



# 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Gemini Awards Culminate with Star-Studded Broadcast Gala

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**Toronto, ON – September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2011** – The Academy of Canadian Cinema & Television is pleased to announce tonight's seven Gemini Award Winners at this evening's Broadcast Gala on CBC Television which included winners in the Comedy, Drama and Sports categories. Comedian Russell Peters, a former Gemini Award winner, hosted the star-studded event which took place at CBC in Toronto.

"On behalf of the Academy, I would like to offer my warmest congratulations to tonight's winners, as well as all of this year's Gemini and Academy Special Award winners. Tonight's sensational show was the perfect tribute to the exceptional talent in this country," says Helga Stephenson, interim CEO, ACCT.

Fifty-two Gemini Award winners in News & Sports, Documentary, Lifestyle and Reality categories were announced on Tuesday, August 30<sup>th</sup> at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre. A further 61 Gemini Award winners were announced in the Drama, Children's or Youth, Comedy and Variety categories on Wednesday, August 31<sup>st</sup>. For the full list of Gemini Award winners and photos on each night, please visit the 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Gemini Awards website at [www.GeminiAwards.ca](http://www.GeminiAwards.ca).

For photos of tonight's winners, go to the Photo Gallery at: [www.GeminiAwards.com](http://www.GeminiAwards.com) (photos will be uploaded during the show). A fact sheet on the 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Gemini Awards will also be added to the site.

### **Best Comedy Program or Series**

Rick Mercer Report  
Gerald Lunz, Rick Mercer

### **Best Dramatic Series – Sponsored by Independent Production Fund**

The Borgias  
Neil Jordan, James Flynn, Sheila Hockin, John Weber

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**Best Performance by an Actor in a Continuing Leading Comedic Role**

Peter Keleghan - 18 to Life - *Family Portrait*

**Best Performance by an Actor in a Continuing Leading Dramatic Role**

Callum Keith Rennie - Shattered - *Out of Sorrow*

**Best Performance by an Actress in a Continuing Leading Comedic Role**

Tracy Dawson - Call Me Fitz - *Going Down Syndrome*

**Best Performance by an Actress in a Continuing Leading Dramatic Role**

Michelle Thrush - Blackstone - *Suffer The Children*

**Best Host or Interviewer in a Sports Program or Sportscast**

James Duthie - NHL All-Star Fantasy Draft

*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, television and digital media. Unifying industry professionals across Canada, the Academy is a vital force representing all screen-based industries. Gemini Awards were established in 1986.*

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