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## **Directors Guild of Canada announces the Don Haldane Distinguished Service Award**

Toronto – *Wednesday, May 23, 2007* – Directors Guild of Canada's (DGC) president, Alan Goluboff announced today the establishment of the Don Haldane Distinguished Service Award. The award, named in honour of the veteran director, is presented to a DGC member for outstanding service to the membership of the Guild.

The Distinguished Service Award has been named to honour Don Haldane's legacy of service. In 1962, Haldane became a founding member of the Directors Guild of Canada and served as president from 1963 to 1964. Haldane was the 2003 recipient of the Distinguished Service Award and was also designated as Honourable Lifetime Member of the Guild in recognition of his outstanding creative achievement and contribution to the DGC and the Canadian motion picture industry.

The respected director was a pioneer of Canadian dramatic feature films. During his 50 year career he created an impressive and extensive body of work that includes the highly-regarded National Film Board's first feature film, *The Drylanders* (1954), the Walt Disney classic, *Nikki, Wild Dog of the North* (1960), and the award-winning documentary, *Someday Soon* (1977).

In 1958, Haldane established Westminster Films in Toronto where over the course of 25 years the company received over 100 international film awards. During this time, Haldane also directed several episodes for various television series such as *The Beachcombers*, *The Campbells*, *The Edison Twins* and *For The Record*.

The Don Haldane Distinguished Service Award will be presented on September 29, 2007 at the Carlu in Toronto.

### **About the Directors Guild of Canada**

The Directors Guild of Canada is a national labour organization representing key creative and logistical personnel in the motion picture industry. Founded in 1962, today it represents over 3,800 members in 48 different craft and occupational categories, covering all areas of direction, production, editing and design. The DGC Awards was founded in 2002 as the DGC celebrated its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The Awards celebrate the best work in Canadian film and television from the previous year. This is the DGC Awards' fifth year and they continue to grow and attract national and international attention for the nation's most talented artists.

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