

## **Media Backgrounder Gemini Awards Announcement**

The 22<sup>nd</sup> annual Gemini Awards will be hosted by the City of Regina on October 28, 2007, at the Conexus Arts Centre.

The Government of Saskatchewan is contributing \$150,000 toward the \$250,000 event fee. SaskFilm and the City of Regina are providing \$50,000 each.

Canada's most prominent television industry members and celebrities will travel to Regina for the Gemini Awards.

The Geminis are traditionally held in Toronto. This year marks the second time in Gemini history that the awards night is being hosted by a different city.

The awards will be broadcast in Canada on CBC. A red carpet special will be televised live by Global.

Along with the Gemini Awards, four other major events are happening throughout 2007 in Saskatchewan:

- **The Juno Awards** were hosted by Saskatoon on April 2;
- **The Canadian Country Music Awards** are being held in Regina on September 10;
- **The Western Canadian Music Awards** will be held in Moose Jaw on October 21;
- **Waniskâ** ("awakening"), a national showcase of Aboriginal talent, will be coming to Prince Albert on October 6.

### **Host Committee**

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