

CSAs '21: Schitt's Creek, Cardinal and Trickster lead TV noms

Schitt's Creek and Cardinal are up for Best Comedy Series and Best Drama Series, respectively, while Trickster earned seven performance nods.

The final season of *Schitt's Creek* has led nominations for the Canadian Screen Awards for the second year in a row, followed by the dramas *Cardinal* and *Trickster*.

[Emmy](#) and [Golden Globe](#) winner *Schitt's Creek* (Not a Real Company Productions) earned 21 nominations total for the year – coming under its record-breaking haul in 2020 – including Best Comedy Series where it will compete against *Baroness Von Sketch Show* (Frantic Films), *Kim's Convenience* (Thunderbird Entertainment), *Letterkenny* (New Metric Media) and *Workin' Moms* (Wolf + Rabbit Entertainment).

CTV's *Cardinal* (Sienna Films, eOne) and CBC's *Trickster* (Sienna Films) tied for the second-most nominations coming in at 15, with *Cardinal* up for Best Drama Series alongside

Burden of Truth (ICF Films, Eagle Vision, eOne), *Departure* (Shaftesbury), *Transplant* (Sphere Media) and *Vikings* (Take 5 Productions).

Trickster was not nominated in the Best Drama Series category, but it received seven nominations for its performers along with additional nods in the craft categories.

One thing the top-nominated series do have in common is all of them ended in 2020 – *Schitt's Creek* and *Cardinal* ended their multi-season runs and *Trickster* was [cancelled by CBC](#) ahead of planned season two after the Indigenous identity of showrunner Michelle Latimer was called into question.

On the unscripted side, the most-nominated reality or competition series is *Canada's Drag Race* (Blue Ant Studios) with seven total, including Best Reality/Competition Program or Series. The most-nominated lifestyle program is *Property Brothers: Forever Home* (Scott Brothers Entertainment) with three, including Best Lifestyle Program or Series.

Among the other highly lauded Canadian scripted shows, *Kim's Convenience* tied with *Workin' Moms* for the third-highest nominations with 11, with both earning nods for writing, directing and performances. Other multi-nominated comedies include *Baroness von Sketch Show* and *Letterkenny* with six, *Jann* with four and *New Eden* with two.

Multi-nominated scripted dramas include *Coroner* (Cineflix Studios, Back Alley Films, Muse Entertainment) with eight; *Transplant* and *Frankie Drake Mysteries* (Shaftesbury) with six; *Departure*, *Vikings* and *Wynonna Earp* (SEVEN24 Films) with five; *Murdoch Mysteries* (Shaftesbury) with four and *Burden of Truth* and *Diggstown* (Freddie Films, Circle Blue Entertainment) with three.

Among the notable nominations is a posthumous performance nomination for Christopher Plummer for his role in *Departure*. *Schitt's Creek* actors Emily Hampshire, Dan Levy, Eugene Levy and Catherine O'Hara have also officially received a performance nod for all six seasons of the series. This is also the first year *Baroness von Sketch Show* will be nominated in the Best Comedy Series category. The category for sketch comedy was collapsed in 2021 due to the fact that less than six titles were submitted for potential nomination.

Elsewhere, CBC claimed three out of five nominations in the best children's or youth fiction category for *Detention Adventure* (LoCo Motion Pictures), *Endlings* (Sinking Ship) and *Utopia Falls* (Sonar Canada). Also in contention is Family Channel's *Holly Hobbie* (Aircraft Pictures) and TVOKids' *Odd Squad Mobile Unit* (Sinking Ship).

On the non-fiction side of the children's and youth section, TVO picked up three of six nominations for *All-Round*

Champion (marblemedia), *Backyard Beats* (BGM) and *My Stay-at-Home Diary* (Lopii Productions). CTV's *Your Kids, Their Question: A Your Morning Coronavirus Special* (Bell Media Studios) and APTN's *Every Child Matters* (Insight Productions) also claimed nominations.

There will be fierce competition once more in the best pre-school series category, with TVO's *Abby Hatcher* (Spin Master), *Dino Dana* (Sinking Ship) and *PAW Patrol* (Spin Master), CBC's *True and the Rainbow Kingdom* (Guru Studio) and Treehouse TV's *Esme & Roy* (Nelvana) competing for the award.

In the best animated series category, which straddles both kids and adult-focused content, the streaming players are making their presence felt. Netflix's *The Magic School Bus Rides Again: The Frizz Connection* (9 Story Media Group) and AppleTV+'s *Snoopy In Space* were nominated alongside CTV Comedy's *Corner Gas Animated* (Verite Films, Sparrow Media, Aslan Entertainment), Teletoon's *Hotel Transylvania: The Series* (Nelvana) and TVOKids' *Wild Kratts* (9 Story Media Group).

In the digital media categories, *The Amazing Gayl Pile: Last Resort* and *Bit Playas* (both produced by LaRue Entertainment), *Decoys* (Counterfeit Pictures), *Hey Lady!* (TJ Content) and *NarcoLeap* (KGP Films) will vie for the best web program or series, fiction prize.

