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Announcing the 2009 English-language Awards of Excellence Nominees Celebrating the Best in Canadian Children's & Youth Television

April 22, 2009—The Alliance for Children and Television (ACT) will honour Canada's top English-language children's & youth programs at the **2009 Awards of Excellence Gala – Special 35th Anniversary Edition** on June 3 at CBC's Glenn Gould Studio in Toronto.

ACT's **2009 Awards of Excellence** are made possible with the financial support from our main sponsor, CBC Television. We are also very fortunate to be able to count on the support of Corus Entertainment, Shaftesbury Kids, DHX Media, Independent Production Fund, Sinking Ship Entertainment, 9 Story Entertainment, Hit Entertainment, Muse Entertainment Enterprises, TVO Kids, the Family Channel, the Bell Fund and marbledmedia.

The members of the **2009 Awards of Excellence** jury used ACT's definition of quality to select the winning entries. Here are this year's nominees:

Nominations by category

All Genres 3–5

Are We There Yet ? : World Adventure
The Mighty Jungle II
Gisèle's Big Backyard
Kids' Canada

All Genres 6–8

A World of Wonders
Mark's Moments
Jackies School of Dance

All Genres 9–12

Think Big
The Adrenaline Project
Mystery Hunters
Prank Patrol
Booky and the Secret Santa
Life with Derek III (Allergy Season)

All Genres Teens

Degrassi: The Next Generation
Instant Star

Animation 3–5

Toot & Puddle
Superwhy!
My Friend Rabbit
Toopy & Binoo II

Bruno & the Banana Bunch

Bo On The Go!
Busytown Mysteries
Animal Mechanics II

Animation 6–8

Best Ed
Johnny Test 3
Wapos Bay "Raiders of the Lost Art"

Animation 9–14

Chop Socky Chooks
Total Drama Island
Storm Hawks

Interstitial

Roll Play
I Dare You
Pop It!

Best Original Cross-Platform Content

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toopyandbinoo.com
anashinteractive.com
tvokids.com/framesets/play.html?game=235

Besides the "Grand Prize" for the best program and the "Special Jury Award", ACT will present the "Outstanding Achievement Award" to Patricia Ellingson (TVO) for her commitment to excellence in children's programming. Also Christin Simms (Sinking Ship) whose achievements have made her a rising star in Canadian children's programming, will be honored with the "Emerging Talent Award".

ACT wishes to congratulate all of the Canadian production companies that registered for these Awards of Excellence and encourages everyone to continue producing quality children and youth programming even in challenging times.

The Alliance for Children and Television is a not-for-profit organization whose purpose is to promote children's & youth television production of the highest calibre. In addition to granting **Awards of Excellence**, ACT has for 35 years been offering its members professional development activities such as seminars, conferences, workshops and screenings, helping producers and other creators keep up with today's ever-changing youth culture.

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