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Halifax ComedyFest nominated for three 2011 Gemini Awards



(Halifax, NS) -- The 2010 televised edition of the Halifax ComedyFest has garnered three nominations in this year's prestigious Gemini Awards, which recognize the best in Canadian television.

The series is nominated in the category of Best Comedy Program or Series, the first time this has happened in the 15-year history of the series. Other nominees in this category include, This Hour Has 22 Minutes and Rick Mercer Report.

Two comedians are also nominated in the category of Best Performance in a Hosted Stand-Up/Sketch Comedy Program or Series for their work as part of the Halifax ComedyFest: Lower Sackville, NS native Nikki Payne and Toronto-based comedian Pete Zedlacher.

The Halifax ComedyFest television series is produced by Pilot Light Productions, with co-producers ESP Productions, in association with CBC Television. ESP produces the annual festival, held during the month of April in venues all over the city. CBC Television airs the series in prime-time.

"This is a nice tip of the hat to Ha! Fest. It's national recognition for a show that is a hoot to work on, a show all Nova Scotians can be proud of," said Pilot Light Productions' executive producer, Geoff D'Eon.

ESP Productions executive producer, Kim Hendrickson said, "We bring the best comedians here every year to help festival-goers bust a gut. We are thrilled the nationally televised version is proving to be such a hit."

Halifax-based Pilot Light Productions specializes in high quality comedy, variety and documentary production for broadcast television, as well as live events. For more information on Pilot Light Productions, visit: <http://www.pilotlight.ca/>

ESP Productions specializes in producing and managing a variety of entertainment events, featuring professional comedy, music and street theatre for both indoor venues and outdoor festivals. The company is about to launch the 2011 Halifax International Buskers Festival (August 4-14). For more information on ESP Productions, visit: <http://www.espproductions.ca/>

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