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 1982 Robert Myers
 1983 Jack Bernstein
 1984 Don Watts
 1985 Chris Salmon
 1986 Morris Appleby
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 1988 Barry Carnon
 1989 A.L. (Pat) Travers
 1990 Dudley Dumond
 1991 Ron Emilio
 1992 Ted Hulse
 1993 Robert Stinson
 1994 Herb Mathers
 1995 Michael Taylor
 1996 Doug Pinder
 1997 Paul Wroe
 1998 Philip R. Carlton
 1999 Orval Fruitman
 2000 John Bailey
 2001 Doug Isman
 2002 Cathy Watson
 2003 Sandra Stewart
 2004 Allen Karp
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 2007 Michael Kennedy
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 2009 Denise James
 2010 Stuart Fraser
 2011 Michael Goldberg
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 2020-21 *No Awards Presented*
 2022 John Freeborn

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 Marie Formosa, John Freeborn, Michael Goldberg
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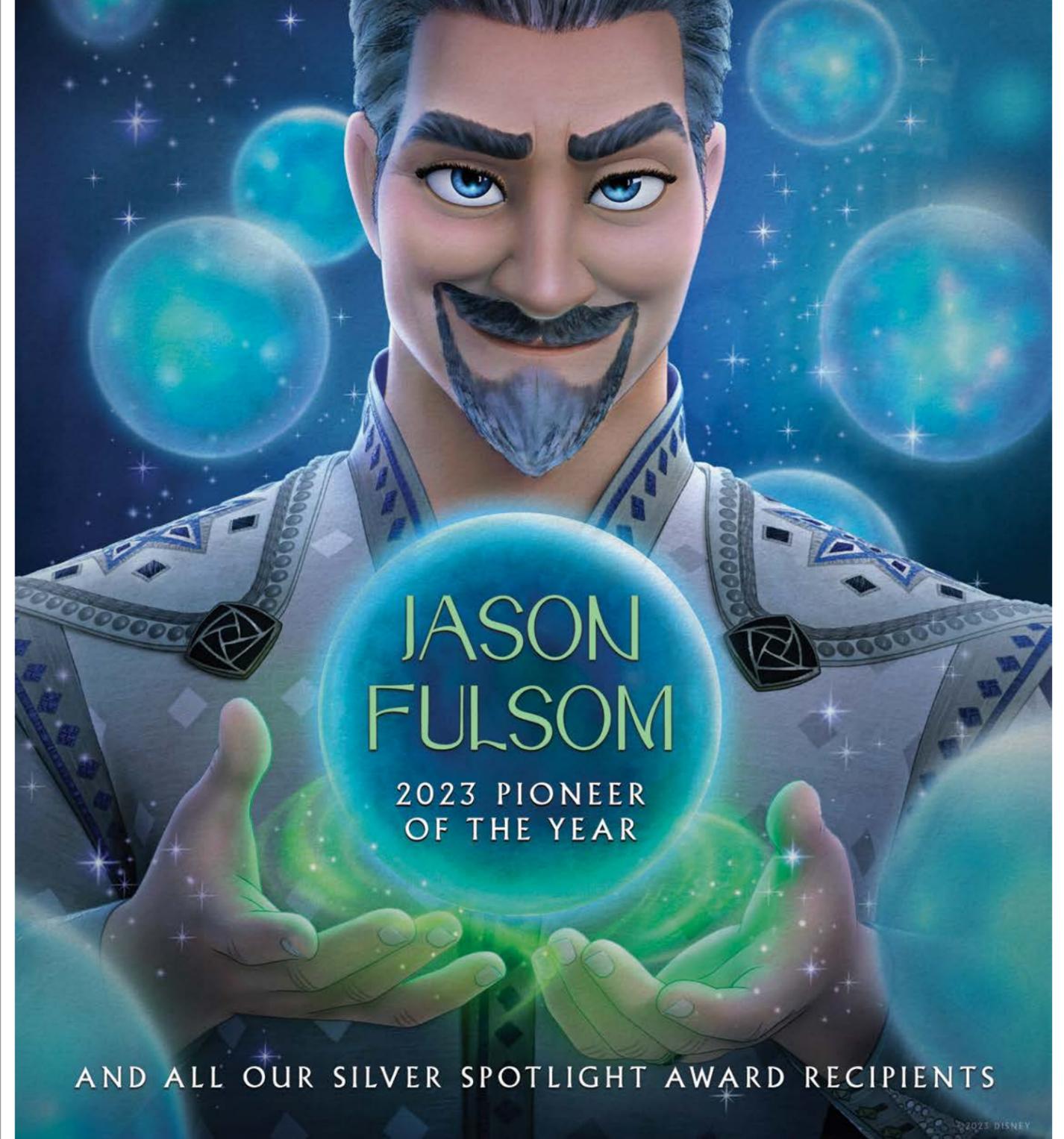
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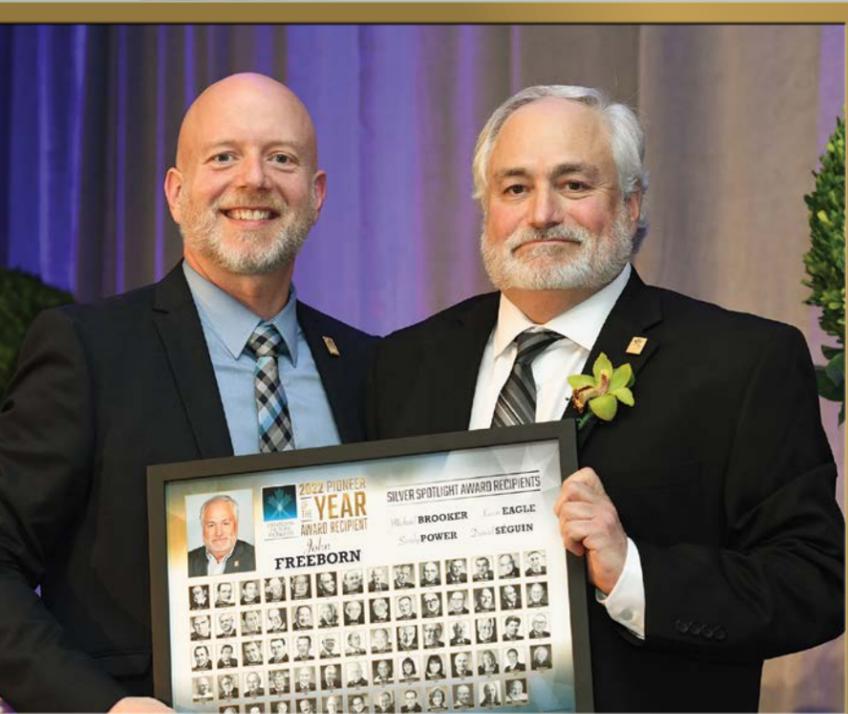
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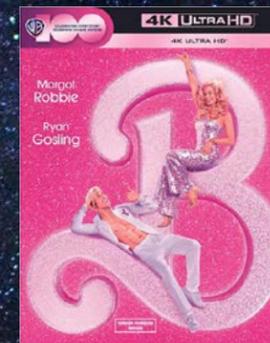
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2023 PIONEER OF THE YEAR

