

Edmonton-filmed Blackstone wins six Rosie Awards

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A scene from a 2013 episode of Blackstone, with Gail Stoney (Michelle Thrush) and Sarah Bull (Cheri Maracle)

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It was a good night for Blackstone in Calgary on Saturday.

The gritty filmed-in-Edmonton television drama took home six Rosie Awards at the 2014 Alberta Film and Television Awards gala, held at the Calgary Convention Centre.

Blackstone, an APTN series produced by Prairie Dog Film +Television, lost out to Hell on Wheels for Best Dramatic Series, but won awards for Best Performance by an Alberta Actress (Michelle Thrush), Best Screenwriter/Drama over 30 Minutes (Ron E. Scott), Best Original Musical Score/Drama (Mike Shields) as well as three other prizes.

Other winners with a local connection included Freezer, a full-length action thriller filmed in Edmonton in 2013 starring Dylan McDermott. It was nominated in six categories and won the award for Best Dramatic Production over 30 Minutes.

Edmonton-based comedy Tiny Plastic Men, nominated in nine categories, took home the prize for Best Animator/Motion Graphic Artists (Riley Beach & Deja Springfield.) The show lost out to Just Cause 2 for Best Comedy or Variety Production.

Edmonton director Tom Radford (Clearwater Documentary) won Best Screenwriter (Non-Fiction Over 30 Minutes) for Common Ground: Defending the Public Sector, which explored everything from the roots of social activism in Alberta to the global rise of privatization.

The award for Best Musical Program or Series went to Scott Henuset, Claire Adams and Brent Kawchuk, of Corkscrew Media, for their show on the Canadian Country Music Awards, held at Rexall Place last September.

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The Rosies are AMPIA's annual industry awards show. Industry members apply with a fee to be considered for nomination.

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