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**ATTENTION: Entertainment and Arts Editors**

## FINALISTS announced for the 2011 Alberta Film & Television Awards

Wednesday, April 20, 2011 – The Alberta Media Production Industries Association (AMPIA) is pleased and to announce the finalists for the 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Alberta Film & Television Awards, celebrating excellence and outstanding achievement in Albertan film, television and new media.

From the 223 class entries and 325 craft entries comprising this year's competition the judges had a difficult task in trimming the entries down to today's list of finalists.

This year, Alberta productions, from commercials, new media, and both long and short form fiction and non-fiction are competing for 22 Class awards. In addition, Alberta's talented screenwriters, costume and production designers, cinematographers, editors, directors, make-up artists, special effects artists, sound technicians and composers are competing in 29 Craft categories. Each winner receives the prestigious **Rosie Award**, which this year is sporting a brand new look.

Two individual productions led the nominations for the most awards with 10 each – "Anash and the Legacy of the Sun-Rock, Cycle II," from Edmonton based Panacea Entertainment, and the "Heartland" television series, from Calgary based SEVEN/24 Films. Close behind with 9 nominations is the television series "Blackstone," from Edmonton based Prairie Dog Film + Television.

The company with the most finalists is Seven24 Films (with 15 nominations from the "Heartland" series and television movie), followed by Calgary based Corkscrew Media (14 nominations), Calgary based White Iron (13 nominations), Edmonton based Clearwater Documentary (12 nominations), Panacea Entertainment (10 nominations), and Prairie Dog Film + Television (9 nominations).

In order to qualify for an Alberta Film & Television Award a production must be at least co-produced by an Alberta production company. For any craftsman to be eligible he or she must have been a resident of Alberta for the 2010 calendar year.

The 2011 Alberta Film & Television Awards will be presented at a gala dinner and awards evening on Saturday, May 28<sup>th</sup> 2011 at the Edmonton Marriott at River Cree Resort -300 East Lapotac Blvd., Enoch, Alberta.

This year's event will be hosted by Canadian stand up comedian Steve Patterson, who is a host of CBC Radio One's "The Debaters." Musical entertainment will be provided by Alberta's Barrage, the popular violin-based, world-beat ensemble.

The public is invited to attend and help celebrate the annual award night for Alberta's film, television and new media. Ticket information can be found on AMPIA's website, <[www.ampia.org](http://www.ampia.org)>.

The complete list of nominees for the 2011 Alberta Film & Television Awards accompanies this release. They will also be posted on AMPIA's website <[www.ampia.org](http://www.ampia.org)> later today.

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