Jason
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I am still finding it hard to believe that I am being awarded the Pioneer of the Year honour this year. I have been to more of the Canadian Picture Pioneers Award Dinners than I can likely count and have seen some people of great industry stature take home the hardware. Which is why I am beyond humbled to be chosen for this honour.

I would like to take this chance to congratulate the two other honourees tonight – Kylie Bechberger and Carrie Wolfe. Both of these amazing women are good friends of mine and truly deserving of the honours bestowed on them tonight. Congratulations to you both!

I didn't grow up with aspirations of a lengthy career in the Canadian movie industry. Growing up in rural southern Ontario, my family and I enjoyed movies, but they were definitely for special occasions since it was a good thirty-minute drive to the nearest cinemas. Still, being a child of the 80's, during the height of Spielberg/Lucas blockbusters and the dawn of giant action movie stars, certainly gave me an appreciation for the magic of the big screen experience.

My introduction to the business side of movies came shortly after my university graduation in the mid-90's, when I received an offer to

join Famous Players as a Business Analyst. That role gave me an amazing crash course into all the facets of running a movie theatre chain. A transition to the film booking team a couple of years later allowed me behind the curtain of the mysterious realm of film distribution/buying negotiations. Joe Strebing was an excellent teacher, but 25 years later, I am still not sure this part of the industry can ever be fully understood. It was not long before Michael Kennedy

lead their Canadian team and have enjoyed every minute of being there for the last 10 years. I was made to feel at home immediately by the entire Universal distribution team and working for Jim Orr has been one of the greatest experiences of my professional career.

My history with the Canadian Picture Pioneers started much the same way I believe it does for most young people in our industry – by attending the great events

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showed up and I was lucky enough to learn from one of the most colourful, and knowledgeable people in the business. I rode Michael's coattails over to Cineplex in the great Canadian cinema consolidation of 2005, where I was lucky to learn from Ellis Jacob, Rob Cousins and all the great executives at that industry-leading company.

