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2010 CANADIAN COMEDY AWARD NOMINEES ARE ANNOUNCED!

Toronto, ON (June 22, 2010) -- The race for the 2010 Canadian Comedy Awards is on! Canada's finest comedians will go head to head for the coveted BEAVER statuette this October in Toronto, as The Canadian Comedy Awards Foundation in association with The Comedy Network today announced the nominees for the 2010 Canadian Comedy Awards. At a media conference held at Yuk Yuk's in Toronto, emcees Deb McGrath and Colin Mochrie highlighted the nominees in all 22 categories.

Winners will be declared at The Comedy Network Presents the Canadian Comedy Awards & Festival Awards Show on **Monday, October 18** to be held at the Isabel Bader Theatre.

Tickets to The Comedy Network Presents the 2010 Canadian Comedy Awards & Festival will go on sale to the public in September 2010.

To view a complete list of the 2010 Canadian Comedy Awards nominees and to access nominee bios, please go to www.canadiancomedy.ca.

"Each of today's Canadian Comedy Awards nominees has contributed greatly to the success of our comic industry, and helped to raise the profile and popularity of Canadian comics to even greater heights," said Tim Progosh, Founder of the Canadian Comedy Awards. "The depth and diversity of our comics are a force to be reckoned with on the world stage whether they're established icons or emerging talents. This year's nominees truly demonstrate the influence and creativity of our comics."

Leading the television category with a total of seven Canadian Comedy Awards nominations is the television show ***Less Than Kind***. Others shows with multiple nominations in the television category include ***Hotbox*** with four, all-time Canadian Comedy Awards champion ***This Hour Has 22 Minutes*** with three, and the same number for ***Almost Audrey***.

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“We are super excited to once again be partnering with the Canadian Comedy Awards!” said Michelle Daly, Director of Content, The Comedy Network. “We raise a glass to all the funny people who were nominated.”

Submissions for this year’s Canadian Comedy Awards were up by 36% from last year with six of last year’s winners being nominated again, including **Jeremy Hotz** for Male Stand-Up, **The Second City** for Comedic Play or Revue, **Jan Caruana** for Female Improviser, **The Second City** for Sketch Troupe, **Wendel Meldrum** for Female Performance Television, and the cast of **Less Than Kind** for Ensemble.

Well-known comic **Pat Thornton** garnered five Canadian Comic Awards nominations, three for the show *Hotbox* and two as a member of the *Sketchersons*.

Also receiving five nominations is the Bill Keenan film **Eating Buccaneers** – the highest number for a film. Other contenders include **The Trotsky** with four nominations, and **Chère** and **Suck** with three each.

First-timer, **Pardis Parker** earned four nominations as a stand-up in the Newcomer category and once each for Film, Performance, Directing and Writing.

Also receiving two nominations in the Television Ensemble category is English-born actress **Agam Darshi**, one each for **Almost Audrey** and **Dan For Mayor**. This is the first time in the history of the awards that an artist has secured two separate nominations in the Ensemble category in the same year.

The Canadian Comedy Awards expresses its appreciation to The Comedy Network who has sponsored the awards for the past 11 years.

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THE 2010 CANADIAN COMEDY AWARDS NOMINATIONS

Male Stand-Up	Chuck Byrn Irwin Barker Jeremy Hotz Mike Paterson Pete Zedlacher
Female Stand-Up	Allyson Smith Jo-Anna Downey Kate Davis Kristeen von Hagen Laurie Elliott
Stand-Up Newcomer	Amanda Brooke Perrin John Hastings Julien Dionne Mark DeBonis Pardis Parker
Comedic Play or Revue	Maybe Morro and Jasp do Puberty Nursery School Musical Uncalled For presents Today Is All Your Birthdays The Second City's 0% Down, 100% Screwed
One Person Show	Chaotica Harper Girl Does Canada Her Hypnotist The Incredible Boris Hilarious Hypnotic Event Naughty Little Children
Sketch Troupe	Picnicface She Said What The Imponderables The Second City The Sketchersons
Improv Troupe	General Fools Improvisational Theatre Monkey Toast: The Improvised Talk Show Rapid Fire Theatre Scratch The Carnegie Hall Show
Male Improviser	Matt Baram Ronald Pederson Sandy Jobin-Bevans Sean Tabares Taz Van Rassel

