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FESTIVAL TO CELEBRATE "SCREEN LEGENDS"

Toronto – The **Toronto International Film Festival** presents nine vignettes from "Screen Legends" prior to certain Gala screenings during this year's event. CHUM Television and NBC Universal have teamed up with the Historica Foundation to create "Screen Legends," a series of 60-second vignettes profiling Canadian film and television legends. NBC Universal and CHUM are each contributing \$500,000 to fund the not-for-profit project, with the profiles being produced by CHUM Television for the Historica Foundation.

Vignettes showcased at the Festival highlight the careers of **Raymond Burr, Yvonne de Carlo, Mack Sennett, Claude Jutra, Norma Shearer, Ruby Keeler, Colleen Dewhurst, Raymond Massey, and Marie Dressler**. Following in the tradition of the acclaimed "Historica Minutes," the Screen Legends profiles, narrated by renowned film and stage actor Colm Feore, portray the remarkable lives of Canadians who left their cities, towns, and farms to make their marks on the world's screens.

The series will be dedicated to Brian Linehan, who wrote three of the profiles before his death last year. Linehan, a longtime supporter of the Toronto International Film Festival Group, posthumously donated his massive inventory of 30 years worth of research materials, correspondences, photographs, and recordings to the TIFFFG's Film Reference Library's **Special Collections**.

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