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COMPANY PROFILE

Merit Motion Pictures (MMP) is a leading Canadian independent producer of factual entertainment for theatrical and television audiences. From in depth current affairs to biography and lifestyle series, from observational documentary to history and science programs, **MMP** has a well-established reputation for producing intelligent top quality factual programming to broadcasters worldwide. Founded in 1988 by Executive Producer, Merit Jensen Carr, **MMP** works with Canada's foremost writers and directors and is recognized within the industry for producing programming which entertains, informs, and reflects the comedy, the drama and the pathos of the human experience.

Housed in a historic building in the heart of downtown Winnipeg, **MMP** is a full service HD production company. Over the years **MMP** has been the recipient of many awards including two Gemini Awards for its series **Recreating Eden**, six more Gemini nominations; a Platinum and Silver Remi at the WorldFest in Houston; a Silver Medal at the Chicago Film Festival; four Golden Sheaf Awards, and the prestigious LA Humanitas Award for films of humanitarian significance. **MMP's** family Thanksgiving special **Smudge** was officially selected as TNT's nominee for an International Emmy.

MMP is now in production with **One Ocean**, a 4 x 1 hr documentary series co-produced with CBC's flagship science unit, The Nature of Things, about the history and state of the world's oceans; **Vixens and Virgins**, an eye-opening 1 hr documentary for CTV about the effects of the media on teenage girls; and **Sticky Fingers**, a 1 hr documentary for CBC's premiere documentary strand Doc Zone about shoplifting. Key projects in development include **Bawdy Houses and Brothels**, a 4 x 1 hr documentary series on the archeology of prostitution developed for History Television; **Arctic Defenders**, a feature documentary written and directed by the acclaimed director John Walker and co-produced with The National Film Board about Canada's Inuit; and **Unnatural Nature: The Terrible Paradox of Chernobyl**, written and directed by award winning director John Paskievitch. All programs are in HD format.

Productions produced in 2008 are **The Science of the Senses**, a 4 x 1 hr HD documentary series on the five senses co-produced with the CBC series The Nature of Things; the fifth season of the award-winning international documentary series **Recreating Eden** produced for Vision TV, HGTV, National Geographic; **The Truth About Liars**, a 1 hr documentary about the science and sociology of lying for CBC's series Doc Zone; **Sabrina's Law**, a 1 hr documentary about the world's first legislation protecting children with deadly food allergies co-produced with Lank Beach Productions and the National Film Board for Canwest Global Television. **MMP** also produced two feature documentaries for Bravo! **40 Years of One Night Stands: The Story of Canada's Royal Winnipeg Ballet** and **Ballet High**, a co-production with the international Emmy Award-winning company, vonnie Von Helholt film. All programs are now available for acquisition.

MMP is pleased to have produced programming for a wide range of broadcasters and co-production partners including CBC, CTV, Canwest Global Television, HGTV, the National Film Board of Canada, the Discovery Channel, Vision TV; TVO, Bravo!, Turner Network Television, and ZDF/ARTE. As a Manitoba production company, **MMP** productions receive a 60% tax credit which normally finances about 30% of our production budgets.