In early 2014, opportunity knocked on my door and I joined the dreaded 'other side' of the business – studio film distribution. I made the move to Universal Pictures to

they organize and using those as a chance to get to know more people in a relaxed, social environment. After several years of enjoying these events, I started to realize that these events didn't just happen by accident. In fact, it was a network of dedicated volunteers who worked very hard to make them as much fun as they were. And that the money raised at these events went to an exceptionally good cause – confidentially helping those connected to our industry when they need it the most. In 2014, I was asked to join the Board of

Directors for the CPP and it has been a very big part of my life ever since. I assumed the role as Treasurer/Secretary in 2015 before being elected President in 2018. During my time at the helm, I focused on making sure the organization had a fresh outlook in the face of a rapidly changing industry. But perhaps my defining legacy as President was ensuring the CPP survived the multi-year cycle of the pandemic. Earlier this year, I passed the baton and moved into the Treasurer role. I am looking forward to continuing my work with the CPP and helping keep the organization strong for many years ahead.

As I said, I could not be more honoured to accept the 2023 Pioneer of the Year Award. I would like to thank all those involved with the Canadian Picture Pioneers for this recognition. Thanks to all those that have helped me along the way throughout my career in this industry. Great thanks to all my friends and colleagues at Universal – you have backed me every step of the way in prioritizing the CPP, both in terms of volunteer hours and charitable giving. And a special thanks goes to my family, my lovely wife Heather and my children Graham and Kate, for all the love and support over the years. ■

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Kylie
BECHBERGER

I found my love for film from the very first time my mom took me to a theatre at just three years old. Sitting in the small-town Paramount Hanover theatre, watching *Beauty and The Beast* blew little Kylie's mind away. For someone who is known as a talker, I sat there for the whole film just silently amazed and on the way out, I have a distinct memory of looking up at the posters in awe. Years later my career would come full circle when I booked a film in that very same cinema.

As you can imagine there wasn't a lot of opportunity growing up on a farm in the middle of nowhere to get exposure to the world of film. Once I got to high school, I started making home videos and editing my own videos, which lead me to applying to Humber College in Toronto for their Film and Television program. For me, there was no back up plan. I packed up and moved to the big city of Toronto in 2006 for three years of school.

After graduating from Humber in 2009, I was lucky enough to hear about an internship opening at Entertainment One for three months. I spent those first three months at eOne just in

a state of excitement and awe. I had no idea what distribution was at all, but I remember being so happy that I got to mail out screeners to film festivals.

Sarah Brown started at eOne a couple years into my time there and that's when I discovered that theatrical sales could be a future for me. I was privileged enough to spend 10 years at eOne, releasing every genre and size movie you could imagine. From blockbuster movies to Oscar indies to Canadian films. I spent countless TIFFs trying to sleep when I could, while running from screening to screening. I also began to learn how the business of distribution worked outside of just someone buying a movie for theatres.

In my 10 years at eOne I worked under some amazing female leaders, which was incredible and ultimately lead me to volunteer with the Pioneering Women in 2011. I feel so honoured to be a co-director of Pioneering Women with Sarah Brown for the past couple of years.

In 2019, I started working at Vortex Media, where I took the opportunity to learn even more about the busi-

ness side of distribution. My passion for learning allowed me to get a more rounded knowledge of every aspect of a film's life from purchase, all the way to the later windows in the film's life. While at Vortex I joined the Canadian Picture Pioneers board, which has been such a joy to sit at a table with so many incredible people.

After four years with Vortex, I had the opportunity to join VVS Films and return to the theatrical world in a bigger way. I can't tell you how happy it made me that first Monday to call all those theatres again. There is something so magical about speaking with the same theatre owners or bookers after 15+ years. They are the ones who have gone through this journey with me.

If you had told that girl on the farm with a video camera that someday she would work on some of her favorite films, she would never have believed it. I'm so grateful to be a part of this industry and can't wait to spend even more time working with everyone. ■

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Carrie
WOLFE

I grew up the daughter of Camp Directors, spending summers on Lake Temagami surrounded by crystal clear water, ancient rocky crags and majestic forests. This idyllic playground instilled in me an insatiable sense of wonder, curiosity and a strong yearning to explore. So, it is not all that surprising that I ended up working in the movie business, lured by the ever-changing, magical stories, the unknown worlds and the opportunity to dive into subjects I often knew little about.

I have been lucky enough to explore far reaches of the world with adventures that have taken me climbing to the top of Mt. Kilimanjaro, kayaking in Brazil and Costa Rica, white water rafting on remote rivers in Bhutan and Patagonia, fly fishing in the Arctic, diving in Panama and practicing yoga in India and Bali. But my career, from the day I started, continues to be one my greatest and most fulfilling journeys.

