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Call for Arts and Culture Citizen Recognition Begins

Cambridge, ON, January 22, 2009...Champions for arts and culture have a local platform to recognize excellence as the official call for entries kicks off today for the Bernice Adams Memorial Awards. This year marks the 27th anniversary of the annual awards night which serves to recognize those citizens whose contributions to Arts and Culture have made a significant impact on the community.

The Cultural Awards Committee encourages the public to submit a nomination for excellence in the following categories: Performing Arts, Music, Literary/Communication Arts, Visual Arts, Outstanding Youth and a Special Trustees Award.

The legacy of past winners of the Bernice Adams Award includes Laurie Wonfor Nolan, 2008 recipient of the Visual Arts category. Wonfor Nolan is a highly regarded artist whose works are represented by prestigious galleries such as Arts on Queen, Arts on King (Toronto), Koyman Galleries (Ottawa), and Silverbridge Gallery (Bracebridge). She is also a live performance painter who has had the opportunity to share the stage with the Liala Biali Trio, Brandi Desterheft Trio and Mr. Rick and the Biscuits, among others.

The Bernice Adams Award program was started in 1980. Nomination forms may be picked in person at the Cambridge Centre for the Arts (60 Dickson Street) or the Community Services Department, main floor of City Hall (50 Dickson Street). The forms are also available online at www.cambridge.ca and deadline for submission is February 29th.

Winners will be recognized at evening of celebration on Friday, May 22, 2009 at the Galt Country Club. This event is an inspirational evening of recognition and entertainment, and includes a silent auction which supports the Bernice Adams Scholarship and Bursaries program.

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