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Omni Film receives 14 Leo Award nominations

Vancouver, B.C. – Omni Film Productions is pleased to announce that it has received 14 Leo Award nominations for five of its programs. Highlights include 7 noms for THE DOLPHIN DEALER, the most for a documentary program or series, and 4 noms for SHE’S CRAFTY, the spunky lifestyle series, including “Best Information or Lifestyle Series and “Best Host” for Wendy Russell. SYSTEM CRASH, a 4 x 1 hour series about the vulnerability of our infrastructure, received a “Best Documentary Series” nomination.

“The DOLPHIN DEALER is a documentary in the best sense of the word.” according to Executive Producer Gabriela Schonbach. “Writer/director Brad Quenville gained unprecedented access and followed this story for almost 5 years at great personal risk and expense in order to tell a powerful tale about the wild dolphin trade. We’re also grateful for the tremendous support from CBC and for the very talented team that worked on this film for many months.”

THE DOLPHIN DEALER also recently won the “Merit Award for Storytelling” and “Merit Award for Presentation of Information” at the International Wildlife Film Festival in Missoula, Montana. The program will be re-broadcast on Thursday, June 25th at 8pm on CBC

Omni Film Productions 2009 Leo Awards nominations include:

Best Documentary Program or Series

THE DOLPHIN DEALER - Gabriela Schonbach, Brad Quenville, Leigh Badgley – Producers
SYSTEM CRASH - David Gullason, Gabriela Schonbach, Leigh Badgley – Producers

Best Screenwriting in a Documentary Program or Series

Brad Quenville - THE DOLPHIN DEALER

Best Cinematography in a Documentary Program or Series

Todd Craddock - THE DOLPHIN DEALER

Best Picture Editing in a Documentary Program or Series

Jean Baillargeon - THE DOLPHIN DEALER



Best Overall Sound in a Documentary Program or Series

Eric Harwood Davies, Jamie Mahaffey, J. Martin Tayolor - THE DOLPHIN DEALER

Best Sound Editing in a Documentary Program or Series

Jamie Mchaffey, J. Martin Taylor, Erica Chard, Jean Baillargeon - THE DOLPHIN DEALER

Best Musical Score in a Documentary Program or Series

Dennis Burke - THE DOLPHIN DEALER

Best Information or Lifestyle Series

SHE'S CRAFTY - Heather Hawthorn-Doyle, Brian Hamilton, Gabriela Schonbach, Dana Johl, Wendy Russell - Producers

Best Host(s) in an Information or Lifestyle Series

Wendy Russell - SHE'S CRAFTY - Style Galore

Best Direction in an Information or Lifestyle Series

Stephanie Rosloski - SHE'S CRAFTY - Crafty Flashback

Best Cinematography in an Information or Lifestyle Series

Ian Kerr - SHE'S CRAFTY - Living Large
Mark Edwards - SMART COOKIES - Transportation

Best Supporting Performance by a Male in a Dramatic Series

David Richmond-Peck - ROBSON ARMS - Il Pagliacci

Leo Award winners will be announced Friday, May 8th and Saturday, May 9th in Vancouver.

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Vancouver-based Omni Film Productions Ltd. is one of Canada's most respected television production companies, producing top-quality programs in a wide variety of genres. Since 1979, Omni has produced hundreds of hours of television dramas, documentaries, factual and lifestyle series and children's programming, garnering over 100 national and international awards.

Omni is currently in production on the 13 x 1 hour drama series *Defying Gravity*, a Canada-U.S. co-venture for CTV and Fox Television Studios, which will air in Canada on CTV and Space, in Britain on BBC, and in Germany on ProSieben. Other recent productions include the Gemini Award-winning *Dragon Boys* and *Stunt Dawgs*, as well as *Word Travels*, *Robson Arms*, *Alice, I Think*, *Pure Design*, *Edgemont*, *Make Some Noise*, *Smart Cookies*, *The Odyssey*, *Champions of the Wild*, *Ancient Clues*, *Quiet Places*, *Shimmy* and *Namaste*. www.omnifilm.com

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