I completed my degree from the Richard Ivey School of Business at Western University, and staying true to my heart's calling, did not follow the

traditional recruitment path. Instead, I travelled to Europe and then ventured west. Living in the mountains of Banff and then Vancouver, I honed my skills as a waitress before returning home to ponder whether or not I should go to law school. I didn't. Instead, I completed a post-graduate certificate in Public Relations from Humber College.

A brief stint in film production followed. I liked the action of being on set but quickly realized I wanted to be on the business end. I went knocking on doors and as fortune would have it, landed an 'informational interview' with Bryan Gliserman at Cineplex Odeon Films. I started as an intern that afternoon and never left. That internship soon became a full-time job and that job grew over 15 years with roles at what became Odeon Films, Alliance Atlantis, Alliance Films and finally eOne. The landscape continually changed and waves of disruption were ever present but there was never a day that I didn't love it.

I worked on PR and promotional campaigns for more films than I can possibly remember, including some

iconic franchises like The Lord of The Rings, The Hunger Games, Sex & The City, Austin Powers and many Quentin Tarantino films. But it was the privilege of working with some of Canada's most lauded filmmakers and supporting movies such as Indian Horse, Goon, Passchendaele, and Sharkwater that has truly been the most rewarding.

In 2013, I started Carrie Wolfe Productions. One of my first jobs as an independent contractor was helping at ShowCanada in a role affectionately dubbed 'cling girl' as I was responsible for ensuring studio branding was properly installed. Much like my internship at COF, I just never left. Over the past decade, ShowCanada has not only been a job, but more importantly an opportunity to support and champion an industry that has given so much to me over the years.

I know how incredibly fortunate I am to have found a career that has been meaningful, challenging and never ever short of laughter. I am eternally grateful to my many mentors, colleagues and friends that have been with me along the way. ■



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We are thrilled to
celebrate our friend
Carrie Wolfe
on being a 2023 Silver
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Congratulations to Carrie, Jason,
and Kylie for your well-deserved
recognition for your contributions to
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*Kylie
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Carrie Wolfe



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Jason,
Congratulations - well deserved and very much appreciate all you do for our industry. Enjoy your day and the award. Ellis

JAWSON you're awesome!
Congratulations on being POY. So well deserved for so many reasons! xxjen

Congrats!!!
Jason, Kylie & Carrie
You are all ROCKSTARS!
D. STOKES

Congrats Jason on Pioneer of the Year!
Well deserved.
Sara Fleming

Congrats Jason, you truly are one of the shining stars of our industry.
Sandy Power XO

Dear J,
Congratulation my friend!
So very well deserved - thanks for all you do for our industry. You are amazing.
Nuria

Congratulations Carrie!
I am constantly in awe of the amazing work you do for our industry and thrilled to be celebrating such a good friend tonight. xxjen

CARRIE

Heartfelt Congratulations To Our Dear Friend Your Unwavering Commitment And Profound Determination Are Inspirational
We're So Very Proud Of You!
Lots Of Love & Hugs
John, Terri, & Kelley

KYLIE

CONGRATULATIONS!
IT'S BEEN AMAZING WATCHING YOUR CAREER GROW AND I'M SO HAPPY THAT I GET TO SHARE THIS EVENING WITH YOU!

CARRIE

Jason,
Congratulations on being awarded Pioneer of the Year!
Enjoy your moment to shine!
Love,
Heather, Graham & Kate

Kylie,
Congratulations - you are a wonderful leader and great distributor of films, always building relationships. A well-earned award.
Ellis

TO MY FAVORITE LADIES,
CONGRATS ON THIS HONOR -
SOMETHING TO ASPIRE TO.
YOU'RE FEMS BY GURBAN!

Congratulations Carrie!
It is always such a pleasure to work with you. Not only are you professional and super organized, but your kindness is so appreciated!

Nathalie, Gabrielle, & P.A.
ProjectTech Entertainment

Carrie,
Congratulations on this well deserved award!
We love your creativity and endless dedication to the industry.
Thank you for bringing us on board with your events.
Bravo! Your hard work has truly paid off!

The McNabb Roick Events team

Kylie!
You are such a bright star and we could not be more proud of you. Thank you for everything you do for Pioneering Women. And Congratulations to Jason and Carrie - well deserved!
Love, PW

JASON

CONGRATULATIONS ON THIS WELL DESERVED RECOGNITION!
FROM BOOKING PROMO SCREENINGS AT FAMOUS PLAYERS TO PLANNING SHOWCANADA EVENTS WITH UNIVERSAL AND EVERYTHING IN BETWEEN. I'VE LOVED WORKING WITH YOU THROUGH ALL THE YEARS!
CAN'T THINK OF ANYONE I WOULD RATHER SHARE THIS EVENING WITH!

