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### **SASKATCHEWAN TELEVISION PRODUCTIONS RECOGNIZED WITH EIGHT GEMINI INDUSTRY AWARDS**

*Gemini Awards Gala to follow on November 28 in Toronto*

**October 23, 2008 (Regina, SK)** Saskatchewan Film and Video Development Corporation is pleased to announce that five Saskatchewan based television productions have earned eight Gemini Awards at this week's Industry Gala celebrations.

"We are delighted that Saskatchewan productions, directors, producers, performers and production personnel continue to be recognized by their peers at the Academy of Canadian Cinema and Television," says Susanne Bell, CEO and Film Commissioner of SaskFilm. "Awards such as these serve as important career calling cards and raise the profile of the Saskatchewan television industry across Canada."

The Gemini Award winners are:

**Best Performing Arts Program or Series or Arts Documentary Program or Series**  
*Landscape as Muse* (291 Film Company) - Ian Toews

**Best Direction in a Children's or Youth Program or Series**  
Robert Daniel Pytlyk - *Drug Class*: "Travis' Story"

**Best Individual or Ensemble Performance in an Animated Program or Series**  
Gordon Tootoosis, Raven Brass, Trevor Cameron, Lorne Cardinal, Taylor Cook, Eric Jackson, Andrea Menard, DerRic Starlight - *Wapos Bay*: "The Guardians"

**Best Achievement in Casting**  
Carmen Kotyk - *The Englishman's Boy*

**Best Costume Design**  
Beverley Wowchuk - *The Englishman's Boy*

**Best Direction in a Dramatic Program or Mini-Series**  
John N. Smith - *The Englishman's Boy*

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

Katharine Isabelle - *The Englishman's Boy*

**Best Picture Editing in a Comedy, Variety or Performing Arts Program or Series**

Vanda Schmockel - *Corner Gas: "Contagious Fortune"*.

This year, the Academy of Canadian Cinema and Television broke with tradition and presented several categories of awards over the course of four evenings. The remaining Gemini Awards will be presented at the Broadcast Gala on November 28 and will include presentations of awards for which Saskatchewan productions are nominated, including Best Dramatic Mini-Series and Best Performance by an Actor in a Leading Role in a Dramatic Program or Mini-Series (*The Englishman's Boy*) and Best Comedy Series (*Corner Gas*).

**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, television 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, television and interactive products. Visit [www.saskfilm.com](http://www.saskfilm.com).

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