



## CORUS ENTERTAINMENT CONGRATULATES ITS PRODUCTION PARTNERS ON 73 CANADIAN SCREEN AWARD NOMINATIONS

Global Earns 22 Nominations for its Slate of Scripted and Non-Scripted Programming Including 11 Nominations for Critically Acclaimed Drama *Mary Kills People*

Food Network Canada, HGTV Canada, HISTORY® and Showcase are Recognized for Exceptional Specialty Programming with 42 Nominations Across Key Categories

TELETOON, Treehouse and YTV Pick Up Nine Nominations Across Five Categories for Outstanding Kids Content

Nelvana Garners Two Nominations for its Productions *Agent Binky: Pets of the Universe* and *Esme & Roy*

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**TORONTO, February 18, 2020** – [Corus Entertainment](#) applauds its production partners and celebrates its exceptional slate of original content, as recognized by the Academy of Canadian Cinema & Television for the 2020 Canadian Screen Awards. Announced earlier today, Corus-owned properties have earned a total of **73 Canadian Screen Awards** nominations, representing Corus' commitment to excellence in creating and delivering Canadians premium, high-impact original content across genres.

“On behalf of Corus, I am proud to congratulate our esteemed and valued production partners on today’s nominations for the 2020 Canadian Screen Awards,” said Lisa Godfrey, Vice President of Original Content, Corus Entertainment. “The nominations across all categories are a testament to the exceptional original content from talented visionaries and creators across the industry, and those stories that continue to shape the country’s cultural landscape.”

Corus Entertainment’s conventional network **Global** garnered 22 nominations across scripted and non-scripted original series, including entertainment powerhouse *ET Canada* and Global News programming. Among the nominations for original series, the final season of the acclaimed drama *Mary Kills People* received 11 nominations including Best Drama Series and Best Lead Actress, Drama Series, Caroline Dhavernas. Star of Canada’s favourite detective series, Jason Priestley, captured a nomination for Best Lead Actor in a Comedy series for *Private Eyes*, and smash hit reality series *Big Brother Canada* received three nominations including Best Reality/Competition Program or Series.

Meanwhile, *ET Canada* earned three nods including Best Entertainment News Program or Series, and Best Host, Web Program or Series, Graeme O’Neil and Carlos Bustamante. Rounding out Global’s nominations, **Global News** was recognized as one of the nation’s best news broadcasters, garnering four nominations across the country within the Non-Fiction Awards categories.



The company's robust portfolio of specialty brands earned a combined 42 nominations. **HISTORY's** Original hit series *Vikings* leads with eight nominations for its monumental final season, including Best Drama Series and two nominations for Best Direction in a Drama Series, while the captivating documentary *D-Day in 14 Stories* garnered four nominations including Best History Documentary Program or Series and Best Picture Editing, Documentary. Corus Studios' top-rated original series *Rust Valley Restorers\** and factual series *History Erased* were also recognized for their outstanding direction with nominations for Best Direction, Factual and Best Direction, Documentary respectively. Based on real-life events, **Showcase's** *Believe Me: The Abduction of Lisa McVey* received six nominations including Best TV Movie and Best Lead Performance, TV Movie, and *No One Would Tell* earned Best Direction, TV Movie.

Corus' Lifestyle content dominates the Best Lifestyle Program or Series category with **HGTV Canada** landing three of the five nominations including fan-favourite series *Property Brothers*, Corus Studios' original series *Home to Win* and HGTV Canada's most-watched series of the past 10 years *Island of Bryan\*\**. Corus takes four of the five nominations for Best Host, Lifestyle, which includes HGTV Canada's Bryan and Sarah Baeumler of *Island of Bryan*, Drew and Jonathan Scott of *Property Brothers: Forever Home*, Sangita Patel of *Home to Win* and John Catucci of **Food Network Canada's** *Big Food Bucket List*. Food Network Canada's culinary elite get a taste of victory with five nods for *Iron Chef Canada* including Best Direction and Best Writing in the Reality/Competition category, while *Top Chef Canada* picks up three nominations including Best Reality/Competition Series, Best Writing and Best Direction – Reality/Competition. *Carnival Eats* gets a nod for Best Direction, Lifestyle or Information and fiery grilling competition series from Corus Studios *Fire Masters* is nominated for Best Photography, Lifestyle or Reality/Competition.

Corus' popular Kids portfolio of brands received nine nominations for beloved animated kids content across **YTV**, **Treehouse** and **TELETOON**. TELETOON's *Cupcake & Dino: General Services* received nods for Best Performance, Animation and Best Animated Program or Series, joining *Total Dramarama* in the Best Animated Program or Series category. YTV's *Go Away Unicorn!* garnered two nominations for Best Writing, Animation and Treehouse's *Rusty Rivets* scooped up nominations in both the Best Original Music, Animation and Best Pre-School Program or Series categories.