The nominees in the best non-fiction digital series category are *Canada's a Drag* (CBC), *Dark Cloud: The High Cost of Cyberbullying* (Spotlight Productions), *Love Letters from Everest* (Storyline Entertainment), *My Trans Journey* (Yap Films) and *Pride: The LGBTQ+ History Series* (We Demand Productions).

Bit Playas also received a pair of nominations in the best direction section, with Allison Johnston and Samir Rehem receiving nominations for the episodes "Comic Con" and "Final Thought," respectively. Also in contention are Ant Horasanli for his work on episode eight of *The Runner* (N5 Pictures), Celeste Koon for *Love Letters from Everest* and Adriana Maggs, Sarah Polley and Will Bowes, who co-directed episode three of *Hey Lady!*

The Canadian Screen Award winners will be announced virtually in seven genre-based presentations across four nights, beginning on May 17 and ending on May 20.

A number of the television nominees are listed below. For the full list of nominees visit the Canadian Academy [website](#).

Best Drama Series

Burden of Truth

Cardinal: Until The Night

Departure

Transplant

Vikings

Best Comedy Series

Baroness von Sketch Show

Kim's Convenience

Letterkenny

Schitt's Creek

Workin' Moms

Best Reality/Competition Program or Series

Battle of the Blades

Canada's Drag Race

Dragons' Den

The Great Canadian Baking Show

Wall of Chefs

Best Lifestyle Program or Series

Carnival Eats

Mary's Kitchen Crush

Property Brothers: Forever Home

Restaurants on the Edge

Scott's Vacation House Rules

Best TV Movie

Christmas Jars

Glass Houses

No Good Deed

The Sanctuary

Best Documentary Program

Company Town

Finding Sally

Hockey Mom

The Internet of Everything

They Call Me Dr. Miami

Best Factual Series

Age of Samurai: Battle for Japan

The Detectives

Good People

Wild Archaeology

You Can't Ask That

Best Direction, Drama Series

Coroner – "Fire Pt. 2"

Adrienne Mitchell

Coroner – "One Drum"

Charles Officer

Diggstown – “Cheryl Battiste”

Cory Bowles

Frankie Drake Mysteries – “Counterpunch”

Mina Shum

Transplant – “Pilot”

Holly Dale

Best Direction, Comedy

Kim’s Convenience – “Beacon Of Truth”

Siobhan Devine

New Eden – “Go With Gaion”

Aleysa Young

Schitt’s Creek – “Happy Ending”

Andrew Cividino, Daniel Levy

Schitt’s Creek – “Sunrise, Sunset”

Jordan Canning

Workin’ Moms – “Charade”

Catherine Reitman

Best Writing, Drama Series

Cardinal: Until The Night – “Barry”

Penny E. Gummerson

Cardinal: Until The Night – “Adele”

Sarah Dodd

Transplant – “Pilot”

Joseph Kay

Trickster – “Episode 105”

Penny E. Gummerson

Wynonna Earp – “Friends in Low Places”

Emily Andras

Best Writing, Comedy

Jann – “The Tunies”

Jennica Harper

Jann – “What Did Jann Do”

Leah Gauthier, Jennica Harper

Kim’s Convenience – “Knife Strife”

Kurt Smeaton

Kim’s Convenience – “Which Witch is Which”

Anita Kapila

Schitt’s Creek – “Happy Ending”

Daniel Levy

Best Lead Actor, Drama Series

Burden of Truth

Peter Mooney

Cardinal: Until The Night

Billy Campbell

Coroner

Roger Cross

Transplant

Hamza Haq

Trickster

Joel Oulette

Best Lead Actress, Drama Series

Burden of Truth

Kristin Kreuk

Cardinal: Until The Night

Karine Vanasse

Diggstown

Vinessa Antoine

Trickster

Crystle Lightning

Wynonna Earp

Melanie Scrofano

Best Supporting Actor, Drama

Departure

Evan Buliung

Departure

Christopher Plummer

Murdoch Mysteries

Jonny Harris

Trickster

Joel Thomas Hynes

Trickster

Kalani Queypo

Best Supporting Actress, Drama

Coroner

Tamara Podemski

Frankie Drake Mysteries

Sharron Matthews

Trickster

Anna Lambe

Trickster

Georgina Lightning

Trickster

Gail Maurice

Best Lead Actor, Comedy

Kim's Convenience

Paul Sun-Hyung Lee

Letterkenny

Jared Keeso

Schitt's Creek

Daniel Levy

Schitt's Creek

Eugene Levy

Best Lead Actress, Comedy

Kim's Convenience

Jean Yoon

Schitt's Creek

Annie Murphy

Schitt's Creek

Catherine O'Hara

Workin' Moms

Dani Kind

Workin' Moms

Catherine Reitman

Best Supporting Actor, Comedy

Kim's Convenience

Andrew Phung

Schitt's Creek

Chris Elliott

Schitt's Creek

Noah Reid

Workin' Moms

Ryan Belleville

Workin' Moms

Peter Keleghan

Best Supporting Actress, Comedy

Schitt's Creek

Emily Hampshire

Schitt's Creek

Jennifer Robertson

Schitt's Creek

Karen Robinson

Workin' Moms

Sarah McVie

Workin' Moms

Juno Rinaldi