

# LEAF road show highlights contributions of women

## Entertainment

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LEAF is taking to the road. LEAF (Women's Legal, Education and Action Fund) has put together a road show to raise funds for the organization and to remind Canadians of the historical contributions women have made to Canada.

The show will visit Toronto (Feb. 2), Halifax (Feb. 3), Calgary (Feb. 7) and Vancouver (Feb. 8) and will feature keynote speakers and musical stars.

Among the performers will be Buffy Sainte-Marie and Connie Kaldor.

Speakers include Maureen McTeer (in Halifax), Margaret Atwood (Toronto) and Gloria Steinem (Vancouver).

LEAF is a national organization

that sponsors test case litigation - citing the Charter of Rights and Freedoms or other human rights legislation - to advance quality for women.

k.d. Lang is hard to ignore. The country singer from Consort, Alta., has a style of her own when it comes to hairstyle, clothes (western, of course) and music.

She has garnered three Grammy Award nominations, all in country music categories - an achievement for any Nashville star, let alone a young lady from Alberta. The Grammys (awards are presented in each of the major music categories, from rock to country music) are North America's most prestigious music awards.

As well as being nominated for best country female vocalist, Lang was nominated twice in the category of best country vocal collaboration - with the late Roy Orbison for Crying, and with Brenda Lee, Loretta Lynn and Kitty Wells for The Honky Tonk Angels Medley.

Six other Canadians received Grammy nominations, including

Joni Mitchell for pop female vocalist.

Also nominated were: Robbie Robertson (male rock vocalist), Jeff Healey (rock instrumental), Neil Young and David Foster (videos) and Walter Ostanek (polka).

The 31st annual Grammy Awards will be televised live by CBS on Feb. 22.

Robert Duvall, who won an Oscar for his performance in Tender Mercies, makes a rare TV appearance in Lonesome Dove, an eight-hour saga of the Old West.

The four-part mini-series is based on Larry McMurtry's Pulitzer Prize-winning novel.

Set in the late 19th century, Lonesome Dove is the story of an epic cattle drive from Texas to Montana - the last remaining wilderness.

Tommy Lee Jones, Anjelica Huston, Danny Glover and Robert Ulrich are among the other stars of this mini-series, to be telecast Feb. 5-8 by CTV.

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Hall returns as host of the Variety Club's annual telethon.

This year's telethon, the ninth, features such stars as Burton Cummings, Michael Danso, Dawn Aitken, the Partland Brothers, Andre-Philippe Gagnon and Dan Hill.

## Caine's a classy scoundrel

By DIAHANN NADEAU

Herald Special

Dirty Rotten Scoundrels must be Michael Caine's 400th film. I'm amazed I still like him, after all the shabby movies he's been in. In DRS he steals the movie from Steve Martin, who had all the physical gags. Caine is perfect as a very classy con man who passes himself off as royalty. Martin is funny as a hayseed con artist looking for smaller prey in Caine's territory. Dirty Rotten Scoundrels is not a terrific movie, but it does offer some good laughs.

Laurence Jamieson (Caine) takes amateur Fred Benson (Martin) reluctantly under his wing to teach him the fine art of extracting money from foolish and wealthy women. Not surprisingly, these women are always American.



Fred soon becomes part of the act, playing the Prince's (Jamieson) half-wit brother Ruprecht. Ruprecht offers Martin the chance to do some very funny gags. Ruprecht is retired before we get bored with him, perhaps even a little too soon.

Jamieson and Benson soon strike a bet on who can divest the young American 'Soap Queen,' Janet Colgate, of \$50,000 first. This is the core of the movie, as the two men try to outwit each other in ever funnier twists. I don't want to say too much here - I don't want to spoil the little surprises. The plot twists

to the very end, and finishes on a funny note.

For all the laughs though, Dirty Rotten Scoundrels is a flawed movie. It lags a little at times, loses cohesion frequently, and occasionally bores.

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