



## Press Release

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### **2010 Arts Awards of Excellence**

Headwaters Arts and the Dufferin County Museum and Archives presented Arts Awards of Excellence on Saturday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, at the Annual Student Art Show.

It was standing room only at the Dufferin County Museum and Archives where the 2010 Arts Awards of Excellence were presented to talented student artists for their creative works of arts. Students, proud parents, siblings, friends and high school teachers were all among the 100 that were in attendance.

The jurors, Hugh Russel, Sue Powell, and Lyn Westfall had a tough time deciding among the 80 plus pieces that were first, selected by teachers from the individual high schools and then, submitted to be a part of the Student Art Show.

Competition was tough among the eight high schools, but in the end, the Award of Excellence for Visual Arts Program of the Year sponsored by Wayne Baguley, Sales Rep. Royal LePage RCR Realty was awarded to Mayfield Secondary School. Mayfield Art teacher Marie Burnett was on hand to accept the award.

The first of two Art Award of Excellence sponsored by Headwaters Arts was presented by Iris Casey, Headwaters Arts Student Art Show liaison to Martina De Ruyte of Humberview Secondary School for her untitled piece. The second Art Award of Excellence sponsored by Headwaters Arts was presented by Headwaters Arts Executive Director, Sharlene Rankin and was awarded to Sam Sinclair from Humberview Secondary School for her untitled piece.

The Award of Excellence sponsored by Cheryl and Hugh Russel was awarded to Susan Le of Mayfield Secondary School for her piece entitled "A Form of Muscle". An excited Susan was there in person herself to accept the award from Russel.

The Jefferson Mappin Award of Excellence was presented by juror Susan Powell on behalf of Jefferson Mappin to Stephanie Nikolov of Mayfield Secondary School for her piece entitled "Artificial World"

Honourable Mentions were presented by Kristen-Jessica Jackson, Miss Teen Canada Galaxy and were awarded to:

"Crunch" by Lauren Sing of Mayfield Secondary School BookLore Gift Certificate

Honourable Mention - RA Art Gallery Gift Certificate

"Faces of Maori" by Alexis Knipping of Westside Secondary

Honourable Mention - Papermoon Fine Art Framing Gift Certificate

"In the Eyes of Poverty" by Heather Lawson of Centre Dufferin District HS

Honourable Mention - Maggiolly Art Supplies Gift Certificate

"Tegan Quin" by Deanna Booton of Erin District HS

The day didn't end there, musical performances were provided by 13 year old Trista Suke and 17 year old TJ Whitelaw. Suke was the 2009 Headwaters Shining Stars winner and she amazed the audience with her immense vocals and left them wanting more. Whitelaw captivated everyone with his phenomenal guitar playing. Check out his website at [www.tjwhitelaw.com](http://www.tjwhitelaw.com)

One popular award that was not presented was the Dufferin County Museum and Archives People's Choice Award. Visitors to the Museum from Mother's Day, May 10<sup>th</sup> until Father's Day, June 20<sup>th</sup>, will be asked to vote for their favourite student artist. The 2010 DCMA People's Choice Award will be presented in the fall at the main Headwaters Arts Show at the SGI Centre in Caledon. While at the Museum, be sure to pick up your ballot and vote!

Congratulations to all the schools, participants and the Winners! Special thanks to the jurors Hugh Russel, Susan Powell and Lyn Westfall, Headwaters Arts and Headwaters Arts Executive Director Sharlene Rankin, Iris Casey, award sponsors Haedwaters Arts, Hugh and Cheryl Russel, Jefferson Mappin, Wayne Baguley, Royal LePage, honourable mention sponsors BookLore, Maggiolly Art Supplies, RA Art Gallery and Papermoon Fine Art Framing, musicians, TJ Whitelaw & Trista Suke, and Dairy Queen for the cool refreshing ice cream treats.

You might have missed the Arts Awards of Excellence ceremony, but don't miss out on seeing all the fabulous student art work while it's still here on display in the Silo Gallery at the Dufferin County Museum and Archives until Sunday, June 20<sup>th</sup>, Father's Day.

Dufferin County Museum and Archives is situated on the North East corner of Hwy 89 and Airport Rd.

Regular Museum hours are Tues – Fri 10am-5pm; Sat 10-4; Sun noon-5pm; Mon Closed. 705-435-1881 / 1-877-941-7787 [www.dufferinmuseum.com](http://www.dufferinmuseum.com)

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