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**CINE ANNOUNCES THE 44TH GALA AWARDS EVENT FOR  
2003 CINE GOLDEN EAGLE WINNERS  
Awards Ceremony Is February 27, 2003  
KEN BURNS, SHEILA NEVINS, TO RECEIVE SPECIAL AWARDS**

(Washington, D.C.) - CINE, one of the nation's oldest and most prestigious film and video organizations, is pleased to announce that Sheila Nevins and Ken Burns will be honorees at the 44th Annual CINE Golden Eagle Film and Video Awards Event. The Awards ceremony, which will take place on February 27, 2003, in Washington D.C., at the Grosvenor Auditorium of the National Geographic Society, will also present the CINE Golden Eagle Awards to the finest film and video productions from 2002, selected through a unique multi-stage jury system. The CINE Golden Eagle Awards are recognized both nationally and internationally as symbols of the highest production standards.

CINE will present its prestigious CINE Lifetime Achievement Award to Sheila Nevins, Executive VP, 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 & CEO, WETA, and documentary filmmaker Rory Kennedy of Moxie Firecracker Productions ("American Hollow"). Special Jury and Masters Series Awards will be presented to the best of the CINE Golden Eagle winners from the 2002 competitions.

Distinguished and acclaimed documentary filmmaker Ken Burns receives the CINE Leadership Award for his extraordinary career of over twenty years 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' work examines the personalities, events, and cultural forces that have shaped us as uniquely American.

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.

In 2002, more than 800 jurors judged well over 1,000 CINE entries. Past recipients of CINE Golden Eagle Awards include David Grubin, Barbara Kopple, Charles Guggenheim, Ken Burns, Albert Maysles, Debra Chasnoff and many others distinguished for their work with the moving image. Last year's Awards ceremony honored such networks as CNN, HBO, ABC, NBC, PBS, Discovery Communications, The History Channel, A&E, Showtime, and National Geographic Television. In 2002, the CINE Lifetime Achievement and CINE Leadership awards were awarded to Ted Turner and Bill Moyers respectively.

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 CINE and its award recognition programs, please contact CINE, 1112 16th St. NW, Suite 510, Washington, D.C. 20036.

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CINE also announces its Spring 2003 competition for excellence in professional and amateur/student works in documentary, informational and entertainment film and video production. Competition entry forms for the Spring 2003 CINE competition will available in mid-December. Entries can also be downloaded or submitted online from the CINE Web site at [www.cine.org](http://www.cine.org). The deadline for submissions is February 15, 2003.