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2004 Directors Guild of Canada Awards nominations announced

Toronto – Thursday, August 12, 2004 – Today the Directors Guild of Canada's (DGC) president Alan Goluboff and DGC director member Jerry Ciccoritti presided over the announcement of the nominees for the Guild's 2004 Awards. The announcement was held at The Carlu, where the Awards ceremony will be held on October 2.

"The Awards have grown over a very short time to become one of the industry's premier events. The Awards nominations are highly anticipated since they represent members' recognition of excellence in other members' work," commented DGC president Alan Goluboff.

Jerry Ciccoritti, who won a DGC Award last year for his work on *Trudeau*, announced the nominees in 19 team and craft award categories. After the event he noted "the caliber of work is very high this year and, as a previous winner and a nominee again this year, I am honoured to take part in this announcement and to be recognized for my work by my peers. I look forward to an incredible night on October 2."

This year, the DGC Awards will be hosted by the incomparable Mary Walsh, of *This Hour Has 22 Minutes*. "Ms. Walsh will bring a sense of the unexpected to the event along with her trademark humour and unforgettable characters. She is a fresh addition to the Awards and is an industry insider who will effortlessly engage the crowd," said DGC's executive director, Pamela Brand.

It was also announced that this year's **Lifetime Achievement Award**, which recognizes a member's full career and body of work, will be given to Arthur Hiller in a special presentation by his good friend Leslie Nielsen. Hiller is best known for directing such films as *Love Story*, *The Babe*, *Silver Streak* and *Plaza Suite*. His career is too long to outline here, but a biography is included in this press kit.

The DGC's **Distinguished Service Award**, which recognizes outstanding service to the membership of the Directors Guild of Canada, will be presented to former DGC president and tireless industry volunteer Keith Cutler. His biography is also included in this package.

The awards nomination and review process is a labour of love and a rewarding process for those members who volunteer to watch thousands of hours of submissions. This year a record number of jurors, 128, viewed hundreds of submissions to arrive at the shortlist of nominees that is included in this kit.

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 3700 members in 48 different craft and occupational job categories, covering all areas of direction, production, editing and design. The DGC Awards was founded in 2002 as the DGC celebrated its 40th anniversary. The Awards celebrate the best work in Canadian film and television from the previous year.

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