



Canadian Sitcom Gets Humanitarian Award

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TORONTO (AP) — "Little Mosque on the Prairie," a Canadian sitcom about a Muslim community in a fictional town in central Canada, is getting the Search for Common Ground Award.

The CBC show follows a small group of Muslims in a Saskatchewan town and tackles the treatment of 800,000 Muslims in Canada and some 6 million in the United States since the terrorist attacks of 2001.

The award, which will be given to the show Nov. 6 in New York, aims to recognize individuals and organizations that find common ground between those in conflict.

Past recipients have included Nobel peace laureate Desmond Tutu, former President Jimmy Carter, newsman Ted Koppel, retired heavyweight champ Muhammad Ali and Liberian President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf.

"This is a very humbling award to receive and it feels like a confirmation of our vision," Mary Darling, the show's executive producer, said Tuesday. "We wanted to create a show that would allow people to laugh while hopefully breaking down stereotypes. We felt that comedy would be a great way to inspire people to dialogue together and to build understanding of each other no matter what their beliefs."

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