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ACCOLADES CONTINUE TO ROLL IN FOR *PRAIRIE GIANT: THE TOMMY DOUGLAS STORY*

March 5, 2007 (Regina, SK) – The critically acclaimed mini-series *Prairie Giant: The Tommy Douglas Story* received seven honours in the 2007 Accolade TV Awards, including Best of Show awards in the categories of Network Television and Lead Actor (Michael Therriault).

The independent, international competition, honouring outstanding craft and creativity in film, video, television and commercials, is renowned for the quality and high standards of the judges.

Prairie Giant: The Tommy Douglas Story received the highest level of honours ever granted to an Accolade winner.

“The judges were drawn into the story from the very beginning,” explained Competition Chair Thomas Baker, Ph.D. “They couldn’t wait to see what happened next. The characters are compelling and the story unfolds like a good book. The cinematography, sound and editing are exceptional.”

The Accolade TV Awards judges granted highest distinction to the two-part, four-hour miniseries, produced by Kevin DeWalt of Minds Eye Entertainment and directed by John N. Smith. The production was recognized in the following categories:

- **BEST OF SHOW – Network Television:** Kevin DeWalt, Producer
- **BEST OF SHOW – Lead Actor:** Michael Therriault
- **AWARD OF EXCELLENCE – Direction:** John N. Smith
- **AWARD OF EXCELLENCE – Script/Writer:** Bruce Smith
- **HONOURABLE MENTION – Art Direction:** Kathy McCoy
- **HONOURABLE MENTION – Editing:** Jackie Dzuba
- **HONOURABLE MENTION – Overall Sound Impact:** Rob Bryanton, Steve Hasiak, Evan Rust, Al Sherbin, Warren St. Onge

“We are incredibly proud of the international recognition *Prairie Giant: The Tommy Douglas Story* continues to receive,” said Minds Eye Entertainment CEO Kevin DeWalt. “The quality of production and dramatic nature of the story inspires audience and critics around the world.”

More information on the Accolade Competition can be found online at at www.accoladecompetition.org/tv.

OTHER AWARDS RECEIVED

Seoul Drama Awards

- Best Actor – Michael Therriault

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21st Annual Gemini Awards

- **Best Achievement in Make-Up:** Donald J. Mowat, Paula Fleet, Jane Meade, Tamara Harrod, Redge Dietrich

OTHER NOMINATIONS RECEIVED

2007 ACTRA Awards

- Outstanding Performance – Male: Michael Therriault

21st Annual Gemini Awards

- **Best Dramatic Mini-Series:** *Prairie Giant: The Tommy Douglas Story* – Kevin DeWalt, Producer
- **Best Writing in a Dramatic Program or Mini-Series:** Bruce M. Smith
- **Best Photography in a Dramatic Program or Series:** Pierre Letarte
- **Best Sound in a Dramatic Program:** Rob Bryanton, Steve Hasiak, Evan Rust, Al Sherbin, Warren St. Onge
- **Best Production Design/Art Direction in a Dramatic Program or Series:** Kathy McCoy, Kim Wall
- **Best Performance by an Actor in a Leading Role – Dramatic Program/Mini-Series:** Michael Therriault
- **Best Performance by an Actor in a Featured Supporting Role – Dramatic Program/Mini-Series:** Don McKellar
- **Best Achievement in Casting:** Carmen Kotyk

Prairie Giant: The Tommy Douglas Story received more nominations than any other mini-series or television movie at the 21st Annual Gemini Awards.

Seoul Drama Awards

- **Short Drama:** Kevin DeWalt, Executive Producer
- **Director:** John N. Smith
- **Art Director:** Kathy McCoy
- **Musical Direction:** Rob Bryanton
- **Director of Photography:** Pierre Letarte

Prairie Giant: The Tommy Douglas Story was among the top nominees at the Seoul Drama Awards. The drama, which was one of more than 60 entries from over 30 countries, received six nominations, joining nominees such as the Emmy Award-winning *Desperate Housewives* and *Elizabeth I*.

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For more information go online at www.accoladecompetition.org/tv or contact:
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