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Tuesday, May 22, 2012
ANNOUNCING THE WINNER OF THE INAUGURAL
CAYLE CHERNIN AWARD

The selection committee of The **CAYLE CHERNIN AWARD** is pleased to announce its inaugural recipient: **COLLETTE MICKS**.

The bi-lingual actress **COLLETTE MICKS** is a graduate of **Ecole Jacques Lecoq in Paris** and the **University of Quebec in Montreal**. A resident of Toronto, Ms. Micks has appeared in many TV, Film and Stage productions including **ReGenesis, Degrassi, Sue Thomas; FBI, The Kennedy's, Family Biz on YTV, To Distraction**. Ms. Micks is transitioning into media cinematography/directing with the **Web Series REDHEADS** , a comedic Multi-Genre Web Series.

The Committee would like to acknowledge runner-ups **Sarah Michelle Brown (Passing)**, and **Michelle Latimer (The Freedom Project)**, for their excellent applications. We wish you and all applicants the very best.

Join friends and colleagues at the DUKE of GLOUCESTER, 649 Yonge Street, 416-961-9704 on Monday, May 28 from 6:00pm to 7:30 where presented by life-long friend and colleague, actress and Canadian treasure **JANE EASTWOOD** to **COLLETTE MICKS**.

The Cayle Chernin Award is an annual cash prize of \$1000.00, intended to encourage an emerging or transitioning female in the performing or media arts. The award will alternate yearly between film and theatre.

The Cayle Chernin Award, sponsored by Equity Showcase Theatre, was made possible by the generosity of Cayle's loving and supportive colleagues friends and family. This award honors the creative energy and nurturing spirit of actress/documentary filmmaker Cayle Chernin who was 'hard-wired to tell stories'.

Cayle Chernin, actor, documentary filmmaker, teacher, mentor and co-star of Don Shebib's classic Canadian film *Goin' Down the Road* and it's recently completed sequel *Down The Road Again* passed away on February 18, 2011. Cayle was know for her talent, generosity, imagination, intellect and

incredible smile. Cayle was also valued for her commitment to women's issues having been elected to ACTRA Toronto council and co-chaired the Toronto ACTRA Women's Committee (TAWC) and sat on the board of Equity Showcase Theatre. Cayle's career spanned four decades in film and on stage developing new works, and encouraging up and coming artists. An overview of Cayle's career can be accessed at www.cayle.ca.

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