

Global TV, was one of three nominees in the live action short film category. Set on the prairies, the story concerns a neighbour's romantic interlude with a woman left alone during a snowstorm. The film was co-produced by Toronto's Atlantis Films and the NFB.

Canadian Paul LeBlanc, currently working in Toronto, was nominated in the make-up category for his work in the film *Amadeus*.

## Canadians sing for Ethiopia

Fifty-two of Canada's top popular recording artists, under the collective name Northern Lights For Africa (NLA), have recorded a song, *Tears Are Not Enough* for the benefit of Ethiopian famine victims.

Rock managers Bruce Allen and Lou Blair, who oversaw the project, said the record could raise as much as \$10 million.

The song, expressly written for the record by the Juno-winning writing team of Bryan Adams and Jim Vallance, was recorded in Toronto. The music was written by the veteran songwriter, session musician and producer David Foster of Vancouver, who was nominated for six Grammy Awards this year.

The best-known stars sing the lines in the verse, and the rest of the performers help out on the chorus. The first nine lines are sung consecutively by Gordon Lightfoot, Burton Cummings, Anne Murray, Joni Mitchell, Dan Hill, Neil Young, Bryan Adams, Mike Reno of Loverboy and Liberty Silver. All nine sing the first chorus, and the next group of singers takes its turn.

One verse is sung in French by Rachel Paiement, a founding member of the group Cano. Another verse recorded by Canadian stars of the National Hockey League in Calgary was added as well as a line by Bruce Cockburn, who could not make the taping because he was on tour in Eastern Europe.

In addition to the Bruce Allen Agency, three other companies who donated their services are CBS Records who will distribute the record; the promotion firm Concert Productions International that will shoot a video; and Global Television which has donated equipment and staff.

The NLA is a non-profit society registered in British Columbia. The eight-member board of trustees promises an "open book" policy regarding the distribution of funds raised by the record, video and sales of T-shirts, posters, calendars and pictures. There will also be a separate advisory board which will be in charge of working with other charitable organizations and the federal government.

Bernie DiMatteo, president of CBS Records said the 7-inch version should retail for \$2.49 (Cdn) and the 12-inch disc for \$5.98.

## Painting for parks poster



Parks Canada

Winter Sunset Moose by Canadian wildlife artist Robert Bateman is being used by Parks Canada for a poster to mark the national parks centennial this year. The painting was released in a limited edition reproduction in September 1984. Mr. Bateman has also donated artist's proofs of seven of his limited-edition prints to the Banff Museum of Natural History. The high-quality centennial poster costs \$15 and is available at retail outlets across Canada or from the Canadian Government Publishing Centre, Ottawa, Ontario, K1A 0S9.

## News briefs

**Communications Minister Marcel Masse** led a Canadian delegation to Confecon, a conference organized by l'Agence de coopération culturelle et technique (Agency for Cultural and Technical Co-operation) in Cairo, Egypt February 3-8. At the conference, ministers of communications from some 40 member countries addressed issues related to the global expansion of the francophone presence in communications and culture. The conference established four committees to focus on concerns such as communications, training and research, production and dissemination, and new technologies.

**Federal, provincial** and territorial ministers responsible for science and technology who met in Calgary, Alberta early in February, agreed to develop a comprehensive national policy on science and technology designed to build on provincial and territorial economic opportunities and

priorities. The national policy is expected to lead to a number of specific initiatives that will most effectively employ finite monetary and human resources.

**The Export Development Corporation** (EDC) has approved export insurance, guarantees and financing transactions supporting potential export sales of \$79.85 million (US) to eight countries. The transactions involve the sale of kraft paper and pulp; mobile control towers and runway systems, spare parts and training; diesel electric locomotives, spare parts and related services; building construction; geophysical equipment; breeding cattle, and a paper process control system. Once the commercial contracts have been finalized, the export sales that result are expected to create or maintain an estimated 3 180 person-years of employment in Canada and involve 223 exporters and sub-suppliers.

**Nathalie Grenier** of Ste-Foy, Quebec won a 1 000-metre speedskating race to finish second over-all in the women's competition of an international speedskating meet in Inzell, West Germany. She was clocked at 1.25:33. Guy Thibeault of Quebec City, finished third in the men's 1 000-metre race behind Sergei Chlebnikov of the Soviet Union and Hans-Peter Oberhuber of West Germany.

**Reino Keski-Salmi** of Sudbury, Ontario won the silver medal in the Gatineau 55 cross-country race, completing the course in 2:54:54, just 8 seconds behind Sweden's Orjan Blomqvist. Keski-Salmi and Blomqvist led the third Worldloppet League marathon race of some 1 500 skiers, chasing each other over the hilly, demanding course for the first 54 kilometres and 800 metres. Exactly even at that point, they pushed to the finish line using the double-pole method. Angela Schmidt of Midland, Ontario, making her marathon debut, won the women's race in 3:40:37 and placing forty-sixth over-all. Sharon Firth of Inuvik, Northwest Territories placed second and Janet Lumb of Ottawa was third in the women's race.

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