

***SHAKE HANDS WITH THE DEVIL WINS TWO ROCKIE AWARDS AT 26th  
BANFF WORLD TELEVISION FESTIVAL - JUNE 13, 2005***

White Pine Pictures is pleased to announce that Shake Hands with the Devil: The Journey of Roméo Dallaire, directed by Gemini Award-winning filmmaker Peter Raymont, won both the Playback Magazine's all-Canadian juried Best Canadian Program Award and the World Congress of History Producers' Award for Best Feature Length Documentary at the Rockie Awards at the 26th Annual Banff World Television Festival. White Pine Pictures has the special distinction of being the first recipient of these brand new awards.

Shake Hands with the Devil is the searing, emotional journey of Canadian Lt-General Roméo Dallaire who commanded the U.N. peacekeeping mission to Rwanda in 1994. 800,000 Tutsis and moderate Hutus were slaughtered during the Rwandan genocide. This experience led to Dallaire's own life tragedies as he dealt with the psychological fallout of witnessing a genocide he was powerless to stop. Filming took place during General Dallaire's first return to Rwanda in April, 2004.

Shake Hands with the Devil is based on General Dallaire's best-selling book of the same title, which won the 2004 Governor General's Literary Award for Non-Fiction.

The Banff World Television Festival is the world's most important television content creation event. Now in its 26th year, this annual forum is dedicated to the development of business and creative opportunities for those in television programming and new media industry. In addition to honouring excellence in international television, the Festival provides a global platform for networking, discussion and debate, and explores current issues and challenges within the industry.

This year's Festival takes place June 12 - 15, 2005, at the Fairmont Banff Springs in the Canadian Rockies, and will draw television professionals from around the world.

The Festival combines a prestigious international program competition, the Banff Rockie Awards, with a comprehensive conference agenda. Within this marketplace of ideas, co-production deals are secured and advanced, new business relationships are formed and future trends in the industry are identified and examined.

Produced in association with the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation and Société Radio Canada with the participation of the Rogers Documentary Fund, The Canadian Television Fund and Telefilm Canada, Shake Hands with the Devil has won awards at Sundance Film Festival, Toronto International Film Festival, Philadelphia Film Festival and IDFA - International Documentary Festival Amsterdam.

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