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ONTARIO MEDIA DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

OMDC: "Culture is our Business." Promoting growth and investment in Ontario's book and magazine publishing, film and television, music and interactive digital media industries

Celebrating Excellence in Television - Snapshots of some of Ontario's Gemini Winners!



Best Visual Effects Winning C.O.R.E Digital Pictures team - Bo Mosley, Lisa Carr-Harris, Bob Munroe, Bret Culp, Terry Bradley, Bill Halliday. *The Tudors* - Episode 110 (Warren Leatham absent from photo).



Best Music, Variety Program or Series *The 2008 Juno Awards* - (Insight Production Co. Ltd., CARAS) Melanie Berry, Stephen Stohn, Barbara Bowlby, Louise Wood (winner absent in photo John Brunton)



Best Performance by an Actor in a Featured Supporting Role in a Dramatic Series
Jonas Chernick - *The Border* - *Civil Disobedience/Grave Concern*



Best Performance by an Actor in a Featured Supporting Role in a Dramatic Program or Mini-Series
Peter MacNeill - *Victor: The Victor Davis Story*



Best Cross Platform Project
Race to Mars Interactive
(Quick Play Media, Galafilm Inc.) Raja Khanna, Richard Lachman



Best Picture Editing in a Documentary Program or Series
Roderick Deogrades - *100 Films & A Funeral*



Best Direction in a Documentary Series Neil Graham, Derreck Roemer - *The View From Here - Last Call at the Gladstone Hotel*



Best Pre-School Program or Series *Will & Dewitt* (Cookie Jar Entertainment Inc) Chiara Villar, Debra Toffan, Jennifer Picherack, Marvin Dolgay, Susie Grondin*, Paul Riley, Pamela Slavin* and Toni Stevens* * winners (nominated but not present in photo Michael Hirsh* and Toper Taylor*).



Best Animated Program or Series
Chop Socky Chooks (Decode Entertainment Inc., 2006 Aardman Animations Limited, CSC Productions Inc.) Elana Adair, Janice Walker and *Steven DeNure. *winner (nominated winners not present in photo: Miles Bullough, Neil Court, Pete Lord, Dave Sproxtton, Beth Stevenson, Jacqueline White.)



Best Original Music Score for a Dramatic Program, Mini-Series or TV Movie
Robert Carli - *Victor: The Victor Davis Story*



Donald Brittain Award for Best Social/Political Documentary Program *A Promise To The Dead: The Exile Journey of Ariel Dorfman* (White Pine Pictures) Peter Raymont



Best Children's or Youth Fiction Program or Series *Degrassi: The Next Generation* (Epitome Pictures Inc.) L to R: Stefan Brogren, Adamo Ruggiero (cast), Lauren Collins (cast), Shane Kippel (cast), Brendon Yorke*, Linda Schuyler*, Stephen Stohn*, David Lowe [*Stephanie Williams was nominated but absent from photo]

Congratulations to all winners. For a full list of winners and nominees go to www.academy.ca

Tune into the Gemini Awards Gala to be broadcast on November 28, 2008 on E! and Showcase at 8:00 pm EST/ Pre-show at 7:30 pm.

OMDC Towards a strategic plan

In consultation with government, industry experts and stakeholders across a wide range of ministries and sectors, OMDC has undertaken strategic

planning to assess domestic and global trends in the cultural media industries, with a view to developing a five-year strategic plan for the agency. *Ontario Media Development Corporation: Towards a Strategic Plan* represents OMDC's initial report back to our key stakeholders on this process. The report can be viewed on our website: <http://www.omdc.on.ca/AssetFactory.aspx?did=6346>

OMDC News, Program Deadlines and Supported Events

Congratulations to our winning OMDC representatives and Ministry of Culture colleagues for winning an **OPUS Award** in the Best Team category for their outstanding leadership and team work on co-administering the *Entertainment and Creative Cluster Partnerships Fund*.



Front Row: James Weyman, Anna Prodanou, Barbara Saboundji, Mima Casola, Janet Hawkins, Keely Kemp, Lori Tesolin, John Sanderson; Back Row: Avril Bundale, John Parsons, Martin Harbury, Matt Hilliard-Forde, Shari Cohen, Chris Rosati (and absent from photo: Kim Gibson, Donna Zuchlinski and Miranda Bavdaz)

Nov. 6 – The OMDC Tax Credits Department participated on a financing panel for cross-platform content at one of the seven sessions planned as part of the **NBC Universal Convergent Media Program** in conjunction with WIFT-T at the Spoke Club.

