

"Shadowland" could be repeat country winner



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The shadow of the 1988 Canadian Country Music Awards is hanging over the 1989 awards.

Alberta's K.D. Lang walked off with three awards last year, including the top prize, Entertainer of the Year. She was also chosen as the top female vocalist and received the award for album of the year for Shadowland.

She is a finalist in four categories this year, including album of the year. And the album CCMA members like so much...Shadowland.

The fact the album that won last year is among this year's nominees is not an indication of a scarcity of top country albums. CCMA president Paul Mascioli said in a telephone interview from Ottawa. "The membership feel it is such a strong album, it deserves another shot at it this year."

Shadowland is eligible again because it meets the time-frame requirements set by the CCMA. There is a two-month overlap each year. Records released in a 14-month period, April 1 of one year to May 31 of the following year, are eligible. Records released in April or May can be nominated in two consecutive years -- but it is fairly rare. A record released just before nominations close has to be an ins-

tant hit to attract enough attention for CCMA members to vote for it.

Only one since the CCMA took over the country awards in 1982 has the same record won in two different years. Raised on Country Music, Family Brown's best-selling album, was album of the year in both 1982 and 1983.

Shadowland faces some hefty competition again this year, including George Fox, an album by, of course, George Fox. Fox received an unprecedented six nominations for the 1989 awards, including Entertainer of the Year. Other finalists in the top entertainer category are Lang, Family Brown, Anne Murray and Michelle Wright (nominated in five categories).

The Sept. 9 award show, at the National Arts Centre in Ottawa, will be televised live by CTV.

Shoot and Cry, a National Film Board production that examines the moral and political questions of war and peace in the Middle East, will air Aug. 19 on the new CBC Newsworld channel. The film shows the Middle East through the eyes of an Israeli conscript and a Palestinian worker.

MGM/United Artists Home Video is marking the 50th anniversary of The Wizard of Oz by releasing a special, limited video edition of the classic movie on Aug. 16.

Milton Berle may have told thousands of jokes, but how many

can one comedian remember. In Berle's case, the answer is apparently 10,000 or so.

His sixth book, Milton Berle's 10,000 Favorite Jokes, Maybe More (Crown Publishers), will arrive in book stores soon. There are more than 500 categories of jokes but, judging by the title, no one counted them all.

The book includes "how to" tips, as in how to tell jokes and how to speak in public.

Megan Follows has starred in a variety of roles in the past couple of years, but many Canadians still think of her in Anne of Green Gables -- the role she performed in both the CBC's highly successful miniseries and its sequel.

Among her latest ventures is a starring role in an episode of The Ray Bradbury Theatre.

Twelve new half-hour episodes of this award-winning TV drama series start airing on First Choice and Superchannel pay TV on Aug. 18.

The Dwarf, a story set in a mid-way's Hall of Mirrors, opens the series. Follows, Miguel Fernandes and Machs Colombani are the stars. The Pedestrian and A Miracle of Rare Device will also be

shown Aug. 18.

All of the episodes are written by Bradbury -- television adaptations of his own chilling short stories.

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