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Finalists Announced for the Bernice Adams Memorial Awards

Cambridge, Ontario. April 8, 2009...The Cultural Awards Committee today unveils the finalist for the prestigious Bernice Adams Memorial Awards. The awards program recognizes talented groups and individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the arts and culture in our community and include representatives from the following categories: Visual Arts, Performing Arts, Communications/Literary Arts, Music, and Outstanding Youth.

The community will celebrate the finalists and announce the awards recipients at the Bernice Adams Memorial Awards Night slated for Friday, May 22, 2009 at 6:30 pm. Held at the Galt Country Club, 750 Coronation Blvd, Cambridge, the event showcases the diversity of talents in the City recognizing the significant economic impact that arts and culture activities make on a community.

The 2009 finalists in each category are:

Visual Arts: Ken Daley, Hespeler Heritage Society, Nita Hunton and Joanne Jones.

Performing Arts: Robin Bennett, Laurie Damaren, Patsy McCleery and Ken Nakamura.

Communications/Literary Arts Presented by the Waterloo Region RECORD: April Bulmer, Todd Jones, and Gary Kirkham.

Music: Forbes Park Music Festival, Allison Lupton, Glenn Murch and Matt Storch.

Outstanding Youth: Olivia Biggar, Conor Gains and Steven Trayes.

The 2009 recipient of the Special Trustees Award is Mr. John G. Powers. This award is presented to an individual or group who is deserving of recognition, in addition to the recipients of the five categories because the value of their contribution is equally important in two or more categories and is heavily weighted in volunteer work, where many are benefiting from their talent.

This year marks the 27th Annual Bernice Adams Memorial Awards Night. Tickets are \$25 and include light refreshments, entertainment and a fundraising silent auction. All proceeds will go to support the Bernice Adams Memorial Awards Trust Fund. This event has sold out in past years. For tickets, visit the Cambridge Centre for the Arts located on 60 Dickson Street, or call 519.740.4681 ext. 4376.

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About the Cultural Awards Committee

This committee of dedicated community volunteers is supported by a City staff liaison in Community Services. Among the responsibilities of the Committee, the trustees administer the distribution of awards and expenses of the Bernice Adams Memorial Fund to provide assistance to deserving and qualified people or groups in the fields of communications, arts and culture.

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About the John G. Powers

John Powers continues to share his lifelong love of studying and researching butterflies with people the world over. As a boy, he partook in numerous science fairs internationally and created a nature museum in Riverside Park, with a unique visual exhibit. His private collection has been shared with the public for over 35 years through guest lectures and travelling exhibits. His company, Flying Jewels Inc., utilizes his natural creativity in developing unique and exquisite butterfly products for both corporate and private clients. He has had the honour of presenting his butterfly creations to hundreds of world-famous personalities including Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, President Ronald Regan, His Holiness Pope Paul II, Steve McQueen, Anne Murray, Roger Whittaker, Robert Bateman, and Mohammed Ali to name a few. He has taught with the Waterloo Catholic District School Board, is an author of numerous children's books, and the creator of world class travelling exhibits: The Flying Jewels, The Incredible World of Bugs, and The Wings of Paradise. He has been featured in National Geographic, on CBC Radio, and in television documentaries. His passion for sharing the world of the butterflies has lead him to become a major contributor in the establishment and development of several Butterfly Conservatories including his own Wings of Paradise Conservatory/research site and The Naturium Butterfly Farm and Conservatory in Breslau, Ontario. Mr. Powers' devotion and passion for sharing his creative talents within and outside our community makes him a genuinely deserving candidate of the Special Trustees Award.

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