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LEADING ARTISTS HONOURED WITH STYLISH EVENING OF GLAM AT 2012 MARTY AWARDS!

MISSISSAUGA, ON- The spotlight shone on Mississauga's Living Arts Centre last night as leading artists were honoured with an unforgettable evening of red-carpet glamour at the 2012 MARTY Awards. Top artists were lavished with praise, recognition and media attention at the 18th annual event.

Produced by the Mississauga Arts Council, the MARTYS filled the Living Arts Centre with an ecstatic crowd who gathered to celebrate the winners of the coveted award. The excitement was palpable as the winners were announced from a roster of over 90 talented nominees. Some of the high-profile winners included *So You Think You Can Dance Canada's* Season 3 finalist Amanda Cleghorn, JUNO nominated Johnny Max Band, and the internationally celebrated Vandana Vishwas.

The MARTYS awarded a grand total of \$10,000 collectively to the 13 artists in the categories of literary, performing, media, creative community and visual arts. 12 artists received honourable mentions. Winners received a cash prize, extensive media coverage and recognition from the community.

The MARTYS began with some networking on the red-carpet. Over 90 nominated artists walked the carpet and mingled with the numerous media companies who covered the event. Following the red-carpet launch, the MARTY award ceremony was hosted by celebrity writer Kathy Buckworth who had the audience in stitches with her infectious brand of comedy. The audience enjoyed performances by the Davor

Jordanovski Band, the Mississauga Festival Chamber Choir and the Axé Capoeira dancers. Kathy proudly announced the winners of the awards...

2012 MARTY AWARD WINNERS

Emerging Literary Arts - **Anna Konareva**
Established Literary Arts - **Kristen McKendry**
Emerging Media Arts - **Dany Gehshan**
Emerging Performing Arts - **Amanda Cleghorn**
Established Performing Arts - **Vandana Vishwas**
Emerging Performing Arts Group - **Vibonics**
Established Performing Arts Group - **The Johnny Max Band**
Emerging Visual Arts - **Sherry Prenevost**
Established Visual Arts - **Pat Hertzberg**
Creative Community - **Noelle Hamlyn**
Laurie Pallett - **Pieter Kool**
Hazel McCallion Volunteer of the Year - **Arshad Mahmood**
People's Choice - **Andre Anthony Reid**

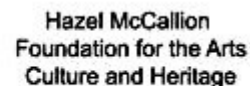
Honourable mentions included **Matt Miller** in the emerging literary arts category, **Ian Stout** in established literary arts, **Tristan Barrocks** in emerging media arts, **Julia Juhas** and **A.J. Saudin** in performing arts, **Tom Barlow** in established performing arts, **I Rock With The One** in emerging performing group arts, **Little Peter & the Elegants** in established performing group arts, **Michael Pape** and **Hyun Ryoung Kim** in emerging visual arts, **Huibert Sabelis** in established visual arts, and **Pat Hertzberg** in the creative community arts award category. For more information on the 2012 MARTY Awards, please contact the Mississauga Arts Council at 905-615-4278 or by emailing info@mississaugaartscouncil.com.

For a full list of winners' bios and photos, please go to www.mississaugaartscouncil.com.

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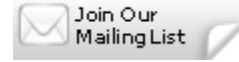
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