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FINALISTS announced for the 2021 Alberta Film & Television (Rosie) Awards

September 2, 2021 – Today the Alberta Media Production Industries Association (AMPIA) is pleased to announce their finalists for the 47th annual Alberta Film & Television Awards, celebrating excellence and outstanding achievement in Alberta's screen industries. Originally, we had hoped to celebrate these Awards together in person. However, due to the increase in COVID-19 cases, the winners will now be announced during a Live Stream Event on Thursday, September 23, 2021 at 7pm. Thanks to our partners at the Calgary International Film Festival.

As for who is up for the 55 prestigious **Rosie Awards**, a total of 676 class (192) and craft (484) entries were submitted for consideration into this year's awards, resulting in 314 total finalists - 114 class and 200 craft finalists. This is an increase from 2020 when there were 623 entries in total. For this year's awards, 56 industry professionals from outside of Alberta adjudicated the submissions.

These productions, from commercials, new media, and both long and short form fiction and non-fiction are vying for 21 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 34 Craft categories.

Of all finalists, 212 are from productions based in the city of Calgary, while 89 are from Edmonton-based productions. There were also 13 finalists from other communities in Alberta, including Grande Cache, Grande Prairie, Lethbridge, Okotoks, Red Deer County and Sherwood Park.

In Calgary **SEVEN24 Films** and **Herd of 1 media** had the most finalists with 17 each, followed by **Voice Pictures** with 16. With a total of 15, **Sticks and Stones** had the greatest number of Edmonton finalists. **Leven Creative** followed with 12 finalists and the **National Film Board** with 10 finalists.

As for individual productions, Calgary-based Herd of 1 Media's series "**The Secret History of the Wild West**" has the most finalists, with 17. There are two productions who received the second greatest number of finalists (both also Calgary-based), Prairie Dog Film + Television's "**Tribal**," and Voice Pictures' "**Marlene**" each with 9 finalists. The individual production with the largest number of finalists from Edmonton is the National Film Board's "**John Ware Reclaimed**" with 6.

The Alberta Film & Television Awards, continues to be the oldest film and/or television awards event in Canada, honouring its provincial production industry. In order to qualify for an Alberta Film & Television Award a production must be produced or co-produced by a production company based in Alberta. For any craftsman to be eligible he or she must have been a resident of Alberta for the 2020 calendar year.

The complete list of nominees for the 2021 Alberta Film & Television Awards will be posted on AMPIA's website <www.ampia.org> immediately following the finalist announcement.

As previously reported, this year's Rosie Awards are being presented in conjunction with the Calgary International Film Festival (CIFF)'s Industry Week. Tickets for the Live Stream Event will be available through the CIFF Box Office later today.

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