



Broadcaster Jian Ghomeshi and Comedian Steve Patterson to host Gemini Industry Galas

TORONTO, AUGUST 17, 2011 – The Academy of Canadian Cinema & Television is pleased to announce that comedian Steve Patterson will host the 26th annual Gemini Industry Gala on August 30 and broadcaster Jian Ghomeshi will host the Gemini Industry Gala on August 31.

"We're delighted to have two of the most talented and savvy entertainers in show business to host the 26th Annual Gemini Industry Galas," says Helga Stephenson, ACCT Interim CEO. "Steve and Jian are both quintessential entertainers who clearly have a love for the Canadian creative community. This is great news for everybody."

Steve Patterson is familiar to over 500,000 weekly listeners as host of CBC Radio's *The Debaters*, coming to CBC television this fall. He has been nominated for Canadian Comedy Awards in 2007, 2008 and 2011 as Canada's best male stand-up comic and is a Gemini nominee this year for his Just For Laughs, Steve Martin-hosted gala.

Jian Ghomeshi is an award-winning broadcaster, writer, musician and producer. He is the host and co-creator of the national daily talk program, *Q* (on CBC Radio One and Bold TV) which has become the highest-rated show in its morning time slot in CBC history. Jian has been published in *The Washington Post*, *The Guardian* and *The Globe and Mail*.

Both Gemini Industry Galas will be held at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre.

As previously announced, the 26th annual Gemini Awards Broadcast Gala will be hosted by Russell Peters on September 7, 2011, at the CBC in Toronto.

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.

Photo's available at:

<http://www.geminiawards.ca/gemini26/main.cfm>

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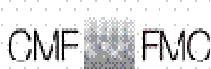
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