



Yorkton Film Festival announces Jury

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Yorkton, SK – The Yorkton Film Festival is pleased to announce the 13 members of the 2009 Golden Sheaf Awards adjudication jury.

The 13 jurors will preside over the awards selection for films in official competition, deciding the winners in 23 genre and 3 craft categories.

Category award nominations will be announced on March 16; Craft award nominations announced on April 8.

The 2009 award winners will be announced at the Golden Sheaf Awards Gala on Saturday May 23 during the 62nd annual Yorkton Film Festival May 21-14, 2009.

“We are extremely pleased to have such a diverse group of talented filmmakers from British Columbia to Nova Scotia adjudicating these incredible Canadian short films”, said Executive Director Randy Goulden.

The 2009 Golden Sheaf Award Jury members are:

Halifax, Nova Scotia - Kent Martin, who has worked on over eighty films and has won national and international awards. His work, produced mainly for the National Film Board of Canada, ranges in subject from biography to natural history, politics, art and religion.

Montreal, Quebec – Marlene Millar is a director, producer and editor, who with Philip Szporer, founded the film production company *Mouvement Perpétuel*. Their recent dance films and arts documentaries include *Moments in Motion*, *The Hunt, a soft place to fall*, *Butte*, *Byron Chief-Moon: Grey Horse Rider* and *The Greater the Weight*.

Montreal, Quebec – Laura Turek is a producer, director and writer and has worked in both documentary and fiction. Her recent television credits include *Mars Rising*, *Buy Me*, *Out in the City* and *Women Warriors*. *Cherry Fruitbread* and *My Friend Ana* are her first two fiction short films.

Toronto, Ontario – Linda Laughlin is a Senior Producer with CBC's independent documentary unit, where she commissions and oversees documentaries and specials for the network series *Doc Zone*. She has also worked with CBC's *Life and Times*, *The Journal* and *Monitor*.

Toronto, Ontario - Donna Dudinsky is a producer and researcher whose works includes *The Magical Eye*, *Atwood and Family*, *War*, *The Ten Thousand Day War*, *Goodbye War* and *The Image Makers*.

Winnipeg, Manitoba – Tammy Marlowe Johnson is a writer-researcher for Frantic Films and most recently wrote the third season of *Guinea Pig* for Discovery Channel Canada. She comes to film and television after a career in journalism and publishing.

Regina, Saskatchewan - Linda Payeur has been working in media arts for over a decade; and prior to that she worked in the visual arts sector. Currently, Linda produces the daily lifestyle series *Living Saskatchewan* for CBC. Linda has also spent time at SCN and the Saskatchewan Filmpool.

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan - Rebecca Gibbons is the Director of Development for Angel Entertainment, the company behind Saskatchewan's newest dramatic series, *Rabbit Fall* and one of the regional leaders in financing and producing /co-producing market-driven feature films, documentaries, and television programming.

Edmonton, Alberta – Eva Colmers has written and directed a variety of award-winning short and long-format films in the dramatic and documentary genre including *HandSum*, *The Enemy Within*, *Blink!* and *No Problem*.

Calgary, Alberta – Karin Klassen is a writer and producer with her own company, *Skippingstone Productions*, which provides creative television production services to a variety of corporate and broadcast clients. Most recently, Karin completed a contract as writer/producer of 200 episodes of *CBC's Living Calgary*, a lifestyle television program that airs daily.

Vancouver, British Columbia - Scott Burton is a director, producer and writer whose credits include *Gravity Boy* and *The Moustache Club*.

Vancouver, British Columbia – Susan Buie is a writer, educator and film programmer who got her start over 25 years ago working at the Castro Theatre in San Francisco. She's taught documentary film production and theory and has worked as a film archivist at CBC.

Vancouver, British Columbia – Gary Harvey is a director and producer who has been working in the Canadian film and television industry for over 15 years in many production capacities. Credits include *Godiva's*, *Traders*, *The Associates*, *Tom Stone*, *Nothing Too Good For a Cowboy*, *The New Addams Family*, *Call of the Wild*, *The Rez*, *Cold Squad*, *North of 60*, *Robson Arms* and more.

About the Yorkton Film Festival

The Yorkton Film Festival is the longest running film festival in North America. In the 62 years of its existence, the Festival has developed a tradition of recognizing excellent films and providing great professional development and learning opportunities. The Festival recognizes outstanding Canadian short films and rewards the very best with the annual Golden Sheaf Awards. Join us May 21-24, 2009.

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