

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

SCIENCE NORTH'S GIANT-SCREEN FILM *MYSTERIES OF THE GREAT LAKES* WINS REMI AWARD AT WORLDFEST HOUSTON INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL

SUDBURY, ON – *Mysteries of the Great Lakes*, a \$6-million dollar, Canadian-made, giant-screen film produced by Science North in 2008, has won the top Remi Award at the 42nd Annual WorldFest Houston International Film Festival; one of the oldest and largest film & video competitions in the world.

WorldFest Houston is one of the three original International film festivals in North America, after San Francisco and New York. Past Remi Award winners include Steven Spielberg, George Lucas, Ang Lee, Ridley Scott, The Coen Brothers, David Lynch, Brian De Palma and many more.

With over 1,400 entries *Mysteries of the Great Lakes* won “Best of Show”. The awards ceremony was held in Houston, Texas on Saturday April 25th where Brenda Tremblay, Science North’s Director of Distribution, was on hand to receive the prestigious award on behalf of Science North and the film’s Director, David Lickley, who has been working in New Zealand, on the development of Science North’s next giant-screen film, and was unable to attend the WorldFest Houston International Film Festival in person.

“We are absolutely thrilled and honoured that *Mysteries of the Great Lakes* has been recognized as the top film among so many entries” said Lickley.

“Science North’s leadership in the production of giant-screen films has become recognized worldwide,” said Executive Producer and CEO Jim Marchbank.

“We are proud to boast that Science North is the only science centre in the world with an in-house giant screen film production unit, led by a very talented Director/Producer, David Lickley. We plan to continue producing educational, award-winning giant-screen films”

Mysteries of the Great Lakes has been seen by close to one million people to date, and will continue to entertain and educate millions more over the years to come.

Mysteries of the Great Lakes was also recently a finalist in the 32nd Annual International Wildlife Film Festival, held in Missoula, Montana, and at the 2009 Northern Ontario Music and Film Awards in Sudbury, Ontario. The film has also been nominated for a CINE Golden Eagle Award. That awards program is held annually in Washington, D.C.

Mysteries of the Great Lakes was produced and directed by David Lickley and executive produced by Jim Marchbank. The film is narrated by award-winning Canadian actor, Gordon Pinsent, and features the music of Canadian icon, Gordon Lightfoot. *Mysteries of the Great Lakes* is distributed by Science North (makers of the award-winning giant-screen film *Jane Goodall’s Wild Chimpanzees*).

Mysteries of the Great Lakes is presented by FedNav Limited, with major funding from Unilever Canada, the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation, Parks Canada and Ontario Power Generation.

For more information about Science North's giant-screen film *Mysteries of the Great Lakes* visit: <http://mysteriesofthegreatlakes.com>.

About Science North Large Format Films

Science North is a science centre and family attraction that opened in Sudbury, Ontario, Canada in 1984. In 1994 the science centre opened its IMAX® Theatre. Since then, Science North has produced four giant-screen films – *Gold Fever*, *Bears*, *Jane Goodall's Wild Chimpanzees* and *Mysteries of the Great Lakes*. In 2008, with the creation of *Mysteries of the Great Lakes*, Science North expanded its role in the industry by also becoming a distributor of giant-screen films.

Science North has become one of the leading producers of giant-screen films in Canada. It is the only science centre in the world with an in-house large-format film production unit, and it has built a reputation as a specialist in environmental and natural history themes.

Science North is currently producing a giant-screen film about the polar regions that will touch on the extremes of climate, the exotic life forms found there, and the wildness and inaccessibility of their geography. To learn more about Science North visit <http://sciencenorth.ca>.

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