



## 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Gemini Award Winners: News & Sports, Documentary, Lifestyle and Reality

Toronto, ON – August 30<sup>th</sup>, 2011 – The Academy of Canadian Cinema & Television is pleased to announce 52 Gemini Award winners in the following categories: News & Sports, Documentary, Lifestyle and Reality programming, including five [Academy Special Awards](#), at the first of three Gemini Galas. Tonight's Gemini Industry Gala was hosted by comedian [Steve Patterson](#) (*The Debaters*).

"My heartfelt congratulations to all of tonight's winners," says Helga Stephenson, Interim CEO, ACCT. "It's truly wonderful to acknowledge and celebrate these great Canadian talents while surrounded by such an impressive group of individuals from the Canadian television and digital media industries."

61 winners in the Drama, Children's or Youth, Comedy and Variety categories, as well as the remaining five Academy Special Awards, will be presented on Wednesday, August 31 at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre, hosted by broadcaster Jian Ghomeshi. The 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Gemini Awards will culminate with the Broadcast Gala on Wednesday, September 7<sup>th</sup> at CBC in Toronto with the presentation of the final 7 awards. Hosted by comedian [Russell Peters](#), the event will be broadcast at 8 PM – 8:30 NT on CBC Television nationwide.

*The following categories were presented at tonight's Gemini Industry Gala:*

### **Barbara Sears Award for Best Editorial Research**

Jane Burgess, Andrew Easterbrook, Jonathan Woodward - [The Pig Farm](#)

### **Best Biography Documentary Program**

[Mordecai Richler: The Last of the Wild Jews](#)  
Mary Armstrong, David Sherman

### **Best Breaking News Coverage**

[CBC News: Here & Now: Hurricane Igor](#)  
Doug Letto, Rod Dobbin

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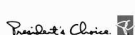


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**Best Breaking Reportage, Local**

Francis D'Souza, Alfredo Colangelo - CityTV - *G20 Summit*

**Best Breaking Reportage, National**

Adrienne Arsenault - CBC News The National - *Pakistan Floods*

**Best Cross-Platform Project - Children's and Youth**

Babar and the Adventures of Badou Interactive

Caitlin O'Donovan

**Best Cross-Platform Project - Fiction**

DatingGuy.com

Matthew Hornburg, Mark J. W. Bishop, Ted Brunt, Julie Dutrisac, Johnny Kalangis

**Best Cross-Platform Project - Non-Fiction**

Storming Juno Interactive

James Milward, Ryan Andal, Noora Abu Eitah, Pietro Gagliano, Steve Miller

**Best Direction in a Documentary Program**

Michael McNamara - Acquainted With the Night

**Best Direction in a Documentary Series**

P.J. Naworynski - Nazi Hunters - *Erich Priebke*

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

Grant Greschuk - Village on a Diet - *Beyond the Diet*

**Best Direction in a Live Sporting Event**

Chris Elias - 2010 Queen's Plate

**Best Direction in a News Information Program or Series**

Oleh J. Rumak - the fifth estate - *Above Suspicion*

**Best Documentary Series**

Africa on the Move

Sue Dando, Peter John Ingles, Paul Morin

**Best History Documentary Program**

Nazi Hunters: Herbert Cukurs

Simon Lloyd, Nick Godwin

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

Gail Vaz-Oxlade - Princess - *Princess Nicola*

**Best Host or Interviewer in a News Information Program or Series**

Mark Kelley - Connect with Mark Kelley

**Best Lifestyle/Practical Information Segment**

Ron Waksman, Laurie Few, Mary Garofalo, Brennan Leffler - 16:9 The Bigger Picture - *Electronic Pickpocket*

**Best Lifestyle/Practical Information Series**

Til Debt Do Us Part

Jamie Brown, Jennifer Horvath

**Best Live Sporting Event**

HNIC on CBC - Heritage Classic

Trevor Pilling, Sherali Najak, Brian Spear

**Best Local Newscast, Large Market**

News Hour

Ian Haysom, Clive Jackson, Randy McHale, Tim Perry, Doug Sydora

**Best Local Newscast, Small Market**

CBC News Saskatchewan

Paul Dederick, Chris Lane, Costa Maragos, Jonathan Shanks, Anna-May Zeviar

**Best News Anchor**

Dawna Friesen - Global National

**Best News Information Segment**

Adrienne Arseneault, Stephanie Jenzer, Claude Panet-Raymond, Keith Whelan - CBC News The National - *Mexico's Deadly Explosion*

**Best News Information Series**

CBC News: Marketplace

Tassie Notar

**Best News Special Event Coverage**

CBC News: The New Governor General

Mark Bulgutch, Tom Dinsmore, Fred Parker

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

Graeme Coleman - Ice Pilots NWT - *Arnie Calls It*

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

Claudio Vena - T O in 2 4

**Best Original Program or Series produced for Digital Media - Non-Fiction**

The Test Tube with David Suzuki

Rob McLaughlin, Loc Dao, Tyler Kealer, Kris McLaughlin, Nate Smith

**Best Performing Arts Program or Series or Arts Documentary Program or Series**

The National Parks Project

Ryan J. Noth, Joel McConvey, Kristina McLaughlin, Kevin McMahon, Michael McMahon, Geoff Morrison

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

Daron Donahue - Code Breakers

**Best Photography in an Information Program or Series**

Sean Cable, Todd Craddock - Ice Pilots NWT - Under Pressure

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

Sally Blake, Avril Jacobson - Peep Culture

**Best Picture Editing in an Information Program or Series**

Clark Masters, Richard Rotter - Best. Trip. Ever.

**Best Science, Technology, Nature, Environment or Adventure Documentary Program**

Code Breakers

Niobe Thompson

**Best Sound in an Information/Documentary Program or Series**

Mark Gingras, Christian Cooke, Sanjay Mehta, Adrian Tucker - Yonge Street - Toronto Rock & Roll Stories

**Best Sports Analysis or Commentary (Program, Series or Segment)**

Vancouver 2010 Olympic Winter Games Anniversary Special

Rick Chisholm, Robert MacAskill, Don Young

**Best Sports Analyst**

Jim Bannon - 2010 Queen's Plate

**Best Sports Feature Segment**

Michael Farrell, James Cybulski - SportsCentre: Jay Triano and Terry Fox Feature

**Best Sports Play-by-Play Announcer**

Mark Lee - 2010 Canadian Track & Field Championships

**Best Sports Reporting**

Elliott Friedman - HNIC on CBC - Heritage Classic

**Best Sportscaster/Anchor**

Jay Onrait - SportsCentre

**Best Talk Series**

George Stroumboulopoulos Tonight

George Stroumboulopoulos, David Freeman, Tania Natscheff

**Best Visual Research**

Sonja Carr, Benoît Michaud - Meltdown: The Secret History of the Global Collapse - The Men Who Crashed The World

**Best Writing in a Documentary Program or Series**

Terence McKenna - Meltdown: The Secret History of the Global Collapse - A Global Tsunami

**Best Writing in an Information Program or Series**

Linden MacIntyre - the fifth estate - *The Betrayal*

**Donald Brittain Award for Best Social/Political Documentary Program**

Life With Murder

John Kastner, Silva Basmajian

*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.*

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).

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