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## APTN PROGRAMS RECEIVE TWELVE GEMINI AWARD NOMINATIONS

**October 12, 2005** - APTN (Aboriginal Peoples Television Network) is proud to recognize programs broadcast by the network that have been nominated for Gemini Awards.

The Gemini Awards celebrate excellence in Canadian English-language television by creating a national television showcase to assist the industry in building television audiences and public awareness, as well as an appreciation of Canadian production and talent. This year marks the 20th anniversary of the awards.

The following 4 programs, commissioned by APTN from Canadian independent producers, have been nominated for Gemini Awards this year:

***RENEGADEPRESS.COM*** (Season 2) received an impressive seven nominations! Season 2 can be seen ***Wednesdays at 3:30pm ET and 8:30pm ET***. Season 3 launches on APTN ***February 6, 2006 at 4:30pm ET***.

- **Best Interactive**  
Vérité Films Inc. - Robert de Lint, Gail Bryanton, Virginia Thompson
- **Best Direction in a Children's or Youth Program or Series**  
Robert de Lint - *Dying to Connect*
- **Best Writing in a Children's or Youth Program or Series**  
Jordan Wheeler - *Dying to Connect*
- **Best Sound in a Dramatic Series**  
Rob Bryanton, Jeff Hamon, Larry McCormick, Evan Rust, Warren St. Onge - *Dying to Connect*
- **Best Performance in a Children's or Youth Program or Series**  
Tatiana Maslany - *Giving Yourself Away*  
Ksenia Solo - *Can You See Me Now*  
Tasha Pelletier - *Union*

***DIET OF SOULS*** received two nominations and airs on APTN ***October 20 at 11:30pm ET***.

- **Best Photography in a Documentary Program or Series**  
Christopher Ball, Robert MacDonald
- **Best Science, Technology, Nature, Environment or Adventure Documentary Program**  
Triad Film Productions Ltd. - Peter d'Entremont



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**QUEST** also received two nominations and will be part of APTN's lineup of holiday programming in December. Watch it ***December 28 at 8pm ET and December 31 at 9pm ET.***

- **Best Performance in a Performing Arts Program or Series**  
Byron Chief Moon
- **Best Direction in a Performing Arts Program or Series**  
Byron McKim

**ONE MORE RIVER** received one nomination:

- **Donald Brittain Award for Best Social/Political Documentary Program**  
Rezolution Pictures Productions - Catherine Bainbridge, Ernest Webb

"APTN is committed to providing our viewers with quality Canadian programming that is both reflective of all Aboriginal Peoples and universal in its appeal," says APTN CEO Jean LaRose. "These four exemplary programs are among the best this country has to offer and we are very proud to say they are part of the APTN family," says LaRose. "Congratulations to all this year's nominees!"

The Gemini Awards will be presented from the Metro Toronto Convention Centre and broadcast on Global Television, November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2005 beginning at 8:00pm.

#### **About APTN:**

September 1, 2005 marks the six-year anniversary of the launch of the first national Aboriginal television network in the world with programming by, for and about Aboriginal Peoples to share with all Canadians as well as viewers around the world. APTN is available in over 10 million Canadian households and commercial establishments with cable, direct-to-home satellite (DTH), telco-delivered and fixed wireless television service providers. APTN broadcasts programming with 60% offered in English, 15% in French and 25% in Aboriginal languages. For program schedule or for more information, please contact APTN at (204) 947-9331 or toll-free at 1-888-278-8862, or visit the website at [www.aptn.ca](http://www.aptn.ca).