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Halifax film named festival semi-finalist

Halifax filmmaker Pardis Parker's *Two Men, Two Cows, Two Guns* is one of nine semi-finalists in NBC Universal's Short Cuts Film Festival.

The film is the only semifinalist from outside the United States. More than 1,500 films from around the world were considered.

Parker's film, which stars John Dunsworth (*Trailer Park Boys*) and Levi MacDougall (*Important Things with Demetri Martin*), recently won three awards at a film festival in Alabama, two more awards at festivals in North Carolina and Louisiana, and earned Parker a Canadian Comedy Awards nomination for best direction in film.

Nova Scotia dancer gone from show

Nova Scotia native Jera Wolfe has been eliminated from the CTV reality show *So You Think You Can Dance Canada*.

The 19-year-old Royal Winnipeg Ballet School graduate, who has roots in Inverness, where his mother and grandmother still live, was in the bottom three following the Monday performance show for the Top 18 competitors in the battle to be named Canada's favourite dancer.

He and partner Kirsten Wicklund, 20, of Vancouver, danced a '90s-style hip hop routine featuring fast footwork on Monday.

But though it found favour with judge Tré Armstrong, who lauded the couple on a great job, the duo ended up in the bottom three and were eventually eliminated.

"This decision is not unanimous," Tré said on the show. "This really hurts, I'm sorry."

Wolfe thanked the judges and, struggling for composure, said: "I'm honoured and blessed to have made it this far."

An encore of the Top 18 performance and results episodes will air on MuchMusic on Saturday at 6:30 p.m.

Ballroom dancers win at L.A. competition

Halifax ballroom dancers Brenton Mitchell, 22, and Julie Poirier, 15, had their biggest win to date over the Labour Day weekend at the 2010 Embassy Ball DanceSport international championship in Los Angeles.

The couple won the Pre-Championship Standard Competition in a contest with 25 other couples from around the world and they placed third in the Pre-Championship Latin Competition.

Mitchell has been dancing since he was seven and is a masters student at Dalhousie University. Poirier is a student at Brookside Junior High School and has been dancing since she was eight.

The couple started dancing together in April 2009 and train with Jane Edgett and Barb Child at the Edgett International Dance Centre.

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