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Finalists Announced for the Bernice Adams Memorial Awards Celebrating Arts & Culture in Cambridge

Cambridge, Ontario. May 6, 2010... The Cambridge Cultural Awards Committee today unveils the finalists for the Bernice Adams Memorial Award. There's a mix dynamic of talent that represent five categories: Visual Arts, Performing Arts, Communications/Literary Arts, Music, and Outstanding Youth.

Congratulations to Jane Hook, Randy Butcher, Robin Bennett, Allen Saulnier, Scot Ferguson-Barber, Dave Menary, Deborah Carbone, Bonnie Casey, Cambridge Concert Band, Heavy Lights, Allison Lupton, Heather Matthews, Lacey Norris, Noah Schuster, Sean Thijssen, and Tiela Warris for being finalists in the competition.

"We are proud to announce the 2010 recipient of the 'Special Trustees Award' is Marilyn Scott," says Committee Chair Steve Robinson. The 'Special Trustees Award' is presented to an individual or group who is deserving of recognition and has made a valuable contribution in two or more categories, and is heavily weighted in volunteer work where many are benefiting from their talent.

All finalists will be recognized and awards recipients are announced at the Bernice Adams Memorial Awards Night, Friday May 28, 2010 at 6:30 pm at the Galt Country Club, 750 Coronation Blvd, Cambridge.

This year marks the 28th annual awards night. Tickets are just \$25 and include light refreshments, entertainment and a fundraising silent auction. All proceeds help to support the Bernice Adams Memorial Awards Trust Fund. For tickets, visit the Cambridge Centre for the Arts, 60 Dickson Street, or call 519.740.4681 ext. 4376. Cash, Cheque, Interac and all major credit cards are accepted.

"We look forward to seeing past nominees, artists and arts supporters at this year's celebration," says Nancy Movrin, Recreation Coordinator at the Cambridge Centre for the Arts.

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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 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 2009, the population reached over 126,000 people. With a multicultural mix and a strong foundation of support services, Cambridge has a diverse economic base with leading industries in advanced manufacturing, automotive, high technology, pharmaceutical, business and financial services and hospitality/retail. The Corporation of the City of Cambridge is an employer with a progressive work environment that offers the opportunity to provide service to the community through creativity and innovation, and with opportunities for career growth and advancement.

About the Corporation of the City of Cambridge

The Corporation of the City of Cambridge is a dynamic organization filled with dedicated people who deliver vital municipal services to you. Services that residents, businesses, visitors and people like your family and friends enjoy. We're a comprehensive team of professionals: engineers, financial specialists, skilled trades, administrative experts, customer service, communications - and the list goes on.

We're proud to be part of the systems that bring you the array of services that citizens in Cambridge need:

- Parks and recreation
- Activities and programs like pools, seniors' centres, community centres, arenas and other facilities

- Sports programs and all the needs related to playing fields, like indoor soccer, baseball diamonds and other amenities
- Events
- Farmers' Market
- Cemetery services
- Road programs
- Leaf pick up services
- Winter maintenance services
- Water and sewer services
- Fire, emergency and related services
- By-laws and enforcement
- Tax administration
- Licensing for businesses, lotteries, marriage, dogs, and other services like applications for birth, death and marriage certificates, notarizing or commissioning of documents
- Archival research
- Economic Development and business support programs
- Tourism support to share opportunities to showcase the festivals and help bring visitors in to support retail and other elements of the economy
- Administration of committees, steering groups and advisory groups
- Planning and development services
- Traffic and parking services
- Ensuring the best security, police, transit, garbage, water processing service, utilities, animal control are in place.
- Libraries and galleries
- Centre for the arts
- Accessibility matters
- Council services including things like supporting the up coming needs of our residents for the Oct 2010 municipal elections

It's a multitude of services and we continue to refine and review them to ensure we deliver the services in the most effective, efficient, and proactive ways.

In 2010 we are undergoing a corporate service review. This is a further check and balance system to seeking improvements - like better technologies to simplify processes or realigning how we operate. The comprehensive review is happening this year with a view to providing a report to Council for consideration. The report will be available by year end and will be addressed by the newly elected council for the 2011 budget.

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