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28th Annual Genie Awards
Le 28^e Gala des Prix Génie



Sandra Oh to Host Genie Awards on E! and IFC

Broadcast set for 10pm ET/PT, Monday March 3rd

(Toronto, ON) February 25, 2008—The Academy of Canadian Cinema & Television (ACCT), in conjunction with the E! Television Network and IFC, announced today that Sandra Oh will host the 28th Annual Genie Awards. The acclaimed actor (two Genie Awards, a Golden Globe, a Screen Actors Guild Award and a Cannes FIPA d'Or for Best Actress) will host the hour-long broadcast airing on E! and IFC on Monday, March 3rd at 10pm ET/PT.

**For full details on the 28th Annual Genie Awards
and a high-res image of Sandra Oh, visit www.genieawards.ca**

Oh currently stars as "Dr. Cristina Yang" on the hit ABC series *Grey's Anatomy*. Previously, she starred in the enormously successful Fox Searchlight feature film *Sideways*, for which she won a Screen Actors Guild Award for Outstanding Performance by a Cast in a Motion Picture. Oh won her first Genie for her leading role in *Double Happiness*, a bittersweet coming-of-age story about a young Chinese-Canadian woman – a performance that brought her much acclaim and secured her place as one of Canada's rising young film stars. Oh has also received two Emmy Award nominations.

"It is an absolute honour to have Sandra Oh as the host for the Genie Awards," said Sara Morton, CEO for the ACCT. "Her award-winning accomplishments as an actor in film, TV and theatre, both at home and abroad, are a testament to the kind of talent that Canada has become famous for around the world.

"We are elated that great talent and internationally recognized actor Sandra Oh will host the Genie Awards during E! and IFC's first broadcast of this most prestigious Canadian film industry celebration," said Christine Shipton, SVP, Drama and Factual Content, Canwest Broadcasting. "The ability to bring such a high caliber Canadian host to the program is a direct reflection of the great achievements of Canadian film over the past year."

Born and raised in Ottawa, Oh started working professionally at age 16 in television, theatre and commercials. After three years at the prestigious National Theatre School of Canada, she beat out more than 1000 other hopefuls and landed the coveted title role in the CBC telefilm *The Diary of Evelyn Lau*. Her performance brought her a Gemini nomination for Best Actress and the 1994 Cannes FIPA d'Or for Best Actress. Oh moved to Los Angeles in 1996 to begin the first of six seasons as Rita Wu, the smart and sassy assistant on the HBO comedy series *Arliss* for which Oh won a Cable Ace Award for Best Actress in a Comedy.

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Her additional feature film credits include *The Night Listener*, *For Your Consideration*, *Three Needles*, *Long Life Happiness and Prosperity*, *Under the Tuscan Sun*, *The Red Violin*, and *The Princess Diaries*. Her performance in *Last Night*, a Canadian film about the end of the world, led to her winning a second Genie Award for Best Actress in 1999.

Her additional television credits include HBO's *Six Feet Under*, and Showtime's *Further Tales of the City*. Never straying far from her theatre roots, Oh has also starred in the world premieres of Jessica Hagedorn's *Dogeaters* at the La Jolla Playhouse, and Diana Son's *Stop Kiss* at Joseph Papp's Public Theatre in New York, a role for which she received a Theatre World Award.

About the Academy of Canadian Cinema & Television (ACCT)

The ACCT is a national, non-profit, professional association dedicated to the promotion, recognition and celebration of exceptional achievements in the Canadian film and television industries. Created in 1979, and today unifying almost 4,000 industry professionals across Canada, the Academy is a vital and integral force in the industry.

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