
John Dunning is critics' pick

Veteran film producer and distributor John Dunning is this year's recipient of the Toronto Film Critics Association's Clyde Gilmour Award, an honour handed out to Canadians whose work enriches the appreciation of feature film in the industry. Dunning, 84, has nurtured some of Canada's most high-profile directors, including David Cronenberg who called him "the unacknowledged godfather of an entire generation of Canadian filmmakers." Dunning, the co-founder of distributor Cinepix, also supported talents such as Ivan Reitman, Denys Arcand, Don Carmody, and Vincent Gallo. Cronenberg's early films, *Shivers* and *Rabid*, were produced by Cinepix. "I still consider him my movie mentor," said Cronenberg, who is now shooting the thriller *Cosmopolis* starring Robert Pattinson in Toronto. - Staff
