

# Corner Gas: CTV Pumps Out a Hit

Funny sitcoms are hard to write. It's a knack most Canadians do not possess, but Saskatchewan native Brent Butt has mastered the art. *Corner Gas* is not only the freshest and funniest Canadian comedy to come along in a long time, it's also a genuine hit with over 1.5 million viewers on CTV.

By Dale Drewery

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## 11. Chaotic Justice: George F. Walker's *This Is Wonderland*

The multicultural human stew that is the lower courts of Toronto's Old City Hall is vividly portrayed in *This Is Wonderland*, a one-hour drama from the writing team of playwright George F. Walker and Dani Romain, now in its second season on the CBC.

By Coral Andrews-Leslie

## 14. The Polyphonic Nature of Patricia Rozema

The films of Patricia Rozema, from *I've Heard the Mermaids Singing* to *Mansfield Park*, have reinvented the iconic paralyzed artist figure that has preoccupied the Canadian cultural imagination and provided our cinema with a group of strong, complex and successful female characters.

By Agata Smoluch Del Sorbo

## 22. Healing Beauty: Carole Laure's *CQ2*

Once known as the sexiest woman in Canadian movies and the star of Gilles Carle's *La Mort d'un bûcheron*, Carole Laure has successfully made the move to behind the camera, and in her second feature *CQ2 (Seek You Too)* she directs her daughter, Clara Furey, in an emotionally-charged dance/drama.

By Maurie Alioff

## 31. One Man's Documentary: A Memoir of the Early Years of the National Film Board

Joining the fledgling NFB in the fall of 1939, when the Nazis were on the move across Europe, Graham McInnes became part of one of the most effective and creative propaganda filmmaking units ever put together by the Allies.

By Graham McInnes

### POINT OF VIEW

#### 38. TV Nation: The Answer to English-Canadian Cinema's What? The Boob Tube, of Course

Quebec not only has a thriving film culture, but it also has prime-time movie shows to prove it. In English Canada, outside of Toronto and Vancouver, there is no such thing. Montreal film critic Matthew Hays calls for a national show on the CBC about movies similar to *Hot Type* or *Open Book*.

By Matthew Hays

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