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New Shows Surge into Gemini Awards Spotlight

First Season of *Call Me Fitz* with 16 noms hot on heels of *Flashpoint* with 17 noms

TORONTO, August 3, 2011 – The Academy of Canadian Cinema & Television is pleased to announce the nominations for the 26th Annual Gemini Awards, celebrating the best in Canadian English-language television and digital media.

The third season of CTV series *Flashpoint* leads the annual TV nominations once again with 17 noms, including Best Dramatic Series.

Hot on its heels are two debutant shows, both in the Best Comedy Program or Series category, including the new HBO Canada series *Call Me Fitz* (with 16 nominations) and TMN/Movie Central's *Living in Your Car* (with 10 nominations).

History Channel's *The Kennedys* and TMN's *The Pillars of the Earth* also achieved an impressive 10 nominations each, including Best Dramatic Mini-Series or TV Movie category.

The emerging Digital Media categories are led by nominations from the National Film Board of Canada with cross-platform producers Marblemedia and Shaftesbury Films also in the burgeoning competition.

"We congratulate all the nominees," says Helga Stephenson, ACCT Interim CEO. "It is sensational to see brand new television series garner so many accolades alongside established favorites. We are also delighted that there is a strong and growing presence in this year's Digital Media categories. The arrival of new talent in both industries is a very strong indicator of a robust future."

For the complete list of nominations, please visit www.GeminiAwards.ca

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Celebrations for 26th Annual Gemini Awards will take place over three nights in Toronto beginning Tuesday Aug. 30 and continuing Wednesday Aug. 31 at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre, culminating September 7 at the CBC with a live broadcast on CBC Television.

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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.

The Gemini Awards were launched in 1986.

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