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TVO MOURNS PASSING OF CANADIAN FILM ICON ALLAN KING

Toronto, June 16, 2009 — The Board of Directors and staff of TVO are very saddened to learn of the passing yesterday of Canadian documentary film legend Allan King.

"Allan was a Canadian film icon," said Lisa de Wilde, Chief Executive Officer of TVO. "For so many of us in Canada's media and film industry, his passing will be deeply felt."

TVO is proud to have partnered with Allan over the last two decades on many of his most challenging and innovative works. "Allan's films had a way of illuminating our shared humanity," added de Wilde. "Through intensely personal stories, he challenged us to consider new perspectives."

Many of TVO's staff had the opportunity to work with Allan King. Earlier this spring TVO celebrated his prolific career during the week-long *Allan King Film Festival* (tvo.org/akfestival), with an introduction to each film presented by the filmmaker.

"Allan's legacy will live on in the hearts and minds of all who were fortunate enough to have known him, and in the young filmmakers of tomorrow whom he has inspired." added de Wilde.

TVO-commissioned documentary films by Allan King include *Dying at Grace* (2003); *Memory for Max, Claire, Ida and Company* (2005) and *Empz 4 Life* (2006).

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