

Wishing Ontario the Best of Luck at the Oscars and CSAs!

On Oscar® night, three films made in Ontario will compete for the golden statuette coveted the world over. We wish everyone involved the very best of luck on Sunday, March 4! Guillermo del Toro's **THE SHAPE OF WATER** leads the race with 13 Academy Award® nominations, including Best Director and Best Picture, which includes a nod for Ontario producer J. Miles Dale. The OMDC-supported animated feature, **THE BREADWINNER**, Co-Produced by Anthony Leo and Andrew Rosen of Ontario's Aircraft Pictures, and Executive Produced by Angelina Jolie, is nominated for best Animated Feature. And writer/director Aaron Sorkin received a nomination for Best Adapted Screenplay for **MOLLY'S GAME**.



THE SHAPE OF WATER (above)



THE BREADWINNER at TIFF 17 | (L-R) Executive Producer Angelina Jolie, Director Nora Twomey. Director and actor Saara Chaudry. Photo courtesy of TIFF/George Pimentel for Getty/Wireimage



MOLLY'S GAME



MAUDIE

THE BREADWINNER will also be competing the following Sunday, March 11, for Best Picture at the **Canadian Screen Awards**, where Ontario was recognized with over 1,000 Ontario nominations, including 21 OMDC-supported films.

This 2018 awards season has also been generous so far to Ontario. Here are just a few of the highlights.

Aisling Walsh's **MAUDIE**--an OMDC-supported co-production—has won three IFTA18 Awards from Irish Film & Television Academy including: Best Director, Best International Actor for Ethan Hawke, and Production Design. MAUDIE was a success story from OMDC's *International Financing Forum* at TIFF.

THE BREADWINNER has also won awards this season, and most recently honoured in Berlin with the prestigious Cinema for Peace - Justice Award. In December, it garnered the Best Animated Film awards by both the Toronto Film Critics Association (TFCA) and the Los Angeles Film Critics Association (LAFCA). This OMDC-supported feature is a *From Page to Screen* success story, a cross-sector collaboration by an Ontario author, publisher, producer and animator who all helped bring this important story to life.



THE BREADWINNER | Kane Mahon (Optician/Kiln Owner -voice), Ali Badshah, (Nurullah-voice) Saara Chaudry (Parvana-voice), Andrew Rosen (Producer, Aircraft Pictures), Anthony Leo(Producer, Aircraft Pictures), Kawa Ada (Razaq -voice)

Del Toro's *The SHAPE OF WATER* has already garnered [45 awards](#), including three BAFTAs and two Golden Globes, winning Best Director both times. Almost every department head involved in this award-winning film is from Ontario; and with 13 Oscar® nominations it is the most recognition for Ontario talent on a single film ever. In fact, there's a good chance you know someone involved in this production that employed more than 1,500 Ontario residents and contributed \$20M to our local economy.

The talent and expertise of the Ontario-based Oscar® nominees for *THE SHAPE OF WATER* helped bring this magical film from script to screen to the Academy Awards. And the Ontario nominees for *THE SHAPE OF WATER* are: BEST PICTURE – J. Miles Dale and honorary Ontarian Guillermo del Toro; PRODUCTION DESIGN -- Paul Austerberry (Production Design), Shane Vieau and Jeffrey A. Melvin (Set Decoration); COSTUME DESIGN -- Luis Sequeira; SOUND EDITING -- Nelson Ferreira and Nathan Robitaille; SOUND MIXING -- Christian Cooke, Deluxe Toronto, Brad Zoern, Deluxe Toronto, and Glen Gauthier. These Ontario film industry veterans call it a 'career high' to be nominated for their work. You can watch them being interviewed in these [CTV clips](#).

From your partners at OMDC – a huge congratulations to everyone involved in these exceptional films. We know Ontario has a world-class production industry and it's exciting to see pictures made-in-Ontario shine on the national and international stages.

Bravo,



Mark Sakamoto

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