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AWARDS BACKGROUND

CANADIAN FILM AWARDS RETURN TO THE FESTIVAL

Toronto – The **Toronto International Film Festival** announces its Canadian film awards. **CHUM Television** generously supports Canadian talent through its sponsorship of **Canada First!** and **Short Cuts Canada**. **Citytv** returns this year to sponsor the **Citytv Award for Best Canadian First Feature Film** as well as the **Toronto-City Award for Best Canadian Feature Film**, co-sponsored by the City of Toronto. **Bravo!FACT** returns as the award sponsor for **Short Cuts Canada**. The **Bravo!FACT Short Cuts Canada Award** is presented to a short film in the Festival.

The **Toronto-City Award for Best Canadian Feature Film**, presented annually to a Canadian filmmaker, is sponsored jointly by Citytv and the City of Toronto. This year, the award includes a cash prize of \$30,000. Last year's winner was Michael Dowse for *IT'S ALL GONE PETE TONG*.

The **Citytv Award for Best Canadian First Feature Film** is presented annually to a Canadian filmmaker for an exemplary first feature. The award carries a cash prize of \$15,000. Last year's winner was Daniel Roby for *LA PEAU BLANCHE*.

Both awards are selected by a jury of industry professionals. The jury is to be confirmed.

"We're delighted to have CHUM Television back as a sponsor for **Canada First!** and **Short Cuts Canada**," said Steve Gravestock, Associate Director of Canadian Special Projects. "CHUM Television's ongoing commitment helps launch the careers of our Canadian feature and short filmmakers, and gives them the profile and recognition they deserve for their work. We'd also like to thank the City of Toronto, Economic Development Office, for its long-standing support of our Canadian filmmakers."

The winner of the **Bravo!FACT Short Cuts Canada Award** receives a \$10,000 cash prize. Last year's winner was BC filmmaker Dylan Akio Smith for *MAN FEEL PAIN*.

All three awards are presented at the Festival's Awards Reception on Saturday, September 17, 2005.

A list of previous Festival award-winning Canadian films is attached.

Canada First! and **Short Cuts Canada** is generously sponsored by **CHUM Television**.

**The Short Cuts Canada award is generously sponsored by
Bravo!FACT (Foundation to Assist Canadian Talent)**

The Opening Night film for **Canada First!** is **FAMILIA**.
Press and Industry screenings at the **NFB Cinema** are made possible
through the support of the **National Film Board of Canada**.

Toronto International Film Festival Group is a charitable, cultural and educational organization devoted to celebrating excellence in film and the moving image.



AWARD-WINNING CANADIAN FILMS AT THE FESTIVAL

FEATURES & SHORT FILM JURY PRIZES BY YEAR

Citytv Award for Best Canadian First Feature Film:

- 2004 - LA PEAU BLANCHE, Daniel Roby
- 2003 - LOVE, SEX AND EATING THE BONES, Sudz Sutherland
- 2002 - MARION BRIDGE, Wiebke von Carolsfeld
- 2001 - INERTIA, Sean Garrity
- 2000 - LA MOITIÉ GAUCHE DU FRIGO, Philippe Falardeau
- 1999 - JUST WATCH ME: TRUDEAU AND THE 70'S GENERATION, Catherine Annau
- 1998 - LAST NIGHT, Don McKellar
- 1997 - CUBE, Vincenzo Natali

Toronto-City Award for Best Canadian Feature Film:

- 2004 - IT'S ALL GONE PETE TONG, Michael Dowse
- 2003 - LES INVASIONS BARBARES, Denys Arcand
- 2002 - SPIDER, David Cronenberg
- 2001 - ATANARJUAT (THE FAST RUNNER), Zacharias Kunuk
- 2000 - WAYDOWNTOWN, Gary Burns
- 1999 - THE FIVE SENSES, Jeremy Podeswa
- 1998 - NÔ, Robert Lepage
- 1997 - THE HANGING GARDEN, Thom Fitzgerald
THE SWEET HEREAFTER, Atom Egoyan
- 1996 - LONG DAY'S JOURNEY INTO NIGHT, David Wellington
- 1995 - LIVE BAIT, Bruce Sweeney
- 1994 - EXOTICA, Atom Egoyan
- 1993 - KANEHSATAKE: 270 YEARS OF RESISTANCE, Alanis Obomsawin
- 1992 - REQUIEM POUR UN BEAU SANS-COEUR, Robert Morin
- 1991 - THE ADJUSTER, Atom Egoyan
- 1990 - H, Darrell Wasyk
- 1989 - ROADKILL, Bruce McDonald
- 1988 - THE OUTSIDE CHANCE OF MAXIMILIAN GLICK, Allan E. Goldstein
- 1987 - FAMILY VIEWING, Atom Egoyan
- 1986 - LE DÉCLIN DE L'EMPIRE AMÉRICAIN, Denys Arcand
- 1985 - CANADA'S SWEETHEART: THE SAGA OF HAL C. BANKS, Donald Brittain
- 1984 - LA FEMME DE L'HÔTEL, Léa Pool

