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FINALISTS announced for the 2017 Alberta Film & Television (Rosie) Awards

Tuesday, March 28, 2017 – The Alberta Media Production Industries Association (AMPIA) today is pleased to announce their finalists for the 43rd annual Alberta Film & Television Awards, celebrating excellence and outstanding achievement in Alberta's screen industries.

A total of 723 class and craft entries were submitted. This year 72 industry professionals from across Canada adjudicated the submissions; in total 291 productions were submitted for consideration.

These productions, from commercials, new media, and both long and short form fiction and non-fiction are vying for 23 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 (totalling 193 finalists) are competing in 33 Craft categories. Each winner receives the prestigious **Rosie Award**.

Of all finalists, 188 are from productions based in Calgary, while 121 are from Edmonton-based productions. There were also 13 from other communities in Alberta. As always, Edmonton productions used Calgary talent. Similarly, Calgary productions employed Edmonton talent. This should be kept in mind when comparing the breakdown.

In Calgary two production companies tie for the most finalists. Both **Joe Media Group** and **SEVEN/24 Films** produced or co-produced 17 finalists. **Spotlight Productions** is next with 13 finalists.

In Edmonton there is also a tie. Both **Moving Artistry Productions** and **Mosaic Entertainment** produced or co-produced 12 finalists. Close behind with 11 finalists is the **National Film Board of Canada**.

The individual production with the most number of finalists is "**It's Not My Fault And I Don't Care Anyway**," from Edmonton based Mosaic Entertainment, with 11 finalist nominations. The individual production with the most number of finalists from a Calgary based company is "**Heartland**," produced by SEVEN/24 Films, also with a total of 11 finalist nominations.

The 2017 Alberta Film & Television Awards will take place at a gala evening presentation on Saturday, April 29 at the SHAW Conference Centre in downtown Edmonton. The host for the evening will be **Michelle Thrush**.

In order to qualify for an Alberta Film & Television Award a production must be produced or 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 2016 calendar year.

Ticket information can be found on AMPIA's website, <www.ampia.org>.

The complete list of nominees for the 2017 Alberta Film & Television Awards accompanies this release. They will also be posted on AMPIA's website <www.ampia.org> later today.

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