

THE OC'S KELLY ROWAN TO ACCEPT CTV INTERNATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD AT ANNUAL WIFT-T CRYSTAL AWARD LUNCHEON ON DECEMBER 5

Toronto, November 25, 2005 - Women in Film and Television Toronto (WIFT-T) announced today that **Kelly Rowan** from the hit show *The OC* will be presented with the **CTV International Achievement Award** at the 2005 WIFT-T Awards luncheon on Monday December 5 at The Fairmont Royal York Hotel in Toronto. Sponsored by CTV, this prestigious Crystal Award, will be presented to Ms. Rowan at the gala luncheon by Ivan Fecan, President and Chief Executive Officer, Bell Globemedia, Chief Executive Officer, CTV Inc.

Rowan, a Toronto native, is being honoured for her major achievements in the film and television industry here at home and in the U.S. "WIFT-T is thrilled to welcome Kelly Rowan to the 18th Annual Crystal Awards and honour her with the International Crystal Award," said WIFT-T Chair, Wendy MacKeigan. "She has incredible talent and an impressive body of work to be proud of. Her drive and determination to succeed in this industry internationally is inspiring."

In the hit TV show *The OC*, Rowan's character, Kirsten Cohen - a loving mother/wife and shrewd businesswoman takes viewers on a roller coaster ride as she overcomes the trials and tribulations of life in picture perfect OC. On top of starring in the OC, she also recently appeared in "Boomtown," the cable miniseries "A Girl Thing" and the award-winning Telefilm "Anya's Bell." Praised by critics, her heart-stopping performance in the critically acclaimed television movie "Adrift" earned her a Gemini Award. Rowan has also enjoyed a successful film career, starring opposite Samuel L. Jackson in the Warner Bros. thriller "187," "Assassins," with Sylvester Stallone and Antonio Banderas, and "Hook," with Dustin Hoffman and Robin Williams.

"I'm pleased this year to present Kelly Rowan with the CTV International Achievement Award," said Ivan Fecan, President and Chief Executive Officer, Bell Globemedia, Chief Executive Officer of CTV Inc. "In Ms. Rowan, we find a true success story; an award-winning Canadian actress and producer with a list of accomplishments in both Canada and the U.S., where she currently stars in the huge ratings hit, *The O.C.* Her commitment to our industry is reflected in all she does.

"The Crystal Awards play an essential role in promoting Canadian talent and CTV is once again, proud to play a role in this year's celebration."

WIFT-T will also honour the following award recipients at the Crystal Awards luncheon, they are:

Gail Asper, Corporate Secretary, CanWest Global Communications Corp. and President, CanWest Global Foundation will receive the Outstanding Achievement Award. **Arsinée Khanjian**, Actor, Producer, Arts Administrator will receive the Creative Excellence Award, **Bill Mustos**, Senior Vice-President, Dramatic Programming, CTV will receive the Phyllis Switzer Mentorship Award. **Bonnie Sherr Klein**, Writer/Director, National Film Board of Canada (Pacific and Yukon Region) will receive the Crystal Jury Award. The 2005 Crystal Awards will also include presentation of the KODAK New Vision Fellowship, CBC Canadian Reflections Award, and Alliance Atlantis Diversity in Broadcasting Internship.

A leading Canadian professional organisation, Women in Film and Television -Toronto (WIFT-T) recognises, trains and advances women in film, television and new media. Operating regionally, nationally and internationally, WIFT-T serves close to 3000 women and men in Canadian screen-based media and connects members to over 10,000 film, television and new media professionals around the world. WIFT-T's CMP [centre for media professionals] delivers year round skills training to the industry at large, providing the tools to succeed in Canada's global entertainment industry. For more information, visit www.wift.com.

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