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## CANADIAN COMEDY AWARDS NOMINEES ANNOUNCED

The Comedy Network Presents the Canadian Comedy Awards (CCA) announced the 2008 final five nominees in 20 hilarious categories today at The Second City in Toronto.

Over 250 nominations were submitted and edited down by the comedy industry advisory committees to the top five nominees in each category. The voting is open to comedy industry members on-line from June 20 - July 20 at [www.canadiancomedyawards.ca](http://www.canadiancomedyawards.ca).

Past Canadian Comedy Award nominees include the Fringe production of *the Drowsy Chaperone*, Nia Vardalo's one person show - *My Big Fat Greek Wedding* as well as comics like Ron James, Mike Wilmot, Russell Peters and Last Comic Standing semi finalists Gerry Dee and Deb DiGiovanni.

The Awards will be presented on Friday October 3rd during **The Canadian Comedy Awards & Festival** in Regina, Saskatchewan from October 2-5. The Festival Co-Chairs Roger Abbott and Don Ferguson also sponsor the 'Dave Broadfoot Award for Comic Genius' which was presented to veteran comic Mike MacDonald at last year's awards.

The CCA was created in 1999 to 'celebrate and recognize Canadian achievements in comedy at home and abroad'. More than 160 of the coveted **Beaver Awards** recognizing the country's top comics have been awarded since that time.

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