

BRENT BUTT POKES FUN AT SASKATCHEWAN
Butt to MC Saskatchewan Day at the Olympic Games

Regina, SK, February 11, 2010 - Funnyman Brent Butt is one of Canada's most revered comedians, best known for the iconic Canadian comedy, *Corner Gas*. *Corner Gas* was the first national primetime sitcom to be filmed and produced entirely in Saskatchewan, and it became Canada's number-one comedy, running for six seasons from 2004 to 2009. The show has been broadcast in over two-dozen countries. Butt created and starred in *Corner Gas*, and served as the show's writer and executive producer. *Corner Gas*, about a quirky bunch of regular folks in a middle-of-nowhere Saskatchewan town, centered on the life of Butt's character, gas station proprietor Brent Leroy.

Through his comedy, Brent Butt has always shined a positive light on his home province of Saskatchewan. *Corner Gas* embraced the charms of rural Saskatchewan, and immortalized some of our most enduring images of prairie life – waving wheat fields, stately grain elevators, warm and welcoming communities, wide-open skies and a slower pace of life that leaves time for living. February 23 has been declared as Saskatchewan Day at the 2010 Olympic Games, and it's only fitting that one of Saskatchewan's greatest ambassadors will serve as the master of ceremonies during the Vancouver Victory Ceremony that evening at BC Place. As a Vancouver 2010 Contributing Province, Saskatchewan will take center stage for 30-minutes prior to the evening's medal presentations.

Brent Butt was born and raised in the small community of Tisdale, Saskatchewan. The fictional town of Dog River, where *Corner Gas* is set, pays homage to his hometown where the Doghide River flows. Brent Butt honed his comedic skills in the local coffee shop and being a class comedian in school. Even with his phenomenal success, Butt has retained the modesty and warmth synonymous with Saskatchewan hospitality. Although he packs a laugh-a-minute punch on stage, you feel like he'd be just as at home hamming it up on a small town coffee row. He moved to the city at the age of 20 to pursue his love of comedy, and was soon sharing his hilarious anecdotes about prairie life while performing in top comedy clubs, touring internationally, and headlining his own comedy specials on television. Brent is currently busy working on a new show titled *Hiccups* for CTV and The Comedy Network, and a new special.

For additional information about Brent Butt, visit: www.brentbutt.com. For more information on *Corner Gas*, visit: www.cornergas.com.

For more information about Saskatchewan Day and the Saskatchewan Pavilion at the Vancouver 2010 Winter Games, visit www.saskpavilion.ca . For Saskatchewan travel information, visit www.sasktourism.com .

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