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**ARTS COUNCIL ANNOUNCES 2011 MARTY AWARD NOMINEES**

**MISSISSAUGA, ON** – The Mississauga Arts Council (MAC) is proud to announce the nominees for the 2011 MARTY Awards. This year there are a grand total of 100 artists in the running. The winners will be revealed at the MARTYS celebration taking place on Friday, May 13, 2011 at the Living Arts Centre in Mississauga.

The trophies are polished, the cameras are ready to roll and the Mississauga arts community will celebrate the city’s top artists at the popular event. Now into its 17<sup>th</sup> year, the MARTY Awards celebrate the artistic achievements of the city’s established artists while encouraging and supporting emerging artistic talent. Produced by the Mississauga Arts Council, the MARTYS have been described as an important launch for many Mississauga artists’ careers. Previous finalists and winners have moved on to win awards and find their place in the international artistic community including rock bands illScarlett and Billy Talent, Jazz pianist Nancy Walker, filmmaker Richie Metha and many more!

This year the MARTYS will be held at Mississauga’s premiere arts facility, the Living Arts Centre. The event will begin with a red-carpet television broadcast on Rogers TV featuring Grammy and JUNO award-winning songstress Liberty Silver. Following this exciting launch, the event will feature performances, the awards presentation and more! The MARTYS will be hosted by local author and television personality Kathy Buckworth. She will be joined on stage by the SGPD Bhangra Dance Troupe as well as jazz vocalist Shannon Butcher, the Patrick Panus Trio and the Jay Boehmer Jazz Trio. Tickets are \$25 and may be purchased by calling 905-615-4278.

*And now, the official 2011 MARTY Award nominees are:*

<b>EMERGING LITERARY ARTS NOMINEES</b>	<b>ESTABLISHED LITERARY ARTS NOMINEES</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Benjamin Thornton</li> <li>• Cheryl Antao-Xavier</li> <li>• Jasmine Baxi-Sawant</li> <li>• Kristen McKendry</li> <li>• Morgan Muscat</li> <li>• Soha Dokainish</li> <li>• Wali 'Flo' Shah</li> <li>• Zohra Zoberi</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Liz Primeau</li> <li>• Igor Trutanow</li> <li>• Peter Jaillal</li> </ul>
<b>EMERGING MEDIA ARTS NOMINEES</b>	<b>ESTABLISHED MEDIA ARTS NOMINEES</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Natasha Chandel</li> <li>• Jeffrey W. Pike</li> <li>• Deirdre Mallehe</li> <li>• Vikas Kohli</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Peter Rowe</li> </ul>
<b>EMERGING PERFORMING ARTS NOMINEES</b>	<b>ESTABLISHED PERFORMING ARTS NOMINEES</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A.J. Saudin</li> <li>• Abeena Samm</li> <li>• Alex Pangman</li> <li>• Amanda Cleghorn</li> <li>• Arlene Paculan</li> <li>• Austin MacDonald</li> <li>• Basia Lyjak</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Anthony Panacci</li> <li>• Carlo Coppola</li> <li>• Carson Freeman</li> <li>• Don Breithaupt</li> <li>• Gerry Stewart</li> <li>• Kelly Fletcher</li> <li>• Liberty Silver</li> </ul>



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<b>EMERGING PERFORMING ARTS NOMINEES CON'T</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Breanne Arrigo</li> <li>Candace Santos</li> <li>Davor Jordanovski</li> <li>Jenikz</li> <li>Jennifer Cortez</li> <li>Joel Martin</li> <li>Joshua Goncalves</li> <li>Lopa Sarkar</li> <li>Michelle Connolly</li> <li>Mike Celia</li> <li>Rayandra Hudson</li> <li>Sean Sroka</li> <li>Selyne Maia</li> <li>Vikas Kohli</li> </ul>	<b>ESTABLISHED PERFORMING ARTS NOMINEES CON'T</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mary Panacci</li> <li>Naqqi Ali Khan</li> <li>Sean Pinchin</li> <li>Stephen Cota</li> <li>Tom Barlow</li> <li>Troy Peter Liddell</li> <li>Vandana Vishwas</li> </ul>
<b>EMERGING PERFORMING ARTS GROUP NOMINEES</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cut Throat Kids</li> <li>Damned at Birth</li> <li>GROUND iLLUSiONZ</li> <li>Liberty Junction Theatre Co. Inc.</li> <li>Naria</li> <li>Orfeão Stella Maris</li> <li>SEAM</li> </ul>	<b>ESTABLISHED PERFORMING ARTS GROUP NOMINEES</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Calliope Sound Productions</li> <li>Canadian Dance Company</li> <li>Clarkson Music Theatre Inc.</li> <li>Crash Parallel</li> <li>I Rock With One</li> <li>Mississauga Festival Choir</li> <li>Orchestras Mississauga/ Mississauga Symphony</li> <li>The Johnny Max Band</li> <li>Theatre Unlimited</li> </ul>
<b>EMERGING VISUAL ARTS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adam Colangelo</li> <li>Ashti-Leah Mindy Ram</li> <li>Bill Hagan</li> <li>Breann Ritchie</li> <li>Brittany Lauren</li> <li>Bruce Teel</li> <li>Christine Montague</li> <li>Danielle Bessada</li> <li>Erum Adeel</li> <li>Eva Buklarewicz</li> <li>Harpreet Atwal</li> <li>Jade Lee Portelli</li> <li>Jeff MacIntosh</li> <li>Jen Mann</li> <li>Marcelo Pazan</li> <li>Sherry Prenevost</li> <li>Vanessa Wachuku</li> </ul>	<b>ESTABLISHED VISUAL ARTS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Aleks Bartosik</li> <li>Leszek Wyczolkowski</li> <li>Noni Kaur</li> <li>Susan Bush-Donati</li> </ul>
<b>HAZEL MCCALLION VOLUNTEER AWARD</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Kofi Sankofa</li> <li>Davor Jordanovski</li> <li>Winifred Reid</li> <li>Pieter Kool</li> </ul>	<b>LAURIE PALLETT PATRON OF THE ARTS AWARD</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gerald F. Townsend</li> <li>Pieter Kool</li> </ul>
<b>CREATIVE COMMUNITY AWARD</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>David Cooper aka Hollywood</li> <li>Erum Adeel</li> <li>Ian Greening</li> <li>Kera Spencer</li> <li>Marie Payne</li> </ul>	

Each category will honour and emerging artist and an established artist. Winners will receive \$1,000, extensive media coverage and recognition at the MARTYS. There will also be two awards given out to individuals who have made a significant contribution to the arts in Mississauga; the **Laurie Pallett Patron of the Arts Award** and the **Hazel McCallion Volunteer of the Year Award**. The winners of these special awards receive a cash prize and an original award. The council will also announce the winner of the new Creative Community Award. The new award honours art forms that aren't traditionally recognized including fibre arts, spinning and weaving, tattoo art, jewelry, fashion arts etc.

Lastly, the **People's Choice Award** will also continue in 2011. The general public is invited to visit the Mississauga Arts Council's website from Friday April 15, 2011 to April 29, 2011 where they can vote for their favourite artist. The council's website is [www.mississaugaartscouncil.com](http://www.mississaugaartscouncil.com). The winner of the People's Choice Award will be presented at the MARTYS celebration on Friday May 13, 2011. Tickets for the MARTYS are \$25 and may be purchased by calling 905-615-4278.

