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WORLD RENOWNED ARTIST TONY TASCONA CELEBRATED IN HALF-HOUR FILM PREMIERING ON CTV's MANITOBA MOMENTS.



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Transitions - The Art and Soul of Tony Tascona explores the life and work of Tony Tascona, one of Canada's most prolific contemporary artists. From his early career as a semi-pro athlete to his work in the Aeronautic industry, this half hour film unearths the inspirations behind his many transitions. The film premieres **Sunday, October 29th at 6:30pm on CTV.** (MTS & Shaw Cable Channel 5 / Bell ExpressVU Channel 225 / StarChoice Channel 316)

Tony Tascona began life on a path clearly not destined for art. He lost a finger while playing a game of chicken with his brothers and an axe, he failed Grade 9 art class, and he was a talented hockey and baseball player. In fact, he had a promising career playing semi-professional baseball when he chose to give it all up and pursue his passion for art.

Tascona became one of Canada's most innovative artists. Throughout his 60-year career, he constantly questioned the traditional concept of canvas and process. He loved to experiment with the materials he encountered in the aeronautic industry, creating stunning pieces that are coveted and collected across the country. His work can be found in the permanent collections of several national galleries and his commissioned pieces hang in the foyers of some of Manitoba's highest profile businesses. His laurels include membership in the Order of Canada and an Honorary Doctorate of Law from the University of Winnipeg. But much more than an artist, Tony is a creator whose generous spirit touched the lives of countless people.

Filmmakers **Michael Linton** (Producer, Director & DOP) and **E. Anne Dawson** (Associate Producer, Writer) were in the final stages of filming **Transitions** when this incredible man passed away on May 28th, 2006. As a result, the film underwent a complete rewrite. Expanding beyond the original concept as a documentary that showcased Tascona's innovative techniques and the depth of his work, it is now also a tribute to an incredible man with an generous spirit who changed the face of art in Manitoba and Canada.

Featuring interviews with Robert Enright (Senior Contributing Editor, Border Crossings Magazine), Pierre Théberge (Director of the National Gallery of Canada), collectors and family, **Transitions - The Art and Soul of Tony Tascona** is a biography, an intriguing story of artistic process and a touching tribute.

Transitions - The Art and Soul of Tony Tascona premieres on Manitoba Moments, a weekly half-hour series that showcases and explores the people, places and events that directly impact the lives of CTV viewers in the province. Through special reports, features, mini-documentaries and independently produced specials **Manitoba Moments** offers local and regional reflection that speaks to the interests and concerns of its Manitoba audience. A production of **CTV News, Manitoba Moments** airs each Sunday at 6:30 p.m.

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