

VANCOUVER, Oct. 11, 2013 /CNW/ - The 32nd Vancouver International Film Festival (VIFF) recognized the outstanding talent and creativity in film on display throughout the 16-day event by presenting industry professionals with several high-profile awards.

Since 1982, VIFF has showcased the best of Canadian and international films and has played host to industry professionals from around the globe.

Our Government knows that film and television productions are essential to the strength of our cultural life and our economic future. In 2011-2012, film and television production in Canada was valued at \$5.9 billion, and the industry supported an estimated 132,500 full-time jobs. We are proud to invest more than \$600 million in this sector every year.

On behalf of Prime Minister Stephen Harper and the Government of Canada, I commend the work of the Great Vancouver International Film Festival Society and congratulate the talented nominees and winners of this year's awards.

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