Award for Best Canadian Short Film:

- 2004 - MAN FEEL PAIN, Dylan Akio Smith
- 2003 - ASPIRATION, Constant Mentzas

2002 - BLUE SKIES, Ann Marie Fleming
2001 - FILM (DZAMA), deco dawson
2000 - LE CHAPEAU, Michèle Cournoyer
1999 - DÉCHARGE, Patrick Demers
1998 - WHEN PONDS FREEZE OVER, Mary Lewis
1997 - COTTON CANDY, Roshell Bissett
1996 - LETTERS FROM HOME, Mike Hoolboom
1995 - RECONSTRUCTION, Laurence Green
1994 - FRANK'S COCK, Mike Hoolboom
1993 - SAVE MY LOST NIGGA' SOUL, Clement Virgo
1992 - LES SAUF-CONDUITS, Manon Briand
1991 - THE MAKING OF "MONSTERS", John Greyson
1990 - SHAGGIE, Janis Cole
1989 - STEALING IMAGES, Alan Zweig

CANADIAN AWARD-WINNERS YEAR-BY-YEAR OVERVIEW

2004 Festival:

Toronto City Award: IT'S ALL GONE PETE TONG, Michael Dowse
Citytv Award: LA PEAU BLANCHE, Daniel Roby
Bravo!FACT Short Cuts Canada Award: MAN FEEL PAIN, Dylan Akio Smith

2003 Festival:

Toronto-City Award: LES INVASIONS BARBARES, Denys Arcand
Citytv Award: LOVE, SEX AND EATING THE BONES, Sudz Sutherland
Best Canadian Short Film: ASPIRATION, Constant Mentzas

2002 Festival:

Toronto-City Award: SPIDER, David Cronenberg
Citytv Award: MARION BRIDGE, Wiebke von Carolsfeld
Best Canadian Short Film: BLUE SKIES, Ann Marie Fleming
Special Jury Citation: SHORT HYMN_SILENT WAR 03, Charles Officer

2001 Festival:

Toronto-City Award: ATANARJUAT (THE FAST RUNNER), Zacharias Kunuk
Citytv Award: INERTIA, Sean Garrity
NFB-John Spotton Award: FILM (DZAMA), deco dawson

2000 Festival:

Toronto-City Award: WAYDOWNTOWN, Gary Burns
Honourable Mention: MAELSTRÖM, Denis Villeneuve; and GINGER SNAPS, John Fawcett and Karen Walton (screenplay)
Citytv Award: LA MOITIÉ GAUCHE DU FRIGO, Philippe Falardeau
Honourable Mention: RED DEER, Anthony Couture

NFB-John Spotton Award: LE CHAPEAU, Michèle Cournoyer
Honourable Mention: ERNEST, Keith Behrman

1999 Festival:

Toronto-City Award: THE FIVE SENSES, Jeremy Podeswa
Special Jury Citation: EMPORTE-MOI, Léa Pool
Citytv Award: JUST WATCH ME: TRUDEAU AND THE 70'S GENERATION,
Catherine Annau
Special Jury Citation: FULL BLAST, Rodrigue Jean
NFB-John Spotton Award: DÉCHARGE, Patrick Demers
Special Jury Citation: KARAOKE, Stéphane LaFleur

1998 Festival:

Toronto-City Award: NÔ, Robert Lepage
Citytv Award: LAST NIGHT, Don McKellar
NFB-John Spotton Award: WHEN PONDS FREEZE OVER, Mary Lewis

1997 Festival:

Toronto-City Award: THE HANGING GARDEN, Thom Fitzgerald; and
THE SWEET HEREAFTER, Atom Egoyan
Citytv Award: CUBE, Vincenzo Natali
NFB-John Spotton Award: COTTON CANDY, Roshell Bissett
Special Jury Citations: bp - PUSHING THE BOUNDARIES, Brian Nash
People's Choice Award: THE HANGING GARDEN, Thom Fitzgerald
Metro Media Award: THE SWEET HEREAFTER, Atom Egoyan (third place)

