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**THE SMOTHERS BROTHERS TO JOIN KEN BURNS AND SHEILA NEVINS
TO RECEIVE SPECIAL CINE AWARDS**

**Awards presented at the 44th Gala Awards Event for 2003 Cine Golden Eagle Winners
Awards Ceremony Is February 27, 2003**

(Washington, D.C., January 24, 2003) - CINE, one of the nation's oldest and most prestigious film and video organizations, is pleased to announce that Tom and Dick Smothers will join Sheila Nevins and Ken Burns as honorees at the 44th Annual CINE Golden Eagle Film and Video Awards Event. The Smothers Brothers will also perform at the Awards ceremony, scheduled to take place on February 27, 2003, in Washington D.C., at the Grosvenor Auditorium of the National Geographic Society. The CINE Golden Eagle Awards are recognized both nationally and internationally as symbols of the highest production standards.

CINE will present a distinguished CINE Trailblazers Tribute to Tom and Dick Smothers for their important breakthrough role in advancing freedom of expression in the realm of television. CINE will also present its prestigious CINE Lifetime Achievement Award to Sheila Nevins, executive vice president, Original Programming for Home Box Office and the coveted CINE Leadership Award to celebrated documentary filmmaker Ken Burns.

Presenters will include previous CINE honoree Pat Mitchell, president and CEO of PBS, Sharon Rockefeller, president and CEO WETA, documentary filmmaker Rory Kennedy of Moxie Firecracker Productions (*American Hollow*) and Dalton Delan, executive vice president and chief programming officer of WETA, and president of CINE. Special Jury and Masters Series Awards will be presented to the best of the CINE Golden Eagle winners from the 2002 competitions.

The Smothers Brothers hold a unique place in television history through their work on *The Smothers Brothers Comedy Hour*. Their brilliant satire, innovative stand up, references to counter-culture and the appearance of guest artists on their show who represented the social commentary of the time ultimately resulted in greater freedom of expression on television. Always considered ahead of their time, Tom and Dick Smothers are masters of timing and practitioners of timeless comedy. CINE honors the Smothers Brothers with its CINE Trailblazer Tribute as they mark their 44 years in show business as time-honored legends

Distinguished and acclaimed documentary filmmaker Ken Burns receives the CINE Leadership Award for his extraordinary twenty year career as the maker of some of the most brilliant historical documentaries ever made. Through his groundbreaking PBS series such as THE CIVIL WAR, JAZZ and BASEBALL to MARK TWAIN, FRANK LLOYD WRIGHT, BROOKLYN BRIDGE, and LEWIS AND CLARK, Burns has brought millions of Americans to their television sets to be informed and entertained by his enlivening visions of American history. Awe-inspiring, resonant, and even thrilling, Burns's work examines the personalities, events, and cultural forces that have shaped us as uniquely American.

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Sheila Nevins is executive vice president, original programming, for Home Box Office. During her tenure, HBO's critically acclaimed documentary and family programs have won numerous awards including forty-five Emmy Awards, eighteen George Foster Peabody Awards (including a personal Peabody for her outstanding work in Documentary and Family Programming) and twelve Academy Awards. A passionate champion who has both pushed the boundaries and elevated the art of the documentary, Nevins has succeeded in generating heightened awareness and new audiences for the non-fiction form. Ms. Nevins will receive the CINE Lifetime Achievement Award.

CINE's mission is to foster and recognize overall excellence in film and video production, and to provide educational and programmatic services in support of those goals. Established in 1957, CINE is nationally and internationally recognized for its prestigious and highly acclaimed film and video competitions, which are held twice annually and culminate every spring in a gala Awards Event held in Washington, D.C.

Dalton Delan, executive vice president and chief programming officer of WETA, PBS national producer and flagship station in Washington, D.C., serves as CINE president. David L. Weiss is CINE's executive director.

For further information on purchasing tickets to the February 27, 2003 Awards Ceremony, CINE and its CINE Golden Eagle awards recognition programs, please visit the website at www.cine.org, or contact CINE, 1112 16th St. NW, Suite 510, Washington, D.C. 20036 Telephone: 202/785-1136. Fax: 202/785-4114; Email: info@cine.org
