



CANADA'S STARS SET TO HONOUR THE BEST IN CANADIAN TELEVISION THIS SEPTEMBER

*The 26th Annual Gemini Awards Return to CBC
Broadcast Live on Wednesday, September 7, 2011 at 8 pm ET*

TORONTO, July 4, 2011 – The Academy of Canadian Cinema & Television is pleased to announce that **CBC** will be the exclusive broadcaster of the **26th Annual Gemini Awards** which will be broadcast live on Wednesday, September 7, 2011 at 8 pm ET/PT from the CBC Broadcast Center in Toronto.

The **26th Annual Gemini Awards** will be held in Toronto over three nights. The Industry Awards will take place on Tuesday, August 30 and Wednesday, August 31; the Red Carpet Gala will take place on September 7 at the CBC and will be broadcast live on CBC Television. The full list of nominations, as well as host, special musical guests and presenter details will be announced in the coming weeks.

"We're extremely proud to be the exclusive broadcaster of the Gemini Awards and we're delighted to have the opportunity to showcase the excellence of the Canadian television industry this September," said **Kirstine Stewart, Executive Vice-President, English Services, CBC**.

"The 26th Annual Gemini Awards mark our second collaboration with CBC this year and we look forward to a long and productive relationship spotlighting our best Canadian talent," said **Helga Stephenson, Interim CEO, Academy of Canadian Cinema & Television**.

Launched by the Academy of Canadian Cinema & Television in 1986, The Gemini Awards honour outstanding achievements in the Canadian English-language television and new media industries. The Gemini Awards bring together over 2,500 of Canada's most gifted craftspeople, producers and decision-makers over several evenings of special events.

For more information, please visit www.geminiawards.ca

About CBC/Radio-Canada

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About ACCT

Established in 1979, the Academy of Canadian Cinema & Television is a national, non-profit, professional association dedicated to the promotion, recognition and celebration of exceptional achievements in Canadian film, television and digital media. Unifying industry professionals across Canada, the Academy is a vital force representing all screen-based industries.

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