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### APTN CONGRATULATES SHOWS RECOGNIZED FOR PROGRAMMING EXCELLENCE AT LEOS

Aboriginal Peoples Television Network (APTN) congratulates the producers, casts and crews of *Blackstone*, *Back in the Day*, *Tiga Talk!*, *Animism: The God's Lake and Tansi! Nehiyawetan* for their recognition at the recent 2011 Leo Awards.

An unmuted exploration of First Nations' power and politics, *Blackstone* was produced by Prairie Dog Film & Television for APTN and SHOWCASE and premiered in January 2011. The one-hour dramatic television series received a total of five Leo nominations, garnering hardware in two categories including Best Screenwriting in a Dramatic Series (*Damon Vignale - Suffer The Children*) and Best Lead Performance by a Female in a Dramatic Series (*Carmen Moore - White Bread, Red Class*).

APTN's new hit series *Back in the Day* also scored on the night, bringing home a Leo in the category of Best Documentary Series (Martin de Valk, Andrew Genaille – Producers, *Back in the Day: On the Mighty Fraser*) while the APTN children's favourite *Tiga Talk!* won a Leo for Best Screenwriting in a Youth or Children's Program or Series (*Irene Green, Hilary Pryor - Keep Smiling*).

Also earning a nomination for Best Web Series was the APTN youth-focused fantasy epic *Animism: The Gods' Lake* (Matt Toner, Wayne Clark – Producers) which mixes modern urban fantasy with traditional First Nations mythology, and *Tansi! Nehiyawetan* for Best Performance in a Youth or Children's Program or Series (*Kai Todd-Darrell - Winter/Solstice*).

The awards were presented at the annual gala, held Saturday, June 11<sup>th</sup> at the Fairmont Hotel, Vancouver. The *Leo Awards* were established in 1998 to celebrate excellence in British Columbia film and television.

**About APTN:**

September 1, 2010 marked the 11-year anniversary of the launch of the first national Aboriginal television network in the world with programming by, for and about Aboriginal Peoples to share with all Canadians and viewers around the world. APTN is available in approximately 10 million Canadian households and commercial establishments with cable, direct-to-home satellite (DTH), telco-delivered and fixed wireless television service providers. The network launched its high definition channel APTNHD in the spring of 2008. APTN does not receive government funding for operations but generates revenue through subscriber fees, advertising sales and strategic partnerships. APTN broadcasts programming with 56% offered in English, 16% in French and 28% in Aboriginal languages. For program schedule or for more information, please contact APTN at (204) 947-9331 or toll-free at 1-888-278-8862, or visit the website at [www.aptn.ca](http://www.aptn.ca).

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