

For Immediate Release

**Calling for Arts and Culture Award Nominations
Significant History of Memorial Award Winners**

Cambridge, ON, January 7, 2008- Champions for arts and culture have a local platform to recognize excellence. Until February 29th, there's an opportunity for community members to offer up names of outstanding individuals for consideration of the Bernice Adams Memorial award. This year marks the 26th Anniversary of the prestigious award.

"Arts and Culture is a big component of our community," says Cambridge Councillor Linda Whetham. "The cluster of activity here is growing with new elements such as the new Cambridge Galleries *Design At Riverside* in the Waterloo School of Architecture."

The legacy of past winners of the Bernice Adams award includes Doné Katsarov, 2007 winner of the Communications and Literary Arts category. Katsarov is known for his creation of a local essay contest and is the only person in the Cambridge area to have received the Queen's Jubilee Award from the Ontario Government for Outstanding Achievement.

Bo Densmore, Director of Economic Development for the City of Cambridge, says, "The vibrant mix of libraries, galleries, cultural and art festivals/events brings together the business and residential community and creates a strong impact on the economy."

The City of Cambridge is encouraging people to submit a nomination for excellence in the following categories: Performance Arts, Communication/Literary Arts, Music, and Visual Arts. Forms may be picked up from The Cambridge Centre for the Arts (60 Dickson Street) or the Cambridge Community Services Department (73 Water Street, North). Nomination forms may also be downloaded from www.cambridge.ca.

Once the finalists have been selected there will be a community event to celebrate their achievements at the Galt Country Club on Friday, May 23rd, 2008. It will be an inspirational evening of entertainment including a silent auction. The event will recognize recipients for their contributions to Arts and Culture in Cambridge, and to remember the late Bernice Adams, former Cambridge Councillor, whose passion for the arts and her community inspired the award.

"Community is the back bone of all culture. To be recognized in your own community is the greatest honour of all." - Ben Wicks, 1996

For More information contact:



Sonja Erstic, Recreation Coordinator
Cambridge Centre for the Arts
60 Dickson Street
Cambridge, ON N1R 8N1
519.740-4681, Ext 4565
erstics@cambridge.ca

About Cambridge

The City of Cambridge is one of the fastest growing areas in the country. It is strategically located astride highway 401 in Southwestern Ontario, part of Canada's Technology Triangle. In 2007, the population reached over 124,000 people with a multicultural mix and a strong foundation of support services. Cambridge has a diverse economic base with leading industries in manufacturing, automotive, high technology, pharmaceutical, business and financial services and hospitality/retail. The Corporation of the City of Cambridge is an employer with a work environment that offers the opportunity to provide service to the community through creativity and innovation, and with opportunities for career growth and advancement.

For more information on the area or the corporation visit www.cambridge.ca
The City of Cambridge press room is located at <http://www.cambridge.ca/article.php?sid=176>

About the Cambridge Centre for Arts

The Cambridge Centre for Arts facility is located on 60 Dickson Street (519.622.9676)
The Cambridge Centre for the Arts is a municipally operated community Arts Centre that enriches and engages area residents, artists and organizations through the provision of quality artistic experiences and opportunities that stimulate, promote and support the arts in Cambridge. The Cambridge Centre for the Arts encourages participation and inspires an appreciation for the arts. Program information is listed in the Cambridge Activities Guide, as well as in a quarterly newsletter.

The Cambridge Centre for the Arts offers a variety of programs to inspire and cultivate artistic talent including:

- Art Classes & workshops
- Artist-in-Residence (A.I.R.) program
- Art Gallery - ongoing exhibitions and Annual Juried Art Show
- Gift Shop featuring a wide range of work from area artists
- Parties and (Remove Parties - just say group bookings) group bookings
- Full range of drop-in programs - drum circle, social dancing, pottery studio, etc.
- Regular program of special events- host to Cambridge Studio Tour and visiting artist workshops.
- Frameous Fine Art Auction
- Cookies and Kids Family Performance Series
- Cambridge Children's Dance Theatre productions
- School PD Day and Training Day programming

To opt out of the news release distribution, please send an email to Linda Fegan
feganl@cambridge.ca