



2019 ROCKIE AWARDS INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM COMPETITION NOMINEES ANNOUNCED

**Entries received from more than 45 countries
130 nominees in 26 categories**

Toronto, Canada – March 20, 2019 – The 40th Banff World Media Festival (BANFF) is pleased to announce the full list of nominees for this year's Rockie Awards International Program Competition, a celebration and recognition of excellence in television and digital media from around the world. The Rockies Program Competition ceremony will be held on Monday June 10th during the Festival at the Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel in Banff, Alberta, Canada.

The Rockie Awards are BANFF's flagship awards programs, taking place over two days and two events. The Rockie Awards International Program Competition is one of the largest awards programs of its kind, juried by an esteemed panel of 150 international industry professionals and covering all major genres. The Rockie Awards Grand Jury chooses the coveted Grand Jury Prize, selected from the top scoring programs across the entire field of nominees. This year's Grand Jury includes: Mike Cosentino, President of Content and Programming at Bell Media, Carolyn Newman Director of Scripted Co-License & Original TV at Netflix, Allison Page President of U.S. Programming & Development at HGTV, Discovery Inc. and Céline Payot Lehmann, Head of International Distribution at ARTE France.

(See the full 2019 Jury here: rockies.banffmediafestival.com)

"Chosen by senior media industry peers from around the world, the Rockie Awards are truly a meaningful recognition of the creativity, talent and dedication that it takes to make programming that resonates with global audiences," said Jenn Kuzmyk, Executive Director, Banff World Media Festival. "We look forward to celebrating with the nominees and award winners at the festival this June."

In addition to the \$25,000 Rogers Prize for Excellence in Canadian Content, awarded to the top Canadian production, 26 awards are bestowed in the category streams of Documentary & Factual, Arts & Entertainment, Children & Youth, and Scripted.

Leading nominations by company are:

- British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) – 23 nominations
- A+E Networks – 7 nominations
- ZDF Enterprises – 6 nominations
- Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (CBC) and Sony Pictures Television – 5 nominations each
- HBO, ARTE France, National Geographic, SVT International, Westdeutscher Rundfunk – 4 nominations each

Leading nominations by country are:

- Canada – 41 nominations
- USA and the UK – 31 nominations each
- Germany – 11 nominations
- Belgium – 8 nominations
- France – 6 nominations
- Sweden – 5 nominations

FOR THE FULL LIST OF NOMINEES, PLEASE VISIT: rockies.banffmediafestival.com

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About the Banff World Media Festival

The Banff World Media Festival is one of the world's largest and most important conferences serving the entertainment industry, dedicated to global content development, production, broadcast and distribution. BANFF provides a platform for the evolving media industry to develop its creative and business objectives. BANFF serves as the leading annual destination for co-production and co-venture partners and is an unparalleled marketplace for over 1,500 international decision makers to connect and forge new business deals. BANFF's Rockie Awards International Program Competition is one of the largest awards programs of its kind with participation from more than 45 countries and 150 senior industry jurors from around the world. The festival's renowned Rockie Awards Gala honours some of the most influential creators and executives in the industry in a star-studded evening of entertainment and celebration.

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