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## Peace Warrior wins Gemini Award for Best Biography Documentary

**North Vancouver, B.C.** - *Peace Warrior*, a moving documentary about Canadian soldier Trevor Greene, his fiancée Debbie Lepore and their struggle to recover from Trevor's traumatic brain injury has won Canada's top television honour, the Gemini Award, for Best Biography Documentary.

Broadcast across Canada by CTV, *Peace Warrior* follows Trevor and Debbie for more than a year as Trevor undergoes brain injury rehabilitation at the Halvar Jonson Centre for Brain Injury in Ponoka, Alberta, one of North America's leading rehab programs. Trevor, a captain with Vancouver's Seaforth Highlanders, was injured while serving in Afghanistan in March 2006. He was sitting at a small village meeting and had taken off his helmet as a sign of respect, when he was hit from behind with an axe to his head. He was not expected to live, and his recovery has been a series of near-miracles, aided in no small part by the fierce dedication and determination of his fiancée Debbie.

**Peace Warrior** has already won Best Biography Documentary at the Yorkton Film Festival, a CINE Golden Eagle Award, and was a finalist at both the Gabriel Awards and the Freddie Awards in the U.S. Directed by Sue Ridout and produced by Sue Ridout and Sara Darling for Dreamfilm Productions of North Vancouver, the film was written by Sue Ridout and Helen Slinger. It was shot by Director of Photography John Collins and sound recordist Downy Karvonen, and edited by Tim Wanlin. The original music score was composed by Anne Leader and Edward Henderson. The film is narrated by Canadian actor Eric McCormack, best known for his portrayal of "Will" in the long-running U.S. sitcom *Will & Grace*. Eric has taken a special interest in Trevor's story and offered to lend his voice to the film.

Since the documentary first aired 10 months ago, Trevor has had surgery on his feet and is making impressive progress toward being able to walk again. An orthopedic surgeon in Victoria, Dr. J. Norgrove Penny, saw the CTV broadcast and offered to do the surgery, which others had recommended against. Dr. Penny is an Order of Canada winner for his work in Africa, and he believed that with surgery and physiotherapy, Trevor's quality of life could definitely be improved. Trevor works out every day at his home in Nanaimo, B.C. but will be traveling to Toronto and Ottawa in early November for Veterans' Week events.

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