Carrie you friend are our ShowCanada guru!
Congratulations!
Sandy Power XO

CARRIE

Kylie & Carrie
Congratulations on the spotlight awards
Sara Fleming

Jason, Kylie & Carrie,
CONGRATULATIONS!
We are all so thrilled for you!
THE CPP BOARD

👉 KYLIE 👈
Congratulations!
Your passion and commitment to the CPP and our industry is appreciated and inspiring.
xxjen

Carrie,

Thank you for all your help and efforts as you continue to move our industry forward. Your passion and devotion is greatly appreciated. Congratulations, Ellis

Congrats Kylie, well deserved!

Sara Power

CONGRATS

Jason Kylie Carrie

We celebrate you all tonight and thank you for your passionate leadership!! *Margaret*

MY FELLOW JAW'S FAN,
CONGRATS JASON. YOU'RE
STILL MY FAVORITE PRESIDENT.
YOUR GOOD FRIEND
MARGARET.

Congratulations Jason!

There's NOBODY else like you.

You're as sweet as AMERICAN PIE, WICKEDly funny and you have A BEAUTIFUL MIND.

Now GET OUT and celebrate this momentous achievement!



Congrats! We couldn't think of
a more deserving person!
♡ Kate & Claire
"Cue the Parade"

Kylie!
Congratulations to the best
Bechberger in the business 😊
Meghan



From US or rather

LOVE ACTUALLY,
Tamara, Victoria, Katie & Kendrew & TED



Carrie:

I am honoured to have followed you across the country
and back with the ShowCanada family.
You are a force of nature with energy to spare! Well done!
Congrats to all - Jason, Kylie and Carrie.

Cheers, Donna

KYLIE!
CONGRATS ON YOUR WELL-DESERVED SPOTLIGHT
AWARD! WE ARE SO INSANELY PROUD OF
YOU! THE CANADIAN FILM INDUSTRY IS
BETTER FOR HAVING YOU. WE CAN'T WAIT
TO SEE WHAT YOU DO NEXT!
♡ COURTNEY, MATT, PENNY + OZ POWELL

Carrie,
Your spotlight award may be silver,
but you'll always be gold in my book!
This industry world is better with you in
it!! Mazel!
Gary

Jason, congrats on your POY honour.
Thanks for your leadership through some
difficult years and always willing to give
your time when asked.
Congrats Silver Spotlight recipients
Carrie and Kylie *Jill*

Congratulations Carrie and Kylie!
It is an honour to share the
spotlight with you tonight!
Your friend Jason

JASON, KYLIE + CARRIE
♡ CONGRATULATIONS FRIENDS!
THANK YOU FOR ALL THAT
YOU DO FOR THE CPP!
XO SARAH

Dear Carrie,
Congratulations on this
very well deserved recognition!
You truly are the best!
You are aware of what this means...?
XOXO Love you lots,
NURIA (LB)

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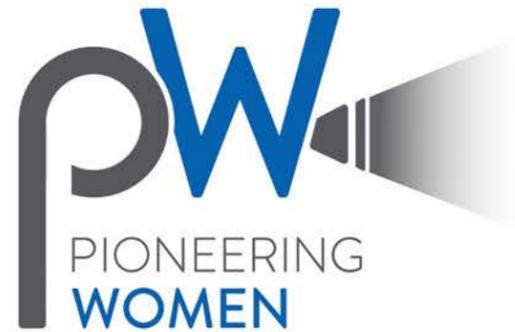
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and the
Silver Spotlight winners
Kylie Bechberger &
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"If your actions create a legacy that inspires others to dream more, learn more, do more, and become more, then, you are an excellent leader."

- Dolly Parton

OUR HEARTFELT CONGRATULATIONS TO

JASON FULSOM, 2023 Pioneer of the Year

CARRIE WOLFE, Silver Spotlight Winner

AND OUR OWN CO-DIRECTOR

KYLIE BECHBERGER

Silver Spotlight Winner

*We couldn't do what we do,
without **YOU!***

- *Pioneering Women*

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We are thrilled to celebrate the
Pioneer of the Year recipient:

Jason Fulsom

and Silver Spotlight Award Recipients:

Kylie Bechberger | Carrie Wolfe

Congratulations to you all
on your well-deserved recognition!



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TO THIS YEAR'S GROUP OF DEDICATED
AND PASSIONATE HONOUREES!

