

Robert Lantos wins CMPA Producer's Award at the Toronto International Film Festival

TORONTO, September 10, 2015—The Canadian Media Production Association (CMPA) is delighted to announce Robert Lantos (Serendipity Point Films) as the winner of the 10th annual \$10,000 CMPA Feature Film Producer's Award. The award was presented this afternoon at the Festival's Filmmaker's Lounge at the CBC Glenn Gould Studio at the opening of the 40th Toronto International Film Festival®.

[Robert Lantos](#) has been a prominent player in the development and growth of the Canadian film and television industry over the past 40 years. He has received international awards and accolades for many of his films including *Barney's Version* (2011), *Eastern Promises* (2008), *Being Julia* (2004), *Ararat* (2002), *Men With Brooms* (2002), *Sunshine* (2000), *The Sweet Hereafter* (1997) *Crash* (1995) and *Black Robe* (1991). His latest film, *Remember*, will have its North American premiere at a TIFF gala at Roy

Thomson Hall on September 12th. *Remember* is a story of long-delayed justice and revenge by a 90-year old Holocaust survivor played by Academy Award-winning actor Christopher Plummer.

“*Remember* had to be made now for two reasons. First, because anti-Semitism has once again raised its ugly head and second, because in a few years none of the protagonists would be alive and the story would have to be told as a period piece, which would diminish its immediacy,” says Lantos, “My passion is to make films which tell stories that matter and should be told. I am delighted that the CMPA is honouring these stories with this award which I, in turn, share with my producing partners Mark Musselman and Ari Lantos.”

“Robert Lantos is a trailblazer who decided early in his career that he would stay in Canada and make his mark here,” says Reynolds Mastin, President and CEO CMPA. “We congratulate him for a lifetime of achievement and for being an inspiration to the growing stable of talent we have in this country with an impressive 30 Canadian films screening this year at TIFF.”

This year’s winner was selected from a group of [five nominees](#). The jury includes Chair Sandra Cunningham ([Strada Films](#)), Ferne Downey ([ACTRA](#)), Jack Blum ([REEL CANADA](#)), Paul Pope ([Pope Productions](#)) and Jennifer Weiss ([The Film Farm](#)).

“On behalf of the jury it is a great pleasure to give this award to someone who has been a champion of Canadian film. He has been a tireless promoter of Canadian talent at home and abroad and has played significant roles behind-the-scenes advising on government policy,” says Sandra Cunningham, chair of this year’s National Jury. “It is a dual honour for me today because Robert has also played a seminal role in my own career. Ambitious, fearless and relentlessly loyal for those of us who joined him on his international adventures; he created an amazing film school.”



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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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