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NATIONAL FILM BOARD OF CANADA HONOURS EXCELLENCE AT THE 2010 GOVERNOR GENERAL'S PERFORMING ARTS AWARDS

Check out these signature works online at <NFB.ca> starting May 1 at 10 pm

Montreal, April 28, 2010 – For the third consecutive year, the National Film Board of Canada (NFB) has brought together acclaimed filmmakers and NFB producers to craft a series of short signature works honouring the laureates of the [Governor General's Performing Arts Awards](#) – and for the first time, most of these films will be online just two hours after the start of the Gala.

The 2010 Governor General's Performing Arts Awards Gala takes place at Canada's National Arts Centre (NAC) in Ottawa on May 1, 2010, beginning at 8 pm ET. The Gala will honour this year's award recipients: [Bryan Adams](#), [Mohammed and Yulanda Faris](#), [Françoise Faucher](#), [Walter Homburger](#), [Edouard Lock](#), [Yannick Nézet-Séguin](#), [Robin Phillips](#) and [Buffy Sainte-Marie](#), in a spectacular evening featuring performances, moving tributes and evocative NFB films.

The Gala, presented by Enbridge, is produced by the National Arts Centre in partnership with the Governor General's Performing Arts Awards Foundation and the National Film Board of Canada.

Six of the eight NFB films honouring this year's laureates will go live at the NFB's online Screening Room at NFB.ca/playlist/governor-general-awards-2010 and on its iPhone app at 10 pm ET on May 1.

As creative-concept partner for the 2010 Governor General's Performing Arts Awards, the NFB has brought together some of the country's most talented filmmakers to create signature films that capture the essence of each of the 2010 laureates and serve as a testament to their creative genius.

Films

Bryan Adams: Bare Bones honours singer/songwriter, photographer and social activist Bryan Adams, recipient of the Lifetime Artistic Achievement Award. This short film is directed by documentary filmmaker David Battistella, director of [Shinny: The Hockey in All of Us](#), and produced by Gerry Flahive.

When You Give of Yourself salutes Vancouver arts philanthropists Mohammed and Yulanda Faris, recipients of the Ramon John Hnatyshyn Award. It is directed by Vancouver filmmaker Lynne Stopkewich (*Kissed*) and produced by Selwyn Jacob.

The Sentry pays tribute to Françoise Faucher, renowned actress, director and broadcaster, on the occasion of her Lifetime Artistic Achievement Award. ***The Sentry*** is directed by author, film and theatre director Claude Guilmain, with Anne-Marie Rocher as producer.

The Impresario profiles orchestra manager, impresario and artist manager Walter Homburger, who is being honoured with the Lifetime Artistic Achievement Award. It is directed by filmmaker and TED Fellow Anita Doron and produced by Anita Lee.

Lock honours choreographer Edouard Lock, recipient of the Lifetime Artistic Achievement Award, and is directed by Claude Jutra Award-winning filmmaker Louise Archambault (*Familia*) and produced by Colette Loumède.

No Intermission is a tribute to conductor Yannick Nézet-Séguin, recipient of the National Arts Centre Award, by acclaimed Montreal animator Theodore Ushev ([Drux Flux](#)) and producer René Chénier. This film will be available online at <NFB.ca/playlist/governor-general-awards-2010/> and on the NFB iPhone app on May 1 but will not be screened until June 16 at the NAC, when Mr. Nézet-Séguin receives his NAC Award and conducts Mahler's "Symphony of a Thousand" with the National Arts Centre Orchestra and the Orchestre Métropolitain.

Move Your Mind salutes stage director, actor, designer and teacher Robin Phillips, who is receiving the Lifetime Artistic Achievement Award. Directed by Academy Award-nominee Hubert Davis ([Hardwood](#)) and produced by Lea Marin, **Move Your Mind** will also be premiering online at a later date, to be announced.

Buffy pays tribute to music legend, visual artist, educator and Aboriginal rights activist Buffy Sainte-Marie, recipient of a Lifetime Artistic Achievement Award. **Buffy** is directed by John Walker, whose documentary [Passage](#) received the Grand Prize for Best Television Production at the Banff World Television Awards, and produced by Kent Martin.

About the Governor General's Performing Arts Awards

The Governor General's Performing Arts Awards (GGPAA) are Canada's foremost distinction for excellence in the performing arts, recognizing a stellar array of artists and arts volunteers for their outstanding lifetime contribution to Canada's cultural life. The GGPAA were created in 1992 under the patronage of the Right Honourable Ramon John Hnatyshyn (1934–2002), then Governor General of Canada. Today, Her Excellency the Right Honourable Michaëlle Jean is the awards' patron.

Six Lifetime Artistic Achievement Awards are given each year for excellence in the fields of theatre, dance, classical music, popular music, broadcasting and film. Two complementary awards are also conferred: the Ramon John Hnatyshyn Award for Voluntarism in the Performing Arts, which recognizes outstanding contribution by an individual or group in voluntary service to the performing arts in Canada; and the National Arts Centre Award, which recognizes the work of an extraordinary nature by an individual artist or company in the past performance year.

About the NFB

Canada's public film producer and distributor, the National Film Board of Canada creates social-issue documentaries, auteur animation, alternative drama and digital content that provide the world with a unique Canadian perspective. The NFB is expanding the vocabulary of 21st-century cinema and breaking new ground in form and content through community filmmaking projects, cross-platform media, programs for emerging filmmakers, stereoscopic animation – and more. It works in collaboration with creative filmmakers, digital media creators and co-producers in every region of Canada, with Aboriginal and culturally diverse communities, as well as partners around the world. Since the NFB's founding in 1939, it has created over 13,000 productions and won over 5,000 awards, including 12 [Oscars](#) and more than 90 Genies. The NFB's new website features over 1,400 productions online, and its [iPhone app](#) has become one of the most popular and talked about downloads. Visit <NFB.ca> today and start watching.

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