2023 PIONEER OF THE YEAR
JASON FULSOM

SILVER SPOTLIGHT AWARD RECIPIENTS

**KYLIE BECHBERGER
CARRIE WOLFE**



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is thrilled to celebrate Pioneer of the Year

JASON FULSOM

Congratulations to Silver Spotlight Winners

KYLIE BECHBERGER

CARRIE WOLFE



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Congratulations TO OUR 2022 RECIPIENTS



RIA BHALLA
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NAIHLA DAWKINS
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DIANA DURU-OBISI
CINEPLEX



MICHELLE EASTMAN
CINEPLEX



NOOR GHAZZO
CINEPLEX



DUSTIN GILLILAND
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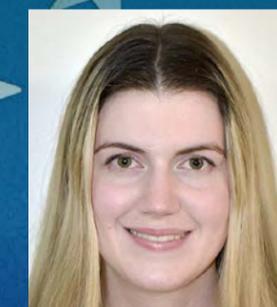
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STUDENT ASSISTANCE

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Thank You, Pioneers!

Your contributions have made a huge difference.

The Canadian Picture Pioneers Student Assistance Awards Program has awarded **over 1 Million in the past 21 years... changing the lives of 368 young people** associated with our industry.

Movies are magic and the film industry is full of ambitious, intelligent and creative young people. If you would like to support the Pioneers' future movers-and-shakers, please consider the Student Assistance Program.

Let's Keep Changing Young Lives!



CANADIAN PICTURE PIONEER INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

This year, Canadian Picture Pioneers launched its inaugural Internship Program in partnership with Universal Films Canada. Together, we hired a summer intern, Emily Luk, who was placed on the Universal team for 15 weeks. Emily worked in multiple departments, learning many aspects of the industry, including distribution, marketing, publicity and promotions.

We asked Emily to share her experience in her own words.

Emily Luk, CPP Intern

It was a dream come true when I landed the internship at Universal Pictures Canada. As a long-time admirer of the studio's iconic films and rich marketing campaigns, it was an absolute pleasure to learn from the best in the business.

In June 2023, I began my CPP internship with Universal and was welcomed into a passionate team that was open to sharing their years of experience and knowledge with me. Working in a hybrid capacity, I found motivation in my weekly commutes from Guelph to the corporate office in North York, due to the incredibly nurturing and inclusive work environment.

My fifteen weeks with Universal were more than a simple summer internship; it was an enriching opportunity to challenge myself, foster new connections, and explore career pathways within the film industry that I never knew existed. From day one, I was presented with real responsibilities and projects that contributed value to upcoming releases.

I had the rare opportunity to try out two roles: one in which I learned from the Media department and the other in the Sales Distribution department. Under the Media team, I applied what I learned in school by conducting research and brainstorming ideas to help reach target audiences for unique media buying opportunities.

During my time with the Sales team, I gained exposure to analytic platforms, such as ComScore, and analyzed movie-going behaviours, theatre visitations, and genre-specific trends to uncover data-driven insights and recommendations. I also developed hands-on experience with theatrical distribution systems software, which allowed me to book repertoire titles in select Cineplex locations across Canada.

There are numerous factors that contributed to my enjoyable internship experience with Universal. The support and guidance I received from my mentors, Katie Veloso and Kayla Taylor, was a key factor in setting me up for success. Not only did they trust my abilities, but I greatly appreciated the extra mile they took to schedule time with me each week to answer questions.

Having one-on-one meetings with each person in the office provided me with valuable insights into their backgrounds, daily jobs, and a glimpse into film distribution on a larger scale, including the Québec market, drive-in theatres, and in-theatre marketing executions. The strong sense of encouragement I felt at Universal gave me an impetus to attend summer socials and CPP/Pioneering Women networking events. Some of my favourite memories from the internship were accompanying the team to trade screenings and having the amazing chance to attend TIFF for the first time.

Overall, I learned a great deal about the inner workings of movie distribution and the level of strategic marketing coordination that goes into bringing an audience and films to the big screen.

In addition, splitting my time among the two departments helped me become a more well-rounded marketer and see the importance of cross-functional collaboration between marketing and sales to achieve the same goal. For me, the two most significant benefits of the CPP Internship Program were the meaningful relationships I formed and exposure to various functions within a studio, which reinforced my passion to pursue a career in the film industry. ■



If you'd like to learn more or get involved with the CPP Internship Program, please contact melissa@canadianpicturepioneers.ca.

IN MEMORIAM

We lost the following members across Canada:

ATLANTIC

Marlene Arsenault-Crossman

ALBERTA

Robert (Bob) MacDonald

ONTARIO

Theresa D'Ornellas

QUEBEC

John Xinos

Carole Boudreault

George Robillard

André Gilbert



Carole Boudreault
1952 – 2023

Carole Boudreault, worked in the Quebec and the Canadian cinema distribution & exhibition industry for most of her career.

Carole, a cinema enthusiast began working in the industry with René Malo at Malofilm becoming Director of Distribution. She moved to Famous Players in 1988, where she was in charge of Film in the Montreal office. We owe her the launch of Traveling Laurentides (which later became Ciné-Québec), of Ciné-chiffre (which became Cineac). Carole was Director General of Association des propriétaires de cinémas du Québec (APCQ), and President of her own company Services Zoom Inc.

