



## ACTRA PRESS RELEASE

### THE ACTRA AWARDS IN TORONTO – 2009 NOMINEES ANNOUNCED *ACTRA Awards to be given for outstanding performances in three categories*

**For Immediate Release:** Toronto, January 27, 2009 – ACTRA Toronto is pleased to announce the nominees for the 2009 ACTRA Awards in Toronto, to be presented at The CARLU on February 20, 2009. **This year ACTRA Toronto’s 2009 Award of Excellence will be presented to Peter Keleghan.**

There will also be three juried ACTRA Awards presented at the event in the categories of Outstanding Voice Performance, Outstanding Female Performance and Outstanding Male Performance.

#### **ACTRA Award for Outstanding Performance – Voice:**

Emily Hampshire	<i>Ruby Gloom</i> (animated TV series)
Rob Tinkler	<i>Cyberchase</i> (animated TV series)
Adrian Truss	<i>Ruby Gloom</i> (animated TV series)
Joanne Vannicola	<i>Toot &amp; Puddle</i> (animated TV series)
Jamie Watson	<i>Peep and the Big Wide World</i> (animated TV series)

#### **ACTRA Award for Outstanding Performance – Female:**

Rosemary Dunsmore	<i>The Baby Formula</i> (feature film)
Megan Fahlenbock	<i>The Baby Formula</i> (feature film)
Sarah Gadon	<i>Flashpoint</i> (TV series)
Karen LeBlanc	<i>Nurse.Fighter.Boy</i> (feature film)
Shauna MacDonald	<i>Loving Loretta</i> (short film)

#### **ACTRA Award for Outstanding Performance – Male:**

Nicholas Campbell	<i>The Englishman’s Boy</i> (Mini-series)
Jonas Chernick	<i>The Border</i> (TV series)
Daniel J. Gordon	<i>Nurse.Fighter.Boy</i> (feature film)
Joris Jarsky	<i>Toronto Stories</i> (feature film)
Clark Johnson	<i>Nurse.Fighter.Boy</i> (feature film)

“The ACTRA Awards in Toronto are how we celebrate our own,” said ACTRA Toronto President, Heather Allin. “It is my pleasure to applaud the valued work of each of the nominees and the exceptional performances they have given. They are all well deserving of this honour.”

Peter Keleghan of *Billable Hours*, *Made in Canada* and *The Red Green Show* will receive ACTRA Toronto’s 2009 Award of Excellence. The award recognizes outstanding performances by Toronto members and also celebrates the accomplishments and excellence of these individuals within our industry.

The Awards Gala will be hosted by Teresa Pavlinek of *The Jane Show* and *History Bites*. Steve Shehori is the show’s scriptwriter. The program will feature a performance by ACTRA Toronto member and singer Stephanie Martin.

ACTRA Toronto is the largest organization within ACTRA, representing over 15,000 of Canada’s 21,000 professional performers working in the English-language recorded media in

Canada. As an advocate for Canadian culture since 1943, ACTRA is a member-driven organization that continues to secure the rights and respect for the work of professional performers.

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