

APTN AND CANAL D CONGRATULATE SONIA BONSPILLE BOILEAU ON AWARD WIN

MONTREAL – September 19, 2011- Aboriginal Peoples Television Network (APTN) and Canal D congratulate Sonia Bonspille Boileau, director of the documentary film *Last Call Indien* on winning the prestigious award *Prix de la Diversité* at the 26th Gémeaux Gala held on September 18th 2011 in Montreal. The Academy of Canadian Television & Cinema presents the award to recognize excellence in mainstream television programming best reflecting the cultural diversity of Canada and respecting the highest quality standard of the television industry.

The documentary film *Last Call Indien* tackles the quest for identity as Sonia Bonspille Boileau realizes that she has little knowledge of her Mohawk heritage since the passing of her grandfather, her cultural reference. The director made this documentary film for television after receiving a joint grant given by Canal D and APTN to produce her first professional documentary film. The grant is offered to emerging Aboriginal Filmmakers who have the unique occasion to develop their first documentary film in French. *Last Call Indien* was broadcast to a large audience on television and during Film festivals across the country.

Since 2007, Canal D and APTN have given three grants of \$10 000 to encourage film makers under 30 years old to produce a documentary film. In addition to Sonia Bonspille Boileau, Paul Rivet, and Mélanie O'Bomsawin have received the grant and are preparing their documentary film projects.

The *Gémeaux Awards* celebrate excellence in Canadian French-language television by creating a national television showcase to assist the industry in building television audiences and public awareness, as well as an appreciation of Canadian production and talent.

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About APTN:

It is 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

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About Canal D

Canal D is an Astral Media Network, one of the largest Media enterprise in Canada, operates in the television sectors of the specialty channels.

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