Corus' **Nelvana**, a world-leading international producer and distributor of children's animated and live-action content, received two nominations within the Best Performance, Animation category, including Patrick McKenna for its original animated series *Esme & Roy*, produced in association with Sesame Workshop. Paul Braunstein also picked up a nomination for Best Performance, Animation for Nelvana's 3D animated series *Agent Binky: Pets of the Universe*, presented by redknot, a joint venture between Nelvana and Discovery Inc. and based off the books from author-illustrator Ashley Spires, published by Corus' **Kids Can Press**, the largest Canadian-owned children's book publisher. Both preschool series air on Treehouse.

For more information about the Academy of Canadian Cinema & Television and this year's nominations, please visit [www.academy.ca](http://www.academy.ca).

The 2020 Canadian Screen Award nominations for Corus Entertainment's programming include:

### **GLOBAL – 18 Nominations**

#### ***Mary Kills People* – 11 Nominations**

- Best Drama Series (Cameron Pictures)
- Best Direction, Drama Series – *The Key to Faith* (Cameron Pictures)
- Best Writing, Drama Series – *A Goddamned Saint* (Cameron Pictures)

- Best Writing, Drama Series – *The Key to Faith* (Cameron Pictures)
- Best Production Design or Art Direction, Fiction – *The Key to Faith* (Cameron Pictures)
- Best Lead Actress, Drama Series (Cameron Pictures)
- Best Guest Performance, Drama Series – *No Happy Endings Here* (Cameron Pictures)
- Best Guest Performance, Drama Series – *Wolf, Meet Hanhouse / A Goddamned Saint* (Cameron Pictures)
- Best Supporting Actress, Drama (Cameron Pictures)
- Best Stunt Coordination – *No Happy Endings Here* (Cameron Pictures)
- Best Achievement in Casting (Cameron Pictures)

#### ***Big Brother Canada* – 3 Nominations**

- Best Reality/Competition Program or Series (Insight Productions Ltd.)
- Best Picture Editing, Reality/Competition – *Finale* (Insight Productions Ltd.)
- Best Production Design or Art Direction, Non-Fiction – *Finale* (Insight Productions Ltd.)

#### ***Entertainment Tonight Canada* – 3 Nominations**

- Best Entertainment News Program or Series, *Entertainment Tonight Canada* (Global)
- Best Host, Web Program or Series (*ET Canada Live* – Graeme O’Neil, Carlos Bustamante)
- Best Photography, Lifestyle or Reality/Competition – *Survivor: Edge of Extinction Secrets with ET Canada* (*Entertainment Tonight Canada*)

#### ***Private Eyes* – 1 Nomination**

- Best Lead Actor, Comedy (Piller/Segan)

#### **GLOBAL NEWS – 4 Nominations**

- Best Local Newscast, *Global BC News Hour at 6*
- Best National Newscast, *Global National*
- Best News Anchor, National (*Global National* – Dawna Friesen)
- Best Local Reporter, *Global BC News Hour at 6* (Global BC – Rumina Daya)

#### **FOOD NETWORK CANADA – 10 Nominations**

##### ***Iron Chef Canada* – 4 Nominations**

- Best Direction, Reality/Competition – *Battle Offal* (Proper Television)
- Best Writing, Lifestyle or Reality/Competition – *Battle Stonefruit* (Proper Television)
- Best Picture Editing, Reality Competition – *Battle Holiday Nuts* (Proper Television)
- Best Production Design or Art Direction, Non-fiction – *Battle Offal* (Proper Television)

##### ***Top Chef Canada* – 3 Nominations**

- Best Reality/Competition Program or Series – (Insight Productions Ltd.)
- Best Writing, Lifestyle or Reality/Competition – *The Contenders* (Insight Productions Ltd.)
- Best Picture Editing, Reality Competition – *Winner Takes All* (Insight Productions Ltd.)

##### ***Big Food Bucket List* – 1 Nomination**

- Best Host, Lifestyle – (Lone Eagle Entertainment Ltd. – John Catucci)

##### ***Carnival Eats* – 1 Nomination**

- Best Direction, Lifestyle or Information – *Hawaii Fried Dough* (Alibi Entertainment)

##### ***Fire Masters* – 1 Nomination**

- Best Photography, Lifestyle or Reality/Competition – *Hearts on Fire* (Architect Films)

#### **HGTV Canada – 11 Nominations**

### ***Island of Bryan – 4 Nominations***

- Best Lifestyle Program or Series – (Si Entertainment)
- Best Direction, Lifestyle or Information – *Setting the Bar* (Si Entertainment)
- Best Photography, Lifestyle or Reality/Competition – *Power Struggle* (Si Entertainment)
- Best Host, Lifestyle – (Si Entertainment – Bryan Baeumler, Sarah Baeumler)

