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Lost Years Receives 6 AMPIA Rosie Award Nominations

LOST YEARS, an epic documentary which touches upon 150 years of the Chinese diaspora, is nominated for six 2012 AMPIA "Rosie" Awards, celebrating excellence and outstanding achievement in Alberta film, television and new media. The Alberta Media Production Industries Association (AMPIA) announced the finalists at a press conference, today.

The 38th Annual edition of the Alberta Film & Television Awards will be presented at a gala dinner and awards evening on Saturday, May 12th, 2012 at the Hyatt Regency in downtown Calgary.

The AMPIA nominations continue a string of honours for the documentary and were welcomed by Co-Producers and Directors, Kenda Gee and Tom Radford.

"It is always gratifying for our production to receive recognition in the industry, but particularly special when it comes from our home province," said Gee.

Both Gee and Radford travelled to China last December where the film won the Best Documentary Award & Prize for History & Culture at the Guangzhou International Documentary Film Festival. It was also nominated for Best Documentary Cinematography by the Canadian Society of Cinematographers' 55th Gala Awards in Toronto, and the Golden Sheaf Award by the 65th Yorkton Film Festival, the oldest film festival in North America, May 24-27, 2012.

Lost Years is an early selection of the 38th Seattle International Film Festival, May 17-Jun 10, 2012, ranked Top 2 by the Brooks Institute, and the 16th Rhode Island International Film Festival, Aug 7-12, 2012, a qualifying festival for the annual Academy Awards.

The AMPIA Gala in Calgary will be presenting two special additional awards. The Friend of the Industry Award will be given to William F. White's Paul Roscorla and Paul Bronfman for their many years of dedicated service to the industry. Also, a special Award of Distinction will be presented to former Premier Peter Lougheed and his wife Jeanne for their unwavering support of the Alberta Film & Television Industry and for their many contributions to Arts & Culture in Alberta.

Lost Years is nominated in the following categories for the AMPIA "Rosie" Awards:

BEST DOCUMENTARY OVER 30 MINUTES Kenda Gee & Tom Radford, Producers Lost Years Productions

BEST PRODUCTION REFLECTING CULTURAL DIVERSITY Kenda Gee & Tom Radford, Producers Lost Years Productions

BEST SCREENWRITER, NON-FICTION OVER 30 Brenda Terning, Kenda Gee & Tom Radford

BEST CINEMATOGRAPHER, NON-FICTION OVER 30 Rene Jean Collins

BEST EDITOR, NON-FICTION OVER 30 Brenda Terning

BEST OVERALL SOUND, NON-FICTION Perry Blackman, Brett Ardiel & Larry MacDonald

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