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TVO receives multiple Gemini Award nominations

TVO personalities, in-house productions and co-productions all feature prominently in the list of nominees for the upcoming 23rd Annual Gemini Awards.

Both *The Agenda's* Steve Paikin (Best Host or Interviewer in a News Information Program or Series) and *TVOKids'* Mark Sykes (Best Host in a Pre-School, Children's or Youth Program or Series) received nominations. Our POV documentary series *The View From Here* is up for Best Documentary Series, and TVFH titles *Girl Inside*, *Last Call at the Gladstone Hotel*, *Lovable*, *Diamond Road* and *The Refugees of the Blue Planet* also received nominations. In addition, *Girl Inside* is nominated for the prestigious Donald Brittain Award for Best Social/Political Documentary Program.

The TVO-produced *Tumble Town Tales* is nominated in the Best Children's or Youth Fiction Program or Series category, as well as for Best Direction in a Children's or Youth Program or Series.

Three TVO co-produced children's series, *Heads Up!*, *Peep and the Big Wide World* and *A World of Wonders* also received nominations, including a Best Pre-School Program or Series nomination for *Peep and the Big Wide World*.

TVO congratulates all those people whose hard work, skill and dedication have created a place for us with "The Best of Canadian Television".

(see next page for a full list of TVO's 2008 Gemini Award Nominations)



TVO 2008 Gemini Award Nominations

Best Biography Documentary Program:

- 1) Lovable
(Primitive Entertainment Inc.)
Michael McMahon, Kristina McLaughlin

Best Children's or Youth Fiction Program or Series:

- 2) TVO Kids: Tumble Town Tales
TVO
Marney Malabar, Steve Diguier, Patricia Ellingson, Phil McCordic

Best Direction in a Children's or Youth Program or Series:

- 3) Steve Diguier - TVO Kids: Tumble Town Tales - *Secret Rodent Club*

Best Host in a Pre-School, Children's or Youth Program or Series:

- 4) Bob McDonald - Heads Up! - *What Will Cars Look Like In The Future?*

5) Mark Sykes - TVO Kids: Mark's Moments - *Max*

Best Pre-School Program or Series:

- 6) Peep and the Big Wide World
(9 Story Entertainment Inc., WGBH Educational Foundation)
Kate Taylor

Best Direction in an Animated Program or Series:

- 7) Rick Marshall - Peep and the Big Wide World - *The Sounds of Silence Part 1/ Part 2*

Best Individual or Ensemble Performance in an Animated Program or Series:

- 8) Jamie Watson - Peep and the Big Wide World - *The Sounds of Silence Part 1/ Part 2*

Best Children's or Youth Non-Fiction Program or Series:

- 9) Heads Up!
(Trailer Park Productions, National Film Board of Canada)
Barrie Dunn, Annette Clarke

Best Writing in a Children's or Youth Program or Series:

- 10) Bob McDonald - Heads Up! - *What Will Cars Look Like In The Future?*

Best Original Music for a Lifestyle/Practical Information or Reality Program or Series:

- 11) Serge Cote - A World of Wonders - *Roaming The Desert (Jordan)*

Best Documentary Series:

- 12) Diamond Road
(Kensington Communications Inc.)
Robert Lang

13) The View From Here
(TVO)
Jane Jankovic

**Best Science, Technology, Nature, Environment or Adventure
Documentary Program:**

14) The Refugees of the Blue Planet
(Les Productions Virage, National Film Board of Canada, Point du Jour)
Monique Simard, Yves Bisailon, Luc Martin-Gousset, Marcel Simard

Donald Brittain Award for Best Social/Political Documentary Program:

15) Girl Inside
(Red Queen Productions Inc.)
Maya Gallus, Justine Pimlott

Best Direction in a Documentary Program:

16) Maya Gallus - Girl Inside

Best Direction in a Documentary Series:

17) Derreck Roemer, Neil Graham - The View From Here - *Last Call at the Gladstone Hotel*

Best Host or Interviewer in a News Information Program or Series:

18) Steve Paikin - The Agenda with Steve Paikin - *Mark Steyn's Muslim Problem*

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