

**For Immediate Release**

**Director's Guild of Canada, BC, Announces Changes to the Permittee Logbook Holder Program**

Vancouver, B.C. – November 10, 2008 – The Directors Guild of Canada, British Columbia District Council (DGC BC) Executive Board has amended the Permittee Logbook Holder Program to allow greater opportunities in the film industry for post secondary students and recent University/College graduates. The required thirty days of Production Assistant Helper work necessary to apply to the program will be waived for post secondary students that can provide proof of registration in a recognized Film program or proof of graduation from a Film or TV program within the last five years. Currently, Permittees are required to work a minimum of 100 days per year as a PA Helper to remain in the Program. The DGC BC Executive Board has modified the Program to allow Permittees who are currently students to be exempt from this requirement providing they present proof of full-time registration at a recognized institution. All other requirements of the Permittee Program remain in place.

The DGC BC has developed the Permittee Logbook Holder Program as a requirement for those interested in acquiring work experience as a PA with the goal of attaining Associate Membership in the Directors Guild of Canada.

Changes to the Permittee Program are a result of the DGC BC's goal to encourage students and graduates to pursue careers in the Film and Television sector. The Program requires that Permittees gain a diverse base of genre work experience as PAs before applying for DGC Associate Membership.

***The Directors Guild of Canada, British Columbia***

The Directors Guild of Canada, British Columbia, is a labour organization which represents key creative and logistical personnel in the film and television industries. The Guild supports and facilitates Member employment opportunities and represents Member interests with regard to both immediate work environments and future concerns as a labour force.

Additional information on the DGC BC and the Permittee Program may be obtained through the DGC BC website, [www.dgcbc.com](http://www.dgcbc.com).