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SASKATCHEWAN-MADE TELEVISION PROGRAMS EARN A RECORD BREAKING 23 GEMINI AWARD NOMINATIONS

Saskatchewan's dramatic television productions dominate this year's nominations

August 29, 2006 (Regina, SK) – The Saskatchewan Film and Video Development Corporation (SaskFilm) is pleased to announce that Saskatchewan-made television programs have been recognized with a **record-breaking 23 Gemini Award nominations** by the Academy of Canadian Cinema and Television. The Gemini Awards will be broadcast on November 4, 2006 on Global Television.

Minds Eye Entertainment's mini-series ***Prairie Giant: The Tommy Douglas Story*** leads with nine nominations, followed by Vérité Films' youth drama series ***renegadepress.com*** with four; Big Soul Entertainment's dramatic series ***Moccasin Flats*** and Vérité Films and 335 Productions' hit series ***Corner Gas*** earned three nominations each; variety program ***Corner Gas: Comic Genius*** generated two nominations and WestWind Pictures' ***The Velvet Devil*** and ***CBC News Regina: Shedding the Past*** received one each.

"Today's record breaking Gemini Award nominations clearly demonstrates the ability and expertise of Saskatchewan's television industry to create compelling television that reflects our stories and our culture to television audiences across Canada," says Susanne Bell, Acting CEO and Film Commissioner, SaskFilm.

The nominees are:

Best Dramatic Mini-Series

Prairie Giant: The Tommy Douglas Story (Mouseland Productions Inc.)
Kevin DeWalt

Best Dramatic Series

Moccasin Flats Season III (Big Soul Productions, Stephen Onda Productions Inc.)
Laura Milliken, Jennifer Podemski

Best Comedy Program or Series

Corner Gas (Vérité Films, 335 Productions)
Brent Butt, Mark Farrell, Paul Mather, David Storey, Virginia Thompson

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Best Children's or Youth Fiction Program or Series

renegadepress.com (Vérité Films Inc.)

Virginia Thompson, Robert de Lint, Jordan Wheeler

Best Direction in a Variety Program or Series

David Storey – *Corner Gas: Comic Genius*

Best Writing in a Dramatic Program or Mini-Series

Bruce M. Smith – *Prairie Giant: The Tommy Douglas Story*

Best Writing in a Comedy or Variety Program or Series

Mark Farrell, Brent Butt, Paul Mather, Kevin White – *Corner Gas "Merry Gasmass"*

Best Writing in a Children's or Youth Program or Series

Jordan Wheeler – *renegadepress.com "The Rez"*

Best Photography in a Dramatic Program or Series

Pierre Letarte – *Prairie Giant: The Tommy Douglas Story*

Best Writing in an Information Program or Series

Sandra Batson – *CBC News: Regina – Shedding the Past*

Best Performance by an Actor in a Leading Role in a Dramatic Program or Mini-Series

Michael Therriault – *Prairie Giant: The Tommy Douglas Story*

Best Performance by an Actress in a Continuing Leading Dramatic Role

Andrea Menard – *Moccasin Flats Season III – "Domestic Bliss"*

Best Performance by an Actor in a Featured Supporting Role in a Dramatic Program or Mini-Series

Don McKellar – *Prairie Giant: The Tommy Douglas Story*

Best Ensemble Performance in a Comedy Program or Series

Brent Butt, Lorne Cardinal, Fred Ewanuick, Gabrielle Miller, Eric Peterson, Nancy Robertson, Tara Spencer-Nairn, Janet Wright – *Corner Gas- "Merry Gasmass"*

Best Performance or Host in a Variety Program or Series

Brent Butt – *Corner Gas: Comic Genius*

Best Performance in a Performing Arts Program or Series

Andrea Menard – *The Velvet Devil*

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Best Performance in a Children's' or Youth Program or Series

Ishan Davé – renegadepress.com – “*This is your Brain on Love*”

Ksenia Solo – renegadepress.com – “*Fear*”

Best Sound in a Dramatic Program

Rob Bryanton, Steve Hasiak, Evan Rust, Al Sherbin, Warren St. Onge - [Prairie Giant: The Tommy Douglas Story](#)

Best Production Design or Art Direction in a Dramatic Program or Series

Kathy McCoy, Kim Wall - [Prairie Giant: The Tommy Douglas Story](#)

Best Achievement in Make-Up

Donald J. Mowat, Paula Fleet, Jane Meade - [Prairie Giant: The Tommy Douglas Story](#)

Best Original Music Score for a Dramatic Series

Donald Quan - [Moccasin Flats Season III- “The Other Side”](#)

Best Achievement in Casting

Carmen Kotyk - [Prairie Giant: The Tommy Douglas Story](#)

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 interactive industry through the administration of the Saskatchewan Film Employment Tax Credit Program; management of 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 interactive products.

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