1996 Festival:

Toronto-City Award: LONG DAY'S JOURNEY INTO NIGHT, David Wellington
Special Jury Citations: KISSED, Lynne Stopkewich
NFB-John Spotton Award: LETTERS FROM HOME, Mike Hoolboom
Special Jury Citations: SIN CYCLE, Ben Famiglietti & Jack Cocker; and
LODELA, Philippe Baylaucq

1995 Festival:

Toronto-City Award: LIVE BAIT, Bruce Sweeney
Special Jury Citations: CURTIS'S CHARM, John L'Ecuyer; and
RUDE, Clement Virgo
NFB-John Spotton Award: RECONSTRUCTION, Laurence Green
Special Jury Citations: ODILON REDON, Guy Maddin; and
USE ONCE AND DESTROY, John L'Ecuyer

1994 Festival:

Toronto-City Award: EXOTICA, Atom Egoyan
Special Jury Citations: DOUBLE HAPPINESS, Mina Shum; and
WINDIGO, Robert Morin
NFB-John Spotton Award: FRANK'S COCK, Mike Hoolboom
Special Jury Citations: TECHNOLOGIC ORDERING, Philip Hoffman; and

Metro Media Award: MAKE SOME NOISE!, Andrew Munger
DOUBLE HAPPINESS, Mina Shum (runner-up)

1993 Festival:

Toronto-City Award: KANEHSATAKE: 270 YEARS OF RESISTANCE, Alanis Obomsawin
Special Jury Citations: THIRTY-TWO SHORT FILMS ABOUT GLENN GOULD,
François Girard; and ZERO PATIENCE, John Greyson
NFB Award: SAVE MY LOST NIGGA' SOUL, Clement Virgo
Special Jury Citation: ME, MOM AND MONA, Mina Shum

1992 Festival:

Toronto-City Award: REQUIEM POUR UN BEAU SANS-COEUR, Robert Morin
Special Jury Citations: LÉOLO, Jean-Claude Lauzon; and
MANUFACTURING CONSENT: NOAM CHOMSKY AND THE
MEDIA, Mark Achbar & Peter Wintonick
NFB Award: LES SAUF-CONDUITS, Manon Briand
Special Jury Citations: BLUE, Don McKellar; THE FAIRY WHO DIDN'T WANT TO BE A
FAIRY ANYMORE, Laurie Lynd; MOOSE JAW: THERE'S A FUTURE
IN OUR PAST, Rick Hancox; and MY NIAGARA, Helen Lee

1991 Festival:

Toronto-City Award: THE ADJUSTER, Atom Egoyan
NFB-John Spotton Award: THE MAKING OF "MONSTERS", John Greyson
People's Choice Award
(runner up): HIGHWAY 61, Bruce McDonald

1990 Festival:

Toronto-City Award: H, Darrell Wasyk
NFB Award: SHAGGIE, Janis Cole

1989 Festival:

Toronto- City Award: ROADKILL, Bruce McDonald
NFB Award: STEALING IMAGES, Alan Zweig
International Critics' Award: JÉSUS DE MONTRÉAL, Denys Arcand

1988 Festival:

Toronto-City Award: THE OUTSIDE CHANCE OF MAXIMILIAN GLICK, Allan E.
Goldstein

1987 Festival:

Toronto-City Award: FAMILY VIEWING, Atom Egoyan
Special Jury Citation: ARTIST ON FIRE, Kay Armatage
International Critics' Award: UN ZOO LA NUIT, Jean-Claude Lauzon

1986 Festival:

Toronto-City Award: LE DÉCLIN DE L'EMPIRE AMÉRICAIN, Denys Arcand
Special Jury Citation: SITTING IN LIMBO, John N. Smith

People's Choice Award: Martha Henry for her work in DANCING IN THE DARK, Leon Marr
LE DÉCLIN DE L'EMPIRE AMÉRICAIN, Denys Arcand

1985 Festival:

Toronto-City Award: CANADA'S SWEETHEART: THE SAGA OF HAL C. BANKS,
Donald Brittain

International Critics' Award: MY AMERICAN COUSIN, Sandy Wilson (shared with NO
SURRENDER)

1984 Festival:

Toronto-City Award: LA FEMME DE L'HÔTEL, Léa Pool

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