



THE TOY CASTLE WINS “Best Pre-School Series” GEMINI AWARD

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Neil Bregman, Katherine Jeans & Tim Joyce, partners of **Sound Venture Productions**, are delighted to announce that their popular children’s television series, **The Toy Castle**, won the grand prize in the category of **Best Pre-School Program or Series** (Producers – Neil Bregman & Katherine Jeans) at the **18th Annual Gemini Awards Industry Gala** in Toronto on Sunday evening.

“We are delighted and honored by this award”, says **Neil Bregman**, President of **Sound Venture Productions** and Executive Producer of **The Toy Castle**. “We know from the dozens of fan letters we receive every day that our audiences is enchanted by this unusually artistic series, but the recognition from our industry peers means so much to the cast, crew and creative team who toiled to create something of lasting beauty and importance for our children. ”

The Toy Castle was also a finalist in 3 other categories:

Best Performance in a Pre-School Program or Series

(Rick Jones, Jordan Morris, Elizabeth Olds, Keir Knight, Jennifer Welsman & Sayaka Karasugi)

Best Costume Design (Mary Kerr)

Most Popular Website (www.thetoycastle.com)

The Toy Castle is seen on **Treehouse TV**, **TVOntario**, **SCN** (Saskatchewan Communications Network), **Access Alberta** and the **Knowledge Network** (B.C.) as well as on **U.S. Public Television** stations across the United States.

Le Château magique, the original French language version of the series, is broadcast daily on **TFO** and is complemented by its own interactive website: www.lechateaumagique.com

The Toy Castle is produced by **Sound Venture Productions** in association with **YTV Canada Inc./Treehouse TV**, **TFO**, **TVOntario** and **Saskatchewan Communication Network**, with the participation of the **Canadian Television Fund (License Fee Program & Equity Investment Program)** and with the support of the **Shaw Television Broadcast Fund**, **Shaw Children’s Programming Initiative** and **Rogers Telefund**.

The series is directed by **Katherine Jeans**, story edited by **Nancy Trites Botkin**, designed by **Mary Kerr**, choreographed by **Timothy Spain** and stars members of the **Royal Winnipeg Ballet**.

The **Gemini Awards** are presented each year by the **Academy of Canadian Cinema & Television**, a national, non-profit professional association designed to promote, recognize, and celebrate exceptional achievements in the Canadian film and television industries.

Sound Venture Productions is an Ottawa-based, independent television production company specializing in the creation of original arts, culture and children’s programming. For a complete program catalogue and more information, visit our website at www.soundventure.com

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