### ***Home to Win – 3 Nominations***

- Best Lifestyle Program or Series – (Architect Films)
- Best Direction, Lifestyle or Information – *Home for the Holidays* (Architect Films)
- Best Host, Lifestyle – (Architect Films – Sangita Patel)

### ***Property Brothers: Forever Home – 3 Nominations***

- Best Photography, Lifestyle or Reality/Competition – *JD and Annalee* (Scott Brothers Entertainment Inc.)
- Best Picture Editing, Factual – *JD and Annalee* (Scott Brothers Entertainment Inc.)
- Best Host, Lifestyle – (Scott Brothers Entertainment Inc. – Jonathan Silver Scott, Drew Scott)

### ***Property Brothers – 1 Nomination***

- Best Lifestyle Program or Series – (Cineflix (Property Brothers 7) Inc.)

## **HISTORY – 14 Nominations**

### ***Vikings – 8 Nominations***

- Best Drama Series – (Take 5 Productions Inc.)
- Best Direction in a Drama Series – *Baldur* (Take 5 Productions Inc.)
- Best Direction in a Drama Series – *Ragnarok* (Take 5 Productions Inc.)
- Best Picture Editing, Drama – *Baldur* (Take 5 Productions Inc.)
- Best Picture Editing, Drama – *The Revelation* (Take 5 Productions Inc.)
- Best Sound, Fiction – *What Happens in the Cave* (Take 5 Productions Inc.)
- Best Visual Effects – *What Happens in the Cave* (Take 5 Productions Inc.)
- Best Original Music, Fiction – *Hell* (Take 5 Productions Inc.)

### ***D-Day in 14 Stories – 4 Nominations***

- Best History Documentary Program or Series – (Yap Films)
- Best Photography, Documentary or Factual – (Yap Films)
- Best Picture Editing, Documentary – (Yap Films)
- Best Visual Effects – (Yap Films)

### ***History Erased – 1 Nomination***

- Best Direction, Documentary Series – *United Kingdom* (Cream Productions)

### ***Rust Valley Restorers – 1 Nomination***

- Best Direction, Factual – *Go Big Or Go Home* (Rust (1) Productions Inc.)

## **SHOWCASE – 7 Nominations**

### ***Believe Me: The Abduction of Lisa McVey – 6 Nominations***

- Best TV Movie (Cineflix [Believe Me] Inc.)
- Best Direction, TV Movie (Cineflix [Believe Me] Inc.)
- Best Writing, TV Movie (Cineflix [Believe Me] Inc.)
- Best Photography, Drama (Cineflix [Believe Me] Inc.)
- Best Supporting Actor, Drama (Cineflix [Believe Me] Inc.)
- Best Lead Performance, TV Movie (Cineflix [Believe Me] Inc.)

**No One Would Tell – 1 Nomination**

- Best Direction, TV Movie (Pink Buffalo Films)

**TELETOON – 3 Nominations****Cupcake & Dino: General Services – 2 Nominations**

- Best Performance, Animation (Entertainment One)
- Best Animated Program or Series (Entertainment One)

**Total Dramarama – 1 Nomination**

- Best Animated Program or Series (Fresh TV Inc., Elliott Animation)

**TREEHOUSE – 4 Nominations****Rusty Rivets – 2 Nominations**

- Best Original Music, Animation – *Secret Agent Rusty / Moon Walkin' Rusty* (Spin Master Riveting Productions 2 Inc.)
- Best Pre-School Program or Series (Spin Master Riveting Productions 2 Inc.)

**Nelvana's Agent Binky: Pets of the Universe – 1 Nomination**

- Best Performance, Animation – Paul Braunstein (presented by redknot, a joint venture between Nelvana and Discovery Inc.)

**Nelvana's Esme & Roy – 1 Nomination**

- Best Performance, Animation – Patrick McKenna (produced by Nelvana in association with Sesame Workshop)

**YTV – 2 Nominations****Go Away Unicorn! – 2 Nominations**

- Best Writing, Animation – *Claus Out, Unicorn!* (Sonar Entertainment)
- Best Writing, Animation – *You Rule, Unicorn!* (Sonar Entertainment)

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**Sources:**

\*Numeris PPM Data, 01/09/2008 to 07/07/2019, Total Canada, AMA(000), HGTV

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Nelvana is a world-leading international producer and distributor of children's animated and live-action content. Nelvana produces a stable of award-winning and globally renowned brands that focus on comedies, preschool and boys action series and ancillary consumer products programs. Nelvana's content airs on Corus Entertainment's kids channels in Canada and in over 160 countries around the world. The Nelvana library has well over 4,000 episodes of programming and has received over 70 major international program awards including Emmys® and Canadian Screen Awards. Visit the Nelvana website at [nelvana.com](http://nelvana.com).

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