Nov. 29-30 – OMDC is pleased to support **Web Weekend**, a two day intensive online event, now in its second year, created by Magazines Canada in partnership with Centennial College. Through

seminars, discussions and hands-on applications, magazine publishers will receive practical advice, tools and templates to help make their publishing businesses more successful. For more information and to register, visit www.magazinescanada.ca.

Dec 5, from 3-7pm - Mobile Experience Innovation Centre, OCAD, 100 McCaul St., Toronto. At the open industry event, we will discuss recent research findings into Ontario's mobile and wireless industries, as well as industry issues, trends and future opportunities to build capacity in Ontario's mobile sector. The MEIC is funded by the Entertainment and Creative Cluster Partnerships Fund, with OCAD as the leading partner. For more information please contact Michele Perras at mperras@ocad.ca

Jan. 17, 2009 – OMDC at MIDEM. International Advisors Session on Saturday, January 17th, 2009, and **Reception** on Monday, January 19th, 2009. OMDC will once again be organizing a reception at MIDEM and we invite all Ontario companies attending MIDEM to co-host the 4th annual Toronto/ONTARIO/Canada Reception. Last year over 25 companies co-hosted this very successful event with OMDC! As a co-host, your company name will be on the invitation and you will be able to invite a number of international guests to the event. There is no cost to participate as a co-host. If you are interested in co-hosting the reception please contact Matt Hilliard-Forde at mhilliard-forde@omdc.on.ca by Friday, November 21.

We are currently securing the International Advisors for the session on Saturday, Jan 17 from 2:30-5pm. The focus this year will be Russia (MIDEM 2009 Spotlight Country) and Eastern Europe, and content will focus on touring, media, and digital distribution in these territories. Final details will be coming along in early December, but keep this in mind when booking your travel.

CRTC Sets Date for New Media Hearings

The Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) has launched a proceeding to gain better understanding of broadcasting in the new media environment. The proceeding will include a public hearing beginning February 17, 2009 in Gatineau, Quebec. The CRTC seeks comments on specific questions such as the definition of broadcasting in new media, and incentives or regulatory measures for the creation and promotion of new media

broadcasting content. The deadline for comments is December 5; OMDC intends to file comments towards this proceeding.

In May, 2008 the CRTC initiated a public consultation on the scope of issues that were to be considered in the proceeding; OMDC's response to this call for comments can be viewed on our website: <http://www.omdc.on.ca/AssetFactory.aspx?did=6277>

Premier's Awards for Excellence in the Arts Submission Deadline

Dec 1. Deadline for submissions to the **\$120,000 Premier's Awards for Excellence in the Arts**. The awards recognize both an individual artist and arts organization whose work has made an outstanding contribution to arts and culture in Ontario. If you know an exceptional individual or organization working in a professional arts practice, including (but not limited to) book publishing, music, interactive digital media, film, magazines and television, please submit your nomination by December 1, 2008. The winner of the Individual Artist Award receives \$35,000 and chooses an emerging artist in his/her field who receives \$15,000. The winner of the Arts Organization Award receives \$50,000. For more information, visit: www.ontario.ca/excellenceinarts

Upcoming Events & Industry Deadlines

Nov. 18-19 | **nextMEDIA – Monetizing Digital Media**. Taking place in Toronto, this unique two-day event features a full programme of keynote speakers, topic-driven panels and practical case studies along with numerous networking opportunities - both formal and informal. More info and registration details at www.nextmediaevents.com

Nov. 27-28 | **DIG London 2008** - London, ON. Connect with Canada's leading video game developers, publishers, technology companies, service providers and emerging talent. Keynote speakers include Jade Raymond of Ubisoft Montreal, Denis Dyack of Silicon Knights, James Schmalz of Digital Extremes, Fredrik Liliegren of Redjade, Damir Slogar of Big Blue Bubble and Eric Randall of Next Level Games. www.diglondon.ca

Jan. 16, 2009 | **Pre-MIDEM Music Industry Forum**: High Commission of Canada – Canada House, Trafalgar Square, London. Canada will host the Pre-MIDEM Canada-Japan-United-Kingdom (CJUK) forum. Programming will include a full day of pre-scheduled B2B meetings for Canadians with UK and Japanese industry delegates, panel discussions, a networking luncheon and reception. The event provides an opportunity for Canadians to meet, in small groups, the UK and Japanese participants and to take part in preliminary discussions. Canada celebrates its 80th year of diplomatic relations with Japan, as well as its solid relationships with Japanese and UK music industry leaders. Key UK and Japanese industry delegates will be invited to share market information, increase an opportunity for Canadians to enhance

relationships with international delegates and foster export deals. Participation is on a first-come, first-served basis, therefore, we encourage you to submit your application as soon as possible. Canadian delegates will be asked to pay a registration fee of \$50, payable to CIRPA. A number of hotel rooms will be made available at a special rate. Registration info: <http://www.cirpa.ca/EbulletinLink.asp?MailingID=41401&LinkID=445&Lang=1>

Feb. 6-10, 2009 | Registration for **Magazines Canada School for Circulation** is now open. Learn the skills necessary to manage your magazine's circulation. www.magazinescanada.ca for details.

