

PLAYBACK

Ice Pilots, Nazi Hunters win big at Gemini Awards



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Omni Film Productions, Cineflix Productions and Clearwater Documentary were among the multiple award winners at the first night of the 26th annual Gemini Awards, which recognized talent in the news and sports, documentary, lifestyle and reality categories.

Cineflix's *Nazi Hunters*, which airs on History Television, picked up awards for Best History Documentary Program and Best Direction in a Documentary Series (pictured, P.J. Naworynski) while Omni Film's *Ice Pilots NWT*, which airs on the same network, picked up wins in the Best Original Music for a Lifestyle/Practical Information or Reality Program or Series category, and the Best Photography in an Information Program or Series category.

Meanwhile, Clearwater's *Code Breakers*, which aired on CBC, picked up the gong for Best Science, Technology, Nature Environment or Adventure Documentary, as well as the prize for Best Photography in a Documentary Program or Series.

The Donald Brittain Award for Best Social/Political Documentary Program went to the NFB's *Life with Murder*, a documentary film by triple Emmy Award-winning director John Kastner; while *Meltdown: the Secret History of the Global Collapse* picked up prizes for Best Visual Research and Best Writing in a Documentary Program or Series.

The other main winners on the first night of the awards were CBC's *Africa on the Move*, which won best Documentary Series; CBC's *Acquainted with the Night*, which won Best Direction in a Documentary Program; and History Television's *Storming Juno Interactive*, which picked up the prize for Best Cross-Platform Project – Non Fiction.

The Best Performing Arts Program or Series or Arts Documentary Program or Series gong went to *The National Parks Project*. In all, 52 Gemini Award winners were named on the first night of the awards.

"My heartfelt congratulations to all of tonight's winners," said Helga Stephenson, the Academy of Canadian Cinema & Television's Interim CEO. "It's truly wonderful to acknowledge and celebrate these great Canadian talents while surrounded by such an impressive group of individuals from the Canadian television and digital media industries."

The remaining 61 winners in the Drama, Children's or Youth, Comedy and Variety categories, as well as the remaining five Academy Special Awards, will be presented tomorrow (August 31) at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre in Toronto.