Day*



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

Araya Mengesha - Mystery Hunters - *Mysterious Legends: Ark of the Covenant*

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

Tajja Isen, Colin Fox, Dwayne Hill, Bruce Hunter, Rick Miller, Adrian Truss - Atomic Betty (3) - *Elementary, My Dear Minimus/Great Eggspectations*

**Best Original Music Score for a Dramatic Program, Mini-Series or TV Movie**

Michael Richard Plowman - Impact

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

Robert Carli - Murdoch Mysteries - *Werewolves*

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

Michael Richard Plowman - Jibber Jabber - *"Race to the Red Planet"/ "Pride of Frankenstein"*

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

Michael Seater - Life with Derek - *Happy New School Year*

**Best Photography in a Comedy, Variety or Performing Arts Program or Series**

Milan Podsedly csc - The Young Romantic

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

Ousama Rawi - The Tudors - *Episode 201*

**Best Picture Editing in a Comedy, Variety or Performing Arts Program or Series**

Robert Swartz - The Young Romantic

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

Wendy Hallam Martin - The Tudors - *Episode 207*

**Best Pre-School Program or Series**

Kids' Canada

(CBC)

Phil McCordic, Sid Bobb, Erin Curtin, Nadine Henry, Marie McCann, Patty Sullivan, Jim Taylor

**Best Sound in a Comedy, Variety, or Performing Arts Program or Series**

John Laing, Christian Cooke, Allan Fung, Tim O'Connell - Billable Hours - *Pigeon Lawyer*

**Best Sound in a Dramatic Program**

Paul Williamson, Tom Bjelic, Steve Foster, Allan Fung, John Laing, Steve Moore, Tim O'Connell, Michael Playfair - Everest

**Best Sound in a Dramatic Series**

Jane Tattersall, Daniel Birch, Yuri Gorbachow, Goro Koyama, Martin Lee, Kirk Lynds, David McCallum, Dale Sheldrake - The Tudors - *Episode 210*

**Best Visual Effects**

Lee Wilson, Caleb Ashmore, Matthew Belbin, Sebastien Bergeron, Ken Lee, Lionel Lim, Mladen Miholjic, Les Quinn, Lisa Sepp-Wilson, Philippe Thibault - Sanctuary - *Sanctuary For All P1*

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

Steven Westren - My Friend Rabbit - *Frog On A Log*

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

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

Best Children's or Youth Non-Fiction Program or Series - **Zip.ca**

Best Cross-Platform Project - **Bell Broadcast and New Media Fund**

Best Photography in a Dramatic Program or Series - **TECHNICOLOR**

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

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

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