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THE ENGLISHMAN'S BOY RECEIVES 12 GEMINI AWARD NOMINATIONS

August 26, 2008 (Regina, SK) – The Academy of Canadian Cinema & Television announced nominees for the 23rd Annual Gemini Awards on Tuesday, August 26.

The Englishman's Boy, a two-part four-hour miniseries based on Guy Vanderhaeghe's Governor General Award-winning novel produced by Kevin DeWalt of Minds Eye Entertainment and directed by John N. Smith, received twelve Gemini nominations.

- Best Dramatic Mini-Series: The Englishman's Boy Kevin DeWalt, Producer
- Best Direction in a Dramatic Program or Mini-Series: John N. Smith
- Best Photography in a Dramatic Program or Series: Pierre Letarte
- Best Picture Editing in a Dramatic Program or Series: Jackie Dzuba
- Best Production Design/Art Direction in a Dramatic Program or Series: Kathy McCoy, Sara McCudden
- Best Costume: Beverley Wowchuk
- Best Achievement in Make-Up: Tracy George, Tamara Harrod
- Best Performance by an Actor in a Leading Role Dramatic Program/Mini-Series: Michael Eisner
- Best Performance by an Actor in a Leading Role Nicholas Campbell
- Best Performance by an Actor in a Featured Supporting Role Dramatic Program/Mini-Series: R.H. Thomson
- Best Performance by an Actress in a Featured Supporting Role Dramatic Program/Mini-Series: Katharine Isabelle
- Best Achievement in Casting: Carmen Kotyk

Regina native Michael Eisner received his first nomination in his first role for *The Englishman's Boy.*

Canadian dramas led the 2008 Gemini Award nominations with *Murdoch Mysteries* receiving 14 nominations followed by *Durham County* with 13 nominations; *The Englishman's Boy* and *The Tudors* received 12 nominations each.

The 23rd Annual Gemini Awards will be presented in Toronto October 20 – 22nd, 2008. The televised Awards Broadcast Gala will be presented in Toronto on November 28, 2008.

The Academy of Canadian Cinema & Television is a national non-profit professional association dedicated to promoting, recognizing and celebrating exceptional achievements in the Canadian film and television industries. Created in 1979 and today unifying more than 4,000 industry professionals across Canada, the Academy is a vital and integral force representing all areas of the film and television industry.

The Englishman's Boy recently received three nominations for the 2008 Directors Guild of Canada Awards including Best Team Achievement – TV Movie/Mini-Series, Best Direction – TV Movie/Mini-Series (John N. Smith) and Best Production Design – TV Movie/Mini-Series (Kathy McCoy).

The DGC Awards will be presented in Toronto on November 8, 2008.

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