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The latest co-production from Canada's megaproducer, Robert Lantos, and his second collaboration with Ronald Harwood, who wrote the screenplay for *The Statement* and now *Being Julia*, and István Szabó, who previously directed *Sunshine*. Annette Bening, Jeremy Irons and Bruce Greenwood star in this adaptation of a Somerset Maugham novel.

By Maurie Alioff

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Ignoring the siren call of Hollywood, Don McKellar has chosen to stay in the land of ice and snow to pursue his own, unique path to Canadian stardom. His latest project is *Childstar*, with Jennifer Jason Leigh, Dave Foley, Eric Stoltz, Michael Murphy, and Mark Rendall as the runaway American child star.

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*Ryan*, Chris Landreth's powerfully animated short about the troubled life of Ryan Larkin, the phenomenally gifted NFB animator who fell from grace, has already won awards at Cannes for its inventive brilliance. Landreth was nominated for an Oscar® for *the end* in 1997 and won a Genie for *Bingo* in 1999.

By Chris Robinson

## 25 *Canada's Top Ten Films of All Time*

Once again Claude Jutra's *Mon oncle Antoine* tops the list of the Best Canadian Films of All Time, in a comprehensive survey conducted by the Toronto International Film Festival. As before in 1984 and 1993, the 2004 list reflects a rich Canadian cinematic heritage.

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