

# Sci-fi projects roar at Leo Awards

B.C.'s sci-fi productions were big winners at this weekend's annual Leo Awards for B.C.-made film and television.

Named best TV series was *Stargate: Atlantis*, which won a total of nine awards for its fifth and final season.

In addition to the prizes handed out Friday and Saturday night at the Bayshore Hotel, *Stargate* producers Brad Wright and Robert Cooper were earlier named winners of the lifetime achievement award, as was veteran stuntman Jacob Rupp.

As well, the made-for-TV movie *Stargate: Continuum*, based on the original *Stargate: SG-1* TV series, won three prizes in the feature film category.

Also among sci-fi winners was the new TV series *Sanctuary*, a gothic-themed show starring former *Stargate: SG-1* lead Amanda Tapping as an immortal from Victori-



**Sanctuary's enigmatic Amanda Tapping.**  
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**Tyler Labine won for his lead role in Reaper.**  
— ABC



**Songwriter Ben Mink's music scored.**  
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an England doing battle with modern-day monsters. The show won acting awards for Tapping as well as guest stars Ryan Robbins and Gabrielle Rose. *Sanctuary* also won the prize for best makeup.

Other TV acting prizes went to Tyler Labine for his lead role in the slacker paranormal series *Reaper*, Eve Harlow for best supporting actress in the action drama *The Guard*, and Benjamin Arthur for best sup-

porting actor in the Manitoba-filmed series *Less Than Kind*.

On the feature side, the best movie prize went to *Fifty Dead Men Walking*, the fact-based IRA drama filmed in Ireland by Vancouver producers Shawn Williamson and Stephen Hegyes along with Toronto director Kari Skogland. That movie also won a prize for Ben Mink's musical score.

Lead acting awards went to Michael Shanks of *Stargate: Continuum* and Babz Chula of the

low-budget relationship comedy *Mothers & Daughters* (currently in theatres — a refreshing thing to be able to say about any B.C.-made feature). Lauren Lee Smith was named best supporting actress for the drama *Helen*, a hit at this year's Sundance festival that starred Ashley Judd. Chang Tseng was named best supporting actor for his role in the family drama *Dim Sum Funeral*.

— Glen Schaefer

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