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SASKATCHEWAN MADE TELEVISION PROGRAMS EARN A RECORD BREAKING 17 GEMINI AWARD NOMINATIONS

*Saskatchewan producers earn nominations in
comedy, drama, children's, documentary and variety categories*

October 26, 2004 (Regina, SK) – The Saskatchewan Film and Video Development Corporation (SaskFilm) is pleased to announce that Saskatchewan television producers have been recognized with a record breaking **17** Gemini Award nominations. The Gemini Awards will be broadcast on Monday, December 13 at 8pm ET on CBC Television.

“Saskatchewan producers have overwhelmingly been recognized by their peers in the industry,” says Valerie Creighton, C.E.O of SaskFilm. “This year’s nominations prove that our team of talented producers and production crew are achieving excellence across all genres - comedy, drama, children’s, variety and documentary.”

The nominees are:

Best Comedy Series: *Corner Gas* (Brent Butt, David Storey, Mark Farrell, Virginia Thompson)

Best Ensemble Performance in a Comedy Series: Brent Butt, Lorne Cardinal, Fred Ewanuick, Gabrielle Miller, Eric Peterson, Nancy Robertson, Tara Spencer-Nairn, Janet Wright - *Corner Gas*, “*Face Off*”

Best Writing in a Comedy or Variety Program or Series - Mark Farrell, Brent Butt - *Corner Gas*, “*Tax Man*”

Best Direction in a Comedy Program or Series: Rob King - *Corner Gas*, “*Cousin Carl*”

Best Costume Design: Brenda Shenher - *Corner Gas*, “*I Love Lacey*”

Best Performance in a Childrens' or Youth Program or Series: Lauren Collins - *renegadepress.com*, “*Skin Deep*”

Best Picture Editing in a Dramatic Program or Series: Jason Nielson - *renegadepress.com*, “*The Long Way Home*”

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Best Sound in a Dramatic Series: Rob Bryanton, Jeff Hamon, Evan Rust, Warren St. Onge - *renegadepress.com*, "Out in the Open"

Best Picture Editing in a Comedy, Variety or Performing Arts Program or Series: Mike Munn, Daryl K. Davis - *Youkali Hotel*

Best Production Design or Art Direction in a Non-Dramatic Program or Series: Hugh Shankland - *Youkali Hotel*

Best Photography in a Comedy, Variety or Performing Arts Program or Series: Kim Derko - *Youkali Hotel*

Best Direction in a Children's or Youth Program or Series: Martin Wood – *The Impossible Elephant*

Best Writing in a Children's or Youth Program or Series: Robert Cooper – *The Impossible Elephant*

Best Lifestyle/General Interest Series: *English Teachers II* (David C. Hansen, Clark Donnelly, Michael Snook, Maria Spinarski)

Donald Brittain Award for Best Social/Political Documentary Program: David Belluz - *Dying To Be Free - Zimbabwe's Struggle For Change*

Best Direction in a Documentary Series: Chris Triffo - *Extraordinary Lives*, "Freedom"

Best Performance or Host in a Variety Program or Series: Connie Kaldor - *@ Wood River Hall - Roy Forbes*

SaskFilm and Video Development Corporation (SaskFilm) enables the film, television and interactive industry in Saskatchewan to continually enhance the quality, quantity and marketability of its products and resources. SaskFilm was established to stimulate and foster the development of an indigenous film, video and new media industry through the administration of the Saskatchewan Film Employment Tax Credit Program; managing the state of the art Canada/Saskatchewan Production Studios; and by providing financial assistance to qualified production companies for purposes of developing, producing and distributing film, video and new media products. Visit www.saskfilm.com and www.saskstudios.com.

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