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**YOOPERA! SELECTED A WINNER IN THE 35th ANNUAL TELLY AWARDS**

**Houghton, Michigan- June 5, 2015** – The Telly Awards has named **Big Doing Productions** as a multiple **Bronze** winner in the 35th Annual Telly Awards for their piece titled **Yoopera!** With nearly 12,000 entries from all 50 states and numerous countries, this is truly an honor.

*The documentary Yoopera! tells the story of how the legacy of family stories and local history inspired both the commissioning and production of a major opera and a widespread community celebration of heritage in the beautiful, remote Upper Peninsula of Michigan (the U.P).*

The Telly Awards was founded in 1979 and is the premier award honoring outstanding local, regional, and cable TV commercials and programs, the finest video and film productions, and online commercials, video and films. Winners represent the best work of the most respected advertising agencies, production companies, television stations, cable operators, and corporate video departments in the world.

For its 35th season, The Telly Awards once again joined forces with YouTube to give the public the power to view and rate videos submitted as part of the People's Telly Awards. In addition to recognition from the Silver Telly Council, the judging panel that selects the Telly Awards winners, the Internet community helps decide the People's Telly Awards winners.

"The Telly Awards has a mission to honor the very best in film and video," said Linda Day, Executive Director of the Telly Awards. "**Big Doing Productions**" accomplishment illustrates their creativity, skill, and dedication to their craft and serves as a testament to great film and video production."

"Yoopera! showcases the creative spirit of the people of the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. We are proud to show a new stereotype of creative artists and talented people from the area and feature the stamina and resilience of a small Midwestern town left behind after an industry moved out," says the film's director Suzanne Jurva.

To find out more about the Telly Awards visit our website at [www.tellyawards.com](http://www.tellyawards.com).

To find out more about Yoopera! please visit our website at [www.yooperadoc.com](http://www.yooperadoc.com)

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