Feb. 16-27, 2009 | **Digital Entertainment Mission to India**. The Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) hosts FRAMES, Asia's largest annual convention on the "business of entertainment". Approximately 1500 Indian and 500 foreign delegates attend this event. In 2008, sessions covered the entire gamut of the Media & Entertainment industry, including Film, TV, Broadcast, Digital Entertainment, Animation, Gaming, Visual Effects and Radio. In 2009, FICCI FRAMES celebrates its 10th anniversary. Following FICCI FRAMES, the mission will continue on to Pune and Hyderabad. Activities will be organized in cooperation with the local Canadian Trade Commissioners. For more information please contact Corie McDougall, Area Director for South & Southeast Asia, International Trade Branch, Ontario Ministry of International Trade & Investment - 416-325-6663 or corie.mcdougall@ontario.ca

Congratulations

Loyalty Management by Glen Downie, has been named winner of the **2008 Toronto Book Award**. Congratulations to the author and the book's publisher, **Wolsak and Wynn**.

Congratulations to **McClelland & Stewart**, publisher of **Late Nights on Air** by Elizabeth Hay, which was named winner of the **2008 Ottawa Book Award** in the English fiction category.

The nominees for **Governor General's Literary Awards** were recently announced (winners announced November 18) and our congratulations to all finalists, including the numerous nominees published by Ontario publishers:

Fiction: **House of Anansi Press** — **Cockroach** by Rawi Hage
 Poetry: **House of Anansi Press** — **The Sentinel** by A.F. Moritz;
ECW Press — **More to Keep Us Warm** by Jacob Scheier
 Drama: **Playwrights Canada Press** — **Bone Cage** by Catherine Banks;
10 Days on Earth by Ronnie Burkett; **Palace of the End** by Judith Thompson

Non-fiction: **McClelland & Stewart** — **The Black Grizzly of Whiskey Creek** by Sid Marty

Children's Literature – Text:

Kids Can Press — **The Landing** by John Ibbitson;
Second Story Press — **Child of Dandelions** by Shenaaz Nanji;
Groundwood Books — **Skim** by Mariko Tamaki

Children's Literature – Illustration:

Kids Can Press — **My Letter to the World and Other Poems**, illustrated by Isabelle Arsenault, text by Emily Dickinson;
The Owl and the Pussycat, illustrated by Stéphane Joris, text by Edward Lear

Groundwood Books — **Yellow Moon, Yellow Apple**, illustrated by Matt James, text by Pamela Porter; **Shin-chi's Canoe**, illustrated by Kim LaFave, text by Nicola I. Campbell

Translation: **Dundurn Press** — **The Postman's Round**, translated by Liedewy Hawke, English translation of **Le facteur émotif** by Denis Thériault (XYZ éditeur)

Upcoming Awards, Markets and Festivals

Nov. 5-12	American Film Market 2008 (AFM), Santa Monica, CA, ifta-online.org
Nov. 6-16	Mannheim-Heidelberg Film Festival, mannheim-filmfestival.com/en/
Nov. 7-11	Magazines Canada School for Advertising Sales, magazinescanada.ca/events
Nov. 10-14	Canadian Music Mission to Asia
Nov. 12-16	The 2008 Toronto Reel Asian International Film Festival, Toronto. Reelasian.com
Nov. 17	The 19th Annual SOCAN Awards
Nov. 18-19	next MEDIA – Monetizing Digital Media, Toronto
Nov. 19-23	Association of Film Commissioners International (AFCI) Cineposium 2008, Wellington, New Zealand, afci.org
Nov. 20-30	International Documentary Film Festival Amsterdam (IDFA), Netherlands. dfgdocs.com
Nov. 27-28	DIG London Game Developers Conference, London Convention Centre. London, Ontario, diglondon.ca
Nov. 28	The Gemini Awards Broadcast Gala, John Bassett Theatre, Toronto ON to be broadcast by Canwest Broadcasting on E! Network and Showcase at 8 pm EST. academy.ca

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