



## Randolph Academy for the Performing Arts

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### GEORGE RANDOLPH KICKS OFF CANADIAN SCREEN WEEK 2015 WITH A CANADIAN SCREEN AWARD WIN

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE Toronto, ON - **Canadian Screen Week 2015** kicked off with a win for Randolph Academy Founder and President **George Randolph** who received the **Canadian Screen Award for Best Biography or Arts Documentary Program or Series** as co-producer of *UNSUNG: Behind the Glee*. Mr. Randolph accepted the award at the gala on February 24, 2015, with co-producer Peter da Costa (da Costa Talent) and director Moze Mossanen. Presented as part of TVO Doc Studio, *UNSUNG: Behind the Glee* charts the journey of two Toronto high school show choirs as they battle time, nerves and each other to create an award-winning routine for the Show Choir Nationals, Canada's National High School Glee Club Championships. Mr. Randolph and Mr. da Costa are co-founders of Show Choir Canada ([www.showchoircanada.com](http://www.showchoircanada.com)).

Of the win, Mr. Randolph says, "Beyond the award, the win underscored for me the importance of not compromising your beliefs for the sake of commercialism.

"When we started shopping around the concept of a documentary, many production companies were only interested in cookie-cutter competition formats. We wanted to focus on how the performing arts changes young people's lives, giving them new direction and hope. TVO took that chance and understood that there is a market for thought-provoking documentaries, and understood the necessity of arts training as a means to fulfilling personal development.

The moral of the story is: when doors are slammed in your face, just knock on more doors and somebody eventually will listen and take a chance on your point of view."

*UNSUNG: Behind the Glee* offers a behind-the-scenes look at show choirs from Etobicoke School of the Arts and Wexford Collegiate School for the Arts. The schools have a healthy glee club rivalry, as each of them has won before at the Show Choir Nationals. Both are striving for a repeat performance at the third annual competition in Toronto.

Canadian Screen Week 2015 continued with another Randolph Academy-related win during the second gala, this time for **Aislinn Paul**, an alumna of the Randolph Kids Program, who won for **Best Performance in a Children's or Youth Program or Series** for the "My Own Worst Enemy" episode of *Degrassi*. Also among the CSA nominees were alumna **Carlos Bustamante**, nominated for Best Host in a Pre-School, Children's or Youth Program or Series as host of YTV's *The Next Star-Live Finale*; and alumna **Amy Wright**, who is involved with choreography and casting of *The Next Step* which was nominated for Best Children's or Youth Fiction Program or Series; and alumna **Adam Korson**, nominated for Best Performance by an Actor in a Continuing Leading Comedic Role, for the "Mall My Children" episode of *Seed*, which is also nominated for Best Comedy Series.