



**YMA announces the nominees for the English-Language Awards of Excellence**

**Montreal, March 21, 2017** – Youth Media Alliance (YMA) is pleased to announce the **television series** as well as **digital** and **interactive productions** in the running for an **Awards of Excellence**. The winners will be revealed at the awards gala to be held on **May 31**, at **the CBC Glenn-Gould Studio**, in **Toronto**. Based on the YMA's statement of quality, jury members selected the following **nominees**:

**Award of Excellence for Best Program, Live Action, Ages 3–5**

- The Adventures of Napkin Man (Bye Bye Boogaloo) – produced by Breakthrough Entertainment, Little Airplane; aired on: CBC Kids
- Hi Opie! (Opie's Ladybug Friend) – produced by marbledmedia, in association with The Jim Henson Company, aired on: TVO Kids, Knowledge, City Saskatchewan
- The Moblees (Zig Zag Surprise) – produced by Shaftesbury, Boulevard Productions, in association with the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, Ohmland Holdings and William Kohane, aired on: CBC kids
- Playdate (Whistle While You Escape) – produced by Sinking Ship Entertainment, aired on: Family Jr.
- Terrific Trucks (The Tricky Twin/ The Difficult Day) – produced by Breakthrough Entertainment, aired on: Sprout

**Award of Excellence for Best Program, Live Action, Ages 6–9**

- Annedroids (The Mother of Invention) – produced by Sinking Ship Entertainment, aired on: TVO Kids, Amazon
- Bruno & Boots: Go Jump In The Pool – produced by Aircraft Pictures, aired on: YTV
- The Mystery Files (The Mystery of the Underground Railroad) – produced by Apartment 11 Productions, aired on: TVO Kids
- Odd Squad: The Movie – produced by Sinking Ship Entertainment, aired on: TVO Kids, PBS
- The Stanley Dynamic (The Stanley Wild Weekend) – produced by Amaze Film + Television, aired on: YTV

**Award of Excellence for Best Program, Live Action, Ages 9 +**

- Giver (Amherstberg Sports Park) – produced by Sinking Ship Entertainment, aired on: TVO Kids
- LM Montgomery's Anne of Green Gables – produced by Breakthrough Entertainment, aired on: YTV, PBS
- The Next Step (How Deep Is Your Love) – produced by Radical Sheep Productions, a division of Boat Rocker Media, aired on: Family Channel, CBBC

- Raising Expectations (The Great Hot Dog Escape) – produced by Aircraft Pictures, aired on: Family Channel
- Ride (Arrival) – produced by Breakthrough Entertainment, Buccaneer Media, aired on: YTV, Nickelodeon

#### **Award of Excellence for Best Program, Animation, Ages 3–5**

- Daniel Tiger's Neighbourhood, Season 2 (Nighttime in the Neighborhood) – produced by 9 Story Media Group, The Fred Rogers Company, Out of the Blue, aired on: CBC Kids, PBS Kids
- Dot. (One Soggy Knight) – produced by Industrial Brothers, in association with The Jim Henson Company, aired on: CBC Kids, Sprout
- Justin Time (Who Stole My Cat) – produced by Guru Studio, aired on: DHX, Family Jr.
- PAW Patrol (Tracker Joins the Pups!) – produced by Spin Master Entertainment, aired on: Nickelodeon, Knowledge, Netflix
- Peg + Cat, Season 2 (The Disappearing Art Problem) – produced by 9 Story Media Group, The Fred Rogers Company, 9ate7 Productions, aired on: YTV, Treehouse, PBS Kids
- Ranger Rob (The Woolly Wiligo of Big Sky Park / A Big Sky Park Elephant Train) – produced by Nelvana Limited, Studio Liddell, aired on: Treehouse

#### **Award of Excellence for Best Program, Animation, Ages 6–9**

- Atomic Puppet (AP Vs Disastro II) – produced by Mercury Filmworks, aired on: Teletoon, Disney
- Fangbone! (Cavity of Terror/ The Sickness of Home) – produced by Radical Sheep Productions, a division of Boat Rocker Media, aired on: Family CHR, Disney XD
- Rocket Monkeys (Chimpsky a Go Go/The Yell in Yellow) – produced by Breakthrough Entertainment, aired on: YTV
- Wild Kratts, Season 4 (Pangolin Rescue) – produced by 9 Story Media Group, Kratt Brothers Company, aired on: TVO Kids, PBS Kids

#### **Award of Excellence, Best Original Digital Content**

- mathXplosion – produced by GAPC Entertainment, in association with TVO Kids and TFO
- Miss Persona – produced by Hazel House Productions
- Pixies – produced by Arcana Studio
- YTV - Road Trip Diaries – produced by Bristow Global Media

#### **Award of Excellence, Best Original Interactive Content**

- The Incredible Tales of Weirdwood Manor – produced by All Play, No Work, Relish Interactive
- mPower - Kindergarten to Grade 2 – produced by TVO
- Science Max Interactive – produced by Breakthrough Entertainment
- The Westbury Faery – produced by Log Cabin Productions, Plot Media in partnership with The Seventh World and Tiny Owl Publishing

#### **Award of Excellence, Best Cross-platform Interactive Content**

- Dotopedia – produced by Industrial Brothers
- Driving Me Crazy – produced by marblemedia
- Kids' CBC Olympics website – produced by CBC
- Look Kool Online, season 2 – produced by Apartment 11 Productions

- Opie's Playground – produced by marblemedia



On gala night, YMA will be presenting the **Outstanding Achievement Award** and the **Emerging Talent Award**. The recipients of these 2 awards will be announced soon. We look forward to seeing all of you on May 31! **Tickets to attend the gala** will be on sale in the next weeks on the YMA website: <http://www.ymamj.org/page/1139/2017-awards-of-excellence>.

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