Carole was a great defender of arthouse films, an excellent programmer, she long maintained excellent working relationships with Unifrance Film, and she contributed in the success of Quebec films in France. She was also a great collaborator of the Outaouais Film Festival. Carole was a long-time supporter and member of the Quebec Picture Pioneers.

For many years Carole was one of the main organisers of the annual ShowCanada convention, helping to bring together the entire Canadian film industry. ■

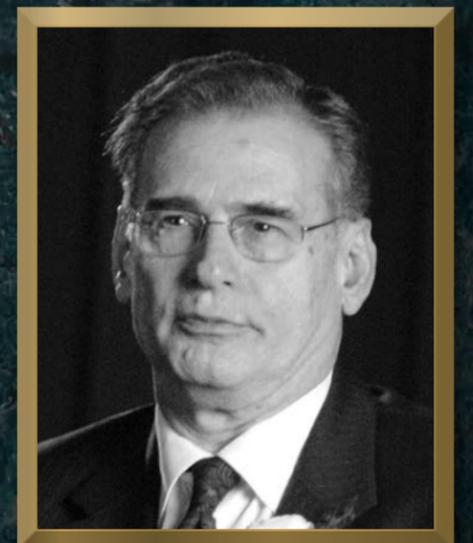
John was born in Athens, Greece and immigrated to Canada in his teens in 1959. A few years later he started his first job in the film industry in 1961 as an usher at the then Snowdon theatre, owned by United Theaters and then later became property of Famous Players.

John remained with Famous Players for close to 40 years working at various positions under the guidance of such notables as George P. Destounis, Donald Drisdell and Jack Bernstein rising to Executive Director, Film & Advertising, Quebec and Eastern Canada.

Even though John had his hands full with career and family, he volunteered his time with Quebec Picture Pioneers Association, including serving as the President and Trustee.

In 2001, John joined Equinoxe Films where his years of experience were well appreciated and highly valued, he retired in 2009.

The Canadian Picture Pioneers honoured John with a Spotlight Award in 2005. ■



John Xinos
1941 – 2022



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Silver Spotlight Award Winners

KYLIE BECHBERGER & CARRIE WOLFE

CANADIAN PICTURE PIONEERS

TRUST FUND



It was the year ‘Gone with the Wind’, ‘The Wizard of Oz’, ‘Mr. Smith Goes to Washington’, ‘Stagecoach’ and ‘Gunga Din’ opened in theatres.

In 1939 a group of movie industry executives gathered to remember the passing of a friend. Jack Cohn, one of the founding partners of Columbia Pictures, was concerned that it only seemed to be funerals that brought industry friends together. Motivated by this thought, Cohn and a group of industry peers started the Picture Pioneers Inc., an organization to bring people in the industry together for fellowship and friends willing to help each other out in time of need. In the beginning membership was restricted to only those who had been in the industry for 25 years.

Many of the original Picture Pioneers members had help to start the major studios in Hollywood. In the first year over 200 other industry members joined, including some Canadians, among them pioneer theatre exhibitor Oscar Hanson and John Fitzgibbons, who later became President of Famous Players. These men brought together their friends Clair Hague and Ray Lewis to work on forming

a Canadian equivalent and by the end of 1940 ratified a charter forming the Canadian Picture Pioneers. In the beginning years, it became obvious that the need for help would increase beyond what had been first contemplated, and that formal fundraising plans would have to be developed to meet such demands. An

TOTAL ASSISTANCE PROVIDED 1947 TO 2023: \$4.1 Million

important first step in those plans would be to apply to the Canadian Income Tax Department to register what would become the Canadian Picture Pioneers Trust Fund as a qualified charity with the right to issue receipts for income tax purposes.

It took until 1947, but this all came together with the trust document that we still operate under today stating that; “the Canadian Picture Pioneers Trust Fund

shall be used and operated exclusively as a charitable fund and not for the benefit or private gain or profit of any persons, or of the Pioneers and shall be used solely for the relief of needy, poor or indigent persons generally throughout Canada and more particularly for the relief of any needy, poor or indigent persons who have been or are employed or were a part of the motion picture industry, or any affiliated industry.”

From the beginning the Trustees struggled to build up a sustaining capital fund. Each year, little by little, with the generous support of Pioneer members and supporting companies the fund has grown, providing more assistance to those in need each year. However the Pioneers still need your assistance. Please remember to donate to the Picture Pioneers with regular annual contributions, in memory donations and planned giving through insurance and estate planning. Thank you. ■



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industry members. Learn more at WRPioneers.org.





