



emily carr  
university of art + design

## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

### **For Immediate Release**

## **ALUMNI DUO FORBIS + TILBY RECEIVE SECOND OSCAR NOD**

**Vancouver, CAN, January 16, 2012** – Emily Carr University of Art + Design is pleased to announce that the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences has included Amanda Forbis ('81) and Wendy Tilby's ('86) animated short *Wild Life*, as one of the 10 films selected to continue in the running for a nomination at the upcoming 84th Academy Awards.

*Wild Life* tells the story of a dapper young remittance man sent from England to Alberta to attempt ranching in 1909. However, his affection for badminton, bird watching and liquor leaves him little time for wrangling cattle. It soon becomes clear that nothing in his refined upbringing has prepared him for the harsh conditions of the New World. A film about the beauty of the prairie, the pangs of homesickness and the folly of living dangerously out of context.

The pair's 1999 animated film, *When the Day Breaks*, received an Oscar nomination in 1999. Tilby also received an Oscar nomination for her animated film, *Strings*, in 1991, and was awarded an Honorary Doctorate by the University in 2000.

*Wild Life* can be purchased from the National Film Board, which will also stream the short for a limited time. The Oscar nominations will be announced January 24, 2012.

-30-

### *About Emily Carr University of Art + Design*

Emily Carr University of Art + Design, established in 1925, is a world leader in education and research. Encouraging experimentation at the intersection of art, design, media and technology, our learning community merges research, critical theory and studio practice in an interdisciplinary environment. Alumni and faculty are internationally recognized as award-winning creators and thought leaders who have enormous impact on both the cultural sector and economy. We engage students, industry, and society to continuously explore and think differently about creativity and how it shapes our world. Find out more at [ecuad.ca](http://ecuad.ca).

### **For more information contact:**

Roxanne Toronto, Communications Officer  
604-844-3075, [roxanne@ecuad.ca](mailto:roxanne@ecuad.ca)