

# Celebrating ten years: Five finalists selected for the \$10K CMPA Feature Film Award

TORONTO, August 24, 2015—Canadian producer and Jury Chair Sandra Cunningham (Strada Films) today announced the shortlist for the 10<sup>th</sup> annual Canadian Media Production Association's (CMPA) Feature Film Producer's Award.

The winner will receive a cash prize of \$10,000 and will be announced at a special reception to mark the opening of the 40<sup>th</sup> Toronto International Film Festival® on September 10<sup>th</sup>. Festival delegates are invited to attend the presentation being held from 3:30–5:30 p.m. in the Filmmakers' Lounge in the Glenn Gould Studio, Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (CBC), 250 Front Street West.

The award was created ten years ago as a partnership with the Festival to recognize the vision and entrepreneurship of an outstanding Canadian

producer whose body of work demonstrates commitment and passion for producing Canadian feature films.

“It is an honour to be part of a jury that had such a talented pool of Canadian filmmakers to draw from for these nominations,” says Sandra Cunningham. The bar has been raised every year since this award was first introduced ten years ago. And looking at the full slate of Canadian films at the Festival this year, it is fair to say our feature film industry has a very rich future.”

“This award is a true celebration of the talent and passion it takes to take an idea and bring it to the big screen in this country,” says Reynolds Mastin, President and CEO, CMPA. “Congratulations to our five finalists who represent a growing field of Canadian filmmakers who are making their mark on the world stage.”

**The Nominees for the 2015 CMPA Feature Film Producer’s Award are:**

**Sylvain Corbeil, *Our Loved Ones***

Production Company: metafilms

Filmography: *Félix and Meira, Mommy (Associate Producer), Joy of Man’s Desiring, Vic + Flo Saw a Bear, Head Down, Diego Star, Bestaire, The Torrent, Nuit #1, Laurentia, Opening Up, Tromper le silence, Curling, Carcasses, All That She Wants, Leas eaux mortes, A White Chapel, Opening Up («M’ouvrir»), Jutra of the best short film 2011*

**David Hamilton, *Beeba Boys***

Production Company: Hamilton Mehta Productions

Filmography: *Midnight’s Children, Cooking with Stella, Heaven on Earth, The Forgotten Woman, Water, Bollywood Hollywood, Lunch with Charles, Earth, Fire*

**Robert Lantos, *Remember***

Production Company: Serendipity Point Films

Filmography: *The Right Kind of Wrong, Barney’s Version, Eastern Promises,*



*Adoration, Fugitive Pieces, Where the Truth Lies, Being Julia, The Statement, Ararat, Men With Brooms, Picture Claire, Stardom, Sunshine, Felicia's Journey, ExistenZ, Strike, The Sweet Hereafter, Crash, Never Talk To Strangers, Johnny Mnemonic, Whale Music, Black Robe, Joshua Then and Now, Night Magic, Separate Vacations, Bedroom Eyes, Heavenly Bodies, Scandale, Paradise, Your Ticket Is No Longer Valid, Suzanne, Agency, In Praise of Older Women, L'Ange et la Femme*

**Kim McCraw, *Endorphine, My Internship in Canada***

Production Company: micro\_scope

Filmography: *You're Sleeping Nicole, All That We Make, Enemy, Whitewash, Gabrielle, Inch' Allah, Monsieur Lazhar, Familiar Grounds, Incendies, It's Not Me, I Swear, Continental, Congorama, Familia, Ordinaire ou super, Snooze*

**Laura J. Milliken, *Fire Song***

Production Company: Big Soul Productions Inc.

Filmography: *Moccasin Flats: Redemption, Mohawk Midnight Runners, The Smoke Shack, Go Get Dad, The Garden, Totem, Good Looking, I'm Not the Indian You Had in Mind, 133 Skyway, Laurel, Moccasin Flats*

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## **ABOUT THE CMPA**

The CMPA is a national non-profit organization that represents the interests of over 350 leading screen-based media companies engaged in the production and distribution of English-language television programs, feature films and digital media content in all regions of Canada.

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