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FIVE SASKATCHEWAN-MADE TELEVISION PROGRAMS EARN 11 GEMINI AWARD NOMINATIONS

Nominations recognize Saskatchewan documentary, drama and interactive producers, directors, actors and production crew

October 12, 2005 (Regina, SK) – The Saskatchewan Film and Video Development Corporation (SaskFilm) is pleased to announce that five Saskatchewan-made television programs have been recognized with a total of 11 Gemini Award nominations by the Academy of Canadian Cinema and Television. The Gemini Awards will broadcast on Saturday, November 19 at 8pm on Global Television.

Vérité Films' original youth dramatic series *renegadepress.com* leads with six nominations, followed by 335 Productions/Vérité Films' *Corner Gas* with two and documentary programs *Escape from Iran: The Hollywood Option*, *Football First: The Roy Shivers Story* and *English Teachers* with one nomination each.

"Gemini Award nominations provide important industry recognition and public profile for Saskatchewan television programs," says Valerie Creighton, C.E.O of SaskFilm. "Having nominations across all genres demonstrates that Saskatchewan's film and television industry's strength is in its diversity."

The nominees are:

Best Comedy Program or Series

Corner Gas (Prairie Pants Productions II Inc)

Mark Farrell, Brent Butt, Paul Mather, David Storey, Virginia Thompson

Best History Documentary Program

Escape from Iran: The Hollywood Option (Partners in Motion Inc.)

Ron Goetz, Nova Herman

Best Sports Program or Series

CBC Saskatchewan: Football First: The Roy Shivers Story (CBC)

Lori Kuffner, Costa Maragos

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Best Interactive

renegadepress.com (Vérité Films Inc.)

Robert de Lint, Gail Bryanton, Virginia Thompson

www.cornergas.com (Prairie Pants Productions II Inc)

David Storey, Brent Butt, Leif Kaldor, Virginia Thompson

Best Direction in a Lifestyle/Practical Information Program or Series

David Hansen - [English Teachers III](#) - *Election Day*

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

Robert de Lint - renegadepress.com - *Dying to Connect*

Best Sound in a Dramatic Series

Rob Bryanton, Jeff Hamon, Larry McCormick, Evan Rust, Warren St. Onge -

renegadepress.com - *Dying to Connect*

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

Tatiana Maslany - renegadepress.com - *Giving Yourself Away*

Ksenia Solo - renegadepress.com - *Can You See Me Now*

Tasha Pelletier - renegadepress.com - *Union*

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; 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. Visit www.saskfilm.com.

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