

CELEBRATION!
LIFE WITH DEREK WINS THE 2008 SHAW ROCKET PRIZE!

“I loved ***Life with Derek*** for a million reasons but then the whole page would be full of compliments on why this is the best show on almost all channels. This show was entertaining and any family would flick the channel until they found ***Life with Derek!***”
Student Juror

“Great job! I really liked ***Life with Derek*** because the story was clear and balanced. The lighting and camera were perfect, I think the house they chose was perfect. The camera movement was awesome and the music was great!”
Student Juror

ABOUT THE WINNER

Life with Derek is a half-hour comedy series about a modern blended family, which has forced together two willful teenagers, Casey (Ashley Leggat) and Derek (Michael Seater), each used to being in charge and each determined to keep it that way!
www.shaftesbury.org

Life with Derek is produced by Shaftesbury Films and airs on The Family Channel.
www.family.ca. The producers are Christina Jennings, Scott Garvie, Daphne Ballon, Laurie McLarty, Jeff Biederman and Suzanne French.

**MICHAEL CARRINGTON, CONTROLLER CBEEBIES
INTERNATIONAL JUROR**

“***Life with Derek*** is one of those really well crafted funny live action shows that the market is looking for. It’s a well-written, well performed show that really makes you giggle.”

ROLE OF THE INTERNATIONAL JURY

The distinguished international jury selected a shortlist of three Canadian programs that have greatly contributed to the quality of children’s television in value, entertainment and innovative content.

STUDENT JURY DUTY

A national jury of about 700 grade 4, 5 and 6 students from the Royal Conservatory of Music’s innovative Learning Through The Arts (LTTA) Program cast their votes and picked ***Life with Derek*** as this year’s best in children’s programming. Incorporated as part of the classroom curriculum, the students from schools across Canada participated in discussion and evaluation to learn what constitutes high quality programming. The LTTA is the most extensive arts-based initiative in the world, operating in almost 300 schools across Canada and 12 countries around the world. www.ltta.ca

ABOUT THE PRIZE

The 2008 Shaw Rocket Prize is celebrating it’s fourth year and awards one recipient with a \$50,000 prize for the best Canadian children’s program. It is one of the largest prizes of its kind in Canada.
www.rocketfund.ca