



**WINNERS ANNOUNCED
2013 ACTRA AWARDS IN TORONTO**

Toronto, February 23, 2013 – ACTRA Toronto is pleased to announce the winners of the 11th Annual ACTRA Awards in Toronto.

Outstanding Performance – Voice

Shannon Kook-Chun (*Requiem for Romance*)

Outstanding Performance – Female

Tatiana Maslany (*Picture Day*)

Outstanding Performance – Male

Shawn Doyle (*The Disappeared*)

“It’s worth noting, I think, that this year’s fantastic winners starred in three independent Canadian films: *Requiem for Romance*, a short animated film by **Jonathan Ng**, *Picture Day* by **Kate Melville** and *The Disappeared* by **Shandi Mitchell**. All writer-directors and two of them female,” said President, **David Sparrow**. “Groundbreaking representation on lots of levels.”

Rick Mercer presented **ACTRA Toronto’s 2013 Award of Excellence** to **Shirley Douglas**, honouring her lifetime of acting and activism.

The annual ACTRA Awards in Toronto were presented at The Carlu on February 23, 2013. The gala evening was hosted by **Elvira Kurt** with live music by multiple Maple Blues nominee, **Shakura S’Aida**. The ACTRA Awards in Toronto recognize outstanding performances by ACTRA Toronto members.

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