



## **Sandra Oh to receive CTV International Achievement Award at 2007 Crystal Awards; Hana Gartner to host event**

(TORONTO – Wednesday, November 28, 2007) Women in Film and Television - Toronto (WIFT-T) is pleased to announced that Sandra Oh, award-winning actress and star of the CTV television series *Grey's Anatomy*, will be presented with the CTV International Achievement Award at the 2007 Crystal Awards Gala Luncheon on December 3, 2007. The award will be presented to Oh by Susanne Boyce, President, Creative, Content and Channels, CTV Inc. The awards gala will be hosted by Hana Gartner, one of Canada's top journalists.

"We are delighted to welcome Sandra Oh to the 2007 Crystal Awards and honour her for her remarkable body of work, both in Canada and internationally," said Sadia Zaman, WIFT-T Executive Director. "We are equally delighted to have respected journalist Hana Gartner host the awards presentation."

"An accomplished and respected actor on both sides of the border, Sandra Oh's career momentum is unstoppable," said Susanne Boyce, President, Creative, Content and Channels, CTV Inc. "With grace and poise, Oh has helped lead hit series *Grey's Anatomy* to the top of the ratings' chart."

This year's gala luncheon will take place Monday, December 3, 2007 at the Fairmont Royal York Hotel in Toronto. To purchase tickets, please contact WIFT-T at 416-322-3430 ext. 221.

The 2007 Crystal Awards Presenting Partners are NBC UNIVERSAL and CTV.

### **Sandra Oh Bio**

A Golden Globe Award and Screen Actor's Guild Award winner for her role as Dr. Cristina Yang on the hit series *Grey's Anatomy*, Oh has also received two Emmy Award nominations.

Born and raised in Ottawa, Ont., Oh landed the coveted title role in the CBC movie *The Diary of Evelyn Lau* and earned a Gemini nomination for Best Actress and the 1994 Cannes FIPA d'Or for Best Actress.

Her feature film credits include *Sideways*, for which she won a Screen Actor's Guild Award for Outstanding Performance by a Cast in a Motion Picture, *The Night Listener*, *For Your Consideration*, *Three Needles*, *Long Life Happiness and Prosperity*, *Under the Tuscan Sun*, *Sorry Haters*, *Rick, Bean, Guinevere*, *The Red Violin*, *Waking the Dead*, *The Princess Diaries*, and *Pay or Play*. She won Genie Awards for Best Actress in *Last Night* and *Double Happiness*.

Her television credits also include the HBO comedy series *Arliss*, for which she won the final Cable Ace award for Best Actress in a Comedy, *Six Feet Under* and *Further Tales of the City*. She has also starred in the world premieres of *Dogeaters* and *Stop Kiss*, for which she received a Theatre World award, and performed the *Vagina Monologues* in New York.

### **Hana Gartner Bio**

Hana Gartner has enjoyed a distinguished career at CBC Television for over 27 years. Her straightforward style and willingness to ask the tough questions have earned her the respect of the journalistic community and numerous awards.

Born in Prague and raised in Montreal, Gartner's broadcasting career began at Montreal's CJAD Radio in 1970. She became the parliamentary correspondent for Standard Broadcasting News and, in 1974, moved to television as host of the CBC Montreal evening news program. A year later, she accepted a similar post at CBC Toronto and was given her own summer series, *In Good Company*, a position that led to her role as co-host of CBC's *Take 30*. She joined the CBC's flagship current affairs series *the fifth estate* in 1982.

Gartner has won the prestigious Gordon Sinclair Award for excellence in broadcast journalism and three Gemini Awards, including the Best Host award in 1995.

For a complete list of Crystal Award winners, visit the WIFT-T website at [www.wift.com](http://www.wift.com).

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