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Omni Film Productions Makes Some Noise at Gemini Awards

Vancouver, B.C. – Omni Film Productions' *Make Some Noise*, an extraordinary series about young people who are working to make this planet, and the people in it, better off, won the Gemini Award last night for Best Children's or Youth Non-Fiction Program or Series.

Make Some Noise, which aired on CBC, is a 13-part half-hour series showcasing teens and 20-somethings who will stop at nothing to make themselves heard. Some pick up video cameras and risk their lives in the war-torn Middle East. Others fight to stop the child sex trade in Cambodia, while others become silent to "speak" out for those who cannot. On *Make Some Noise*, viewers meet a group of kids who not only talk about making a difference but who are taking action, both at home and abroad.

"The kids and their ideas were the starting point and the inspiration for this series. We profiled 30 groups who are gutsy, imaginative and passionate about their causes, and it's been a huge privilege and pleasure to highlight their efforts to a wide TV audience", says Series Producer Heather Hawthorn-Doyle.

Make Some Noise has earned acclaim and awards worldwide, including: the Japan Prize (Youth Programming); the \$50,000 Shaw Rocket Prize for Best Youth Series; the Leo Award for Best Director (Catharine Parke); two Nell Shipman – Women In Film Seattle Awards for Best Television Series and for Best Director (Catharine Parke); and a Silver Chris Award for Best of its Division in the Children & Youth Category.

Vancouver-based Omni Film Productions Limited (www.omnifilm.com) has been nominated for 18 Gemini Awards this year, at least one for every Omni show that aired in 2007. Over the last 27 years, Omni Film has produced over 200 hours of award-winning top quality drama and comedy series, documentaries, factual and lifestyle series. Together with subsidiaries Omni Post and Water Street Releasing, Omni Film is a vertically integrated television production, post-production and distribution entity.



Currently in production are *Shock Wave*, a two-hour documentary for CBC; *She's Crafty*, a hip, young craft series for HGTV; *Robson Arms* (season three) the critically acclaimed dramatic comedy series for CTV; *Shimmy*, a sensual belly dancing series for Access and Discovery Health; *Word Travels*, a unique docusoap for OLN that looks at the 'lives behind the bylines' of two of Canada's top travel writers, and *The Dolphin Dealer*, an investigative documentary for CBC.

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