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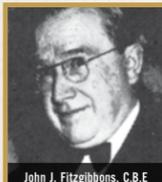
Jason

2023 PIONEER OF THE YEAR FULSOM

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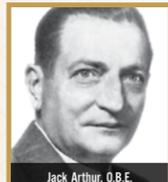
Kylie **BECHBERGER**

Carrie **WOLFE**



John J. Fitzgibbons, C.B.E.

1953



Jack Arthur, O.B.E.

1954



Louis Rosenfeld

1955



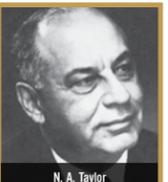
Oscar Hanson

1956



William Summerville Sr.

1957



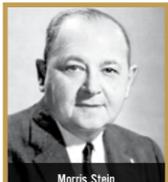
N. A. Taylor

1958



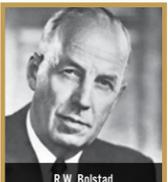
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1959



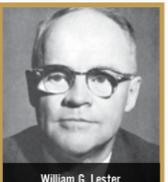
Morris Stein

1960



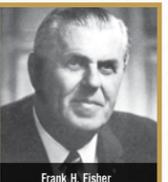
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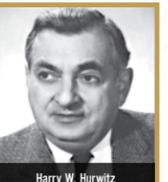
William G. Lester

1962



Frank H. Fisher

1963



Harry W. Hurwitz

1964



Robert D. Hurwitz

1964



Herbert Allen

1965



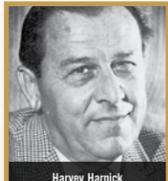
Dan Krendel

1966



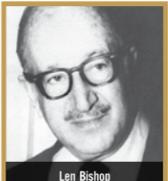
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1967



Harvey Harnick

1968



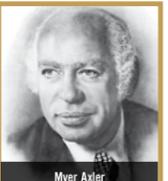
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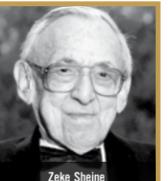
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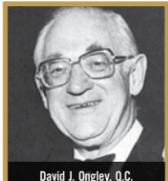
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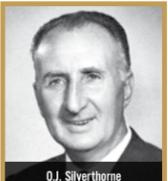
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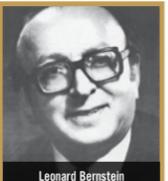
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1973



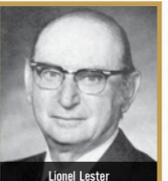
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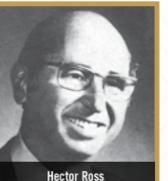
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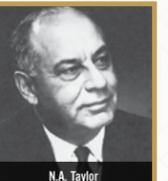
Lionel Lester

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Hector Ross

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N.A. Taylor

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Gerald Dillon

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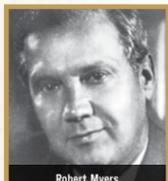
George P. Destounis

1980



Barry Myers

1981



Robert Myers

1982



Jack Bernstein

1983



Don Watts

1984



Chris Salmon

1985



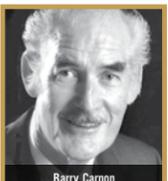
Morris Appleby

1986



Doug Gow

1987



Barry Carnon

1988



A.L. "Pat" Travers

1989



Dudley Dumond

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Ron Emilio

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Ted Hulse

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Robert Stinson

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Herb Mathers

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Michael Taylor

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Doug Pinder

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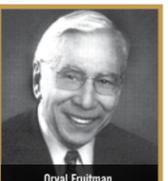
Paul Wroe

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Phillip R. Carlton

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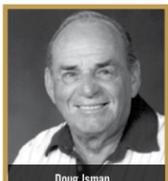
Orval Fruitman

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John Bailey

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Doug Isman

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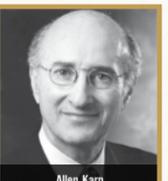
Cathy Watson

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Sandra I. Stewart

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Allen Karp

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Karen Davis

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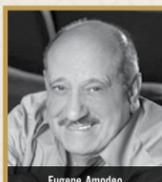
Brian Stewart

2006



Michael Kennedy

2007



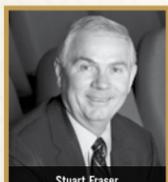
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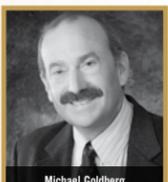
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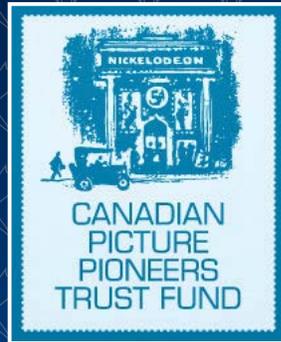
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