

Strike doesn't stop ACTRA from celebrating its own

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Its members are on strike but the union representing many Canadian actors is going ahead with its annual awards.

Nominees for the 2007 ACTRA Awards were announced in Toronto on Tuesday.

Competing for Outstanding Performance – Female are Martha Burns of *Slings and Arrows*, Maria Del Mar of *Terminal City*, Deborah Grover of *11 Cameras*, Martha Henry of *At The Hotel* and Kristen Thomson of *Away From Her*.



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Wendy Crewson, portraying Louise Arbour in a TV movie.

Outstanding Performance – Male nominees are Chris Bolton for *Rent-A-Goalie*, William Hutt for *Slings & Arrows*, Don McKellar for *Monkey Warfare*, Gordon Pinsent for *Away From Her* and Michael Therriault for *Prairie Giant: The Tommy Douglas Story*.

In the running for Outstanding Performance – Voice are the late Len Carlson (*Atomic Betty*), Ellen-Ray Hennessy (*Di-Gata Defenders*), Tajja Isen (*Atomic Betty*), Ron Rubin (*Erky Perky*) and Adrian Truss (*Jane and the Dragon*).

Wendy Crewson is the recipient of the 2007 Award of Excellence.

ACTRA Toronto Performers is the largest organization with ACTRA, representing more than 13,000 of Canada's 21,000 professional performers in the English media.

A dispute over earnings has virtually shut down film and television production in Ontario.

The awards will be handed out Feb. 23 at the Carlu in Toronto in a ceremony hosted by Patrick McKenna.

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