

PAUL STEPHENS

Producer

LOVE, SEX & EATING THE BONES:

An urban romantic comedy directed by David Sutherland and starring **Hill Harper (Skulls)**, **Ed Robertson (of the "Bare Naked Ladies")** and **Marlene Afflack (The Heist)**.

Winner: Best Feature Film & Blockbuster Audience Favorite Award, 2004 Pan African Film Festival LA;

**Winner: The Citytv Award for Best Canadian First Feature Film
2003 Toronto International Film Festival**

**Winner: Best Canadian Feature Film, 2004 Victoria Independent Film Festival
Voted: One of the TOP TEN BEST CANADIAN FILMS 2003**

JJ HARPER:

A gritty retelling of the true story of the killing of Native Chief JJ Harper by Constable Cross of the Winnipeg Police and the subsequent investigation and scandal. Starring **Adam Beach (Windtalker)** and directed by Norma Bailey.

JULIE WALKING HOME:

Directed by Agnieszka Holland (**Europa, Europa, The Secret Garden**) and starring Miranda Otto (**Lord of the Rings**), William Fichtner (**Black Hawk Down**) and Lothair Bluteau (**Jesus of Montreal**) the film explores the complexity of faith, family and love in the face of betrayal.

A Canadian/German/Polish Official Co-production.

Official selection of the Venice Film Festival 2002, Toronto & Halifax Film Festivals

TORSO:

A CTV Movie directed by Alex Chappelle and starring Kathleen Robertson (**90210**), Brenda Fricker (**My Left Foot**) and Victor Garber (**Titanic**) which retells the complex and brutal story of Evelyn Dick of Hamilton, Ontario in 1946.

Winner, Best Movie, 2002

SUCH A LONG JOURNEY:

Based on the novel by Canadian writer Rohinton Mistry, **Such A Long Journey** stars Roshan Seth, Om Puri, Soni Razden and Ranjit Chowdhry and was directed by Sturla Gunnarson. The film premiered at the Toronto International Film Festival and captured the Most Popular Canadian Film Award at the Vancouver International Film Festival. It was nominated for 12 Genies and won 3. Theatrically **Such A Long Journey** has had critical and box-office success in both Canada and the UK and had a good run in the US. Roger Ebert gave it two thumbs up.

Film Review Magazine called Journey: 'A film that could properly be described as a modern masterpiece, a truly great work of cinema... A magnificent film.'

THE PLANET OF JUNIOR BROWN:

This complex children's film, directed by Clement Virgo, and starring Lynn Whitfield, Margot Kidder and Sarah Polley. Nominated for an Emmy for direction it continues to be Unapix's all-time top-selling video. It tells the story of an overweight, young and troubled piano genius and his relationship with a street kid.

Winner of the Silver Nymph at the 1998 Monte Carlo Festival and in 1999 the Grand Jury Prize at New York's Urbanworld Film Festival

THE ARROW:

A two-part miniseries starring Dan Ackroyd, Christopher Plummer, Michael Moriarty and Michael Ironside. **The Arrow** explored the story of the most famous airplane ever built in Canada and subsequently destroyed by the government of John Diefenbaker. It premiered to outstanding numbers on the CBC and, followed by sales throughout the world, including the development of interactive video.

Winner 6 Gemini Awards

WHERE THE SPIRIT LIVES:

Where The Spirit Lives, an American Playhouse Special Presentation and a CBC Movie of the Week, was an outstanding success. It explored, for the first time, the horrific child abuse that took place in many residential schools in Canada where young native people were sent during most of the twentieth century. It was broadcast world-wide, winning more than twenty international awards.

Gemini Award for Best Television Movie

GANESH:

Directed by Giles Walker (**90 Days**) and starring Glenne Headly, Paul Anka and Ryan Reynolds, this warm family drama was released theatrically in Canada and the US and won several awards throughout the world.

CURRENT:

Beowulf & Grendel:

Beowulf & Grendel is a medieval adventure, part fable, part horror-story. Loosely based on the 9th century Anglo-Saxon poem - *Beowulf* – it tells the blood-soaked tale of a Norse hero's battle with a great and murderous troll. A Canadian/UK/Icelandic Co-production, written by Andrew Berzins and directed by Sturla Gunnarsson. Curently in Pre-production.

PREVIOUSLY:

SPIRIT BAY:

Spirit Bay, a children's series set on a fictitious Indian Reserve on Lake Nipigon, played to a wide audience on the CBC and around the world. It introduced the world to Graham Greene, Gary Farmer and Tantoo Cardinal.

DOCUMENTARY:

AFRICAN JOURNEY: JOURNEY TO UNDERSTANDING:

Shot on location in Zimbabwe this documentary/drama series explored issues of contemporary Africa: AIDS, water, women, education. This series is currently in use in classrooms throughout the world

WITNESS TO YESTERDAY:

Hosted by Patrick Watson this series explored, in a first-person interview format, the unexamined lives of real historical figures.

TVONTARIO DOCUMENTARIES:

Many documentaries exploring educational and social issues for TVOntario.

Paul Stephens and Eric Jordan are the partners and owners of The Film Works, a company that has produced quality film and television projects for over 25 years. When he's not producing films Paul makes very tasty maple syrup on his farm north of Belleville.