Female Improviser	Ashley Botting Jan Caruana Julie Dumais Leslie Seiler Naomi Snieckus
Taped Live Performance	Darcy Michael - CBC Gala Jon Dore - Just For Laughs Mark Forward - Just For Laughs Sugar Sammy - Live in Concert Winston Spear - Stand Up & Bite Me
Direction – TV Program or Series	Brian Roberts - <i>Dan for Mayor</i> Ep. 103 Bruce McDonald - <i>Almost Audrey</i> Kelly Makin - <i>Less Than Kind</i> Kenny Hotz - <i>Kenny vs. Spenny</i> Vivieno Caldinelli - <i>Hotbox</i>
Writing – TV Program or Series	Garry Campbell - <i>Less Than Kind</i> Kenny Hotz - <i>Kenny vs. Spenny</i> Levi MacDougall & Nathan Fielder - <i>Important Things with Demetri Martin</i> Mark McKinney - <i>Less Than Kind</i> Pat Thornton, Vivieno Caldinelli, Tim Polley, Graham Wagner, Katie Crown, and Bob Kerr - <i>Hotbox</i>
Performance by a Male – TV	Brandon Firla - <i>Little Mosque on the Prairie</i> Dave Foley - <i>Less Than Kind</i> Ennis Esmer - <i>The Listener</i> Gavin Crawford - <i>This Hour Has 22 Minutes</i> Pat Thornton - <i>Hotbox</i>
Performance by a Female – TV	Alana Johnston - <i>That's So Weird!</i> Geri Hall - <i>This Hour Has 22 Minutes</i> Jennifer Irwin - <i>Less Than Kind</i> Laurie Elliott - <i>Almost Audrey</i> Wendel Meldrum - <i>Less Than Kind</i>
Performance by an Ensemble – TV	Laurie Elliott, Inessa Frantowski, Agam Darshi, Ryan Kelly, Ingrid Hart - <i>Almost Audrey</i> Pat Thornton, Sandy Jobin-Bevans, Levi MacDougall, Jeff McEnery, Vivieno Caldinelli, Tal Zimmerman – <i>Hotbox</i> Jesse Camacho, Wendel Meldrum, Benjamin Arthur, Nancy Sorel, Maury Chaykin - <i>Less Than Kind</i> Fred Ewanuick, Mary Ashton, Paul Bates, Ben Ayres, Suzanne Coy, Agam Darshi, Laurie Murdoch, David Ferry, Lara Jean Chorostecki - <i>Dan for Mayor</i> Gavin Crawford, Mark Critch, Geri Hall, Cathy Jones, Shaun Majumder - <i>This Hour Has 22 Minutes</i>

Performance by a Male – Film

Jay Baruchel - *The Trotsky*
Brian G. Smith - *Chère*
Peter Keleghan - *Eating Buccaneers*
Jeff White - *Eating Buccaneers*
Pardis Parker - *Afghan*

Performance by a Female – Film

Genevieve Bujold - *The Trotsky*
Jessica Pare - *Suck*
Kristin Booth - *At Home by Myself... With You*
Leah Pinsent - *Eating Buccaneers*
Shannon Beckner - *Eating Buccaneers*

Writing, Film

Bill Keenan - *Eating Buccaneers*
Jacob Tierney - *The Trotsky*
Ken Hall & Brian G. Smith - *Chère*
Pardis Parker - *Afghan*
Rob Stefaniuk - *Suck*

Direction, Film

Brian G. Smith - *Chère*
Jacob Tierney - *The Trotsky*
Pardis Parker - *Two Men, Two Cows, Two Guns*
Rob Stefaniuk - *Suck*
Spencer Maybee - *Man v. Minivan*

Radio Program or Clip

Ali Rizvi Badshah - *Monsoon House*
Doug, the Last Man on Earth - *The Irrelevant Show*
First Generation Urbanite
Monotheism vs. Polytheism - *The Debaters*
The Sketchersons Radio Show

Web Clip

Being Erica
Improv Monologue Project #35 George Basil
Running of the Bullshitters
The Button
The Return of Billy Bob on CBC radio's "Q"

Comedy Person of the Year

Seth Rogen
Russell Peters
Colin Mochrie
Brent Butt
Irwin Barker

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