Eight Young Performing Artists Awarded $10,000 Grants

OTTAWA, July 26, 2010 – Eight young performing artists will receive grants of $10,000 each this year from The Hnatyshyn Foundation to pursue their studies in September 2010. This brings to $460,000 the amount awarded in university-level scholarships over the past six years by the Ottawa-based foundation.

In announcing the winners of the 2010 Developing Artists Grants adjudication in Ottawa today, Gerda Hnatyshyn, C.C., President and Chair of the Board of The Hnatyshyn Foundation, said: “The nominees for 2010 represent the depth of talent and perseverance that can be found in Canada’s young performing artists. The Hnatyshyn Foundation is privileged to celebrate their accomplishments by awarding these grants, investing in and supporting, at the most fundamental level, the development of world-class artists of tomorrow.” The grant winners were adjudicated anonymously by expert juries from among applicants nominated by educational and training institutions across Canada.

Stéphane Tétreault, of Montréal, will receive the classical music grant for orchestral instrument. A 17 year-old cellist, he has been studying with Yuli Turovsky at Université de Montréal where he will begin a Bachelor of Music degree in the fall of 2010.

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The classical piano grant will be awarded to 19 year-old Jocelyn Lai of Vancouver, BC. She completed the first year of a Bachelor of Music Degree in Piano Performance under the tutelage of world-renowned pianist, Jane Coop, at the University of British Columbia in the spring of 2010.

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The winner of the Oscar Peterson Grant for Jazz Performance is Daniel Reynolds of Vancouver, BC, a 21 year-old pianist entering his fourth year of a Bachelor of Music degree at the Schulich School of Music of McGill University in Montréal in the fall of 2010.

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The classical ballet grant goes to 17 year-old Danielle Gould of Vancouver who will be undertaking a full-time ballet program with the Goh Ballet of Canada in Vancouver where she has been training since 2008.

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The graduate grant for classical vocal performance will be awarded to Emanuel Lebel, a 25 year-old baritone from Québec. A student at Université Laval, he will enter the second year of a masters program in Classical Voice in the fall of 2010.

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The French theatre acting grant will go to Guylaine Jacob, a 21 year-old student from Québec. She is currently studying at Conservatoire d’art dramatique in Québec City where she will be starting her final year in the three-year acting program in the fall of 2010.

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Barbara Kozicki, age 31, of Vancouver, BC, is the winner of the Developing Artist Grant for English theatre acting. She will commence her final year of drama studies at the University of British Columbia this fall.

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The winner for contemporary dance is 21 year-old Jarrett Siddall of Toronto, ON. He has just completed his first year of the Professional Training Program at The School of Toronto Dance Theatre.

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About the Foundation

The Hnatyshyn Foundation is a private charity established by the late Right Honourable Ramon John Hnatyshyn, Canada’s twenty-fourth Governor General. Its programs are funded by donations from government, foundations, corporations and individuals. The Department of Canadian Heritage has provided nearly $2.4 million in matching funds to the Foundation.

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