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Western Canada Grabs Thirteen Nominations for 2008 Genie Awards

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(Vancouver, BC) January 28, 2008—The nominees for the 28th annual Genie Awards were announced today by the Academy of Canadian Cinema and Television (ACCT). A total of 13 nominees call Western Canada home—nine from BC and four from Alberta.

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“With Vancouver leading the way, Western Canada continues to mature as a fertile ground for film production” said Terry McEvoy, Western Vice Chair for the ACCT. “We fully anticipate that the number of Western nominees will continue to increase each year.



Leading nominated films for the 28th annual awards include *Eastern Promises* and *Shake Hands With the Devil*, both with 12 nominations followed by *Away From Her* with seven, *The Tracey Fragments*, with six, *Continental, a Film Without Guns* and *Silk*, both with five and Denys Arcand’s *Days of Darkness* with four nominations. This year’s presentation will take place Monday, March 3rd at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre

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For the first time ever, the Genie Awards will be broadcast on the E! Television Network and IFC.

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Western Nominees:

Amy Belling—Vancouver, BC
Regarding Sarah—Best Live Action Short Drama

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Jim Brown— Calgary, AB
Radiant City—Best Documentary

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Gary Burns—Edmonton, AB
Radiant City—Best Documentary

Douglas Coupland— Vancouver, BC
Everything’s Gone Green—Original Screenplay

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Don MacDonald— Nelson, BC
FIDO—Achievement in Music—Original Score

Mary E. McLeod— Vancouver, BC
FIDO—Achievement in Costume Design

Maureen Medved— Vancouver, BC
The Tracey Fragments—Adapted Screenplay



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Molly Parker— Vancouver, BC
Who Loves The Sun—Performance by an Actress in a Leading Role

Michelle Porter— Vancouver, BC
Regarding Sarah—Best Live Action Short Drama

Vic Sarin—West Vancouver, BC
Partition—Achievement in Cinematography

Bonnie Thompson— Edmonton, AB
Radiant City—Best Documentary

Shirley Verduyck— Calgary, AB
Radiant City—Best Documentary

James Willcock— Vancouver, BC
FIDO—Achievement in Art Direction/Production Design

**For a full list of the 28th annual Genie Awards nominations, go to www.genieawards.ca.
A limited number of film screeners are available to the media upon request**

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