

RAVE Awards

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Council Chamber, Vaughan City Hall

The RAVE Awards: Recognizing Arts Vaughan Excellence were developed by the City of Vaughan to acknowledge and celebrate the outstanding contributions of the businesses, organizations and individuals who enhance the cultural vitality of Vaughan in the visual, performing and literary arts; to profile cultural achievement in the City; and to facilitate creative development by encouraging community engagement, art education and sustainable partnerships.

As a direct result of the generous corporate sponsorship raised previously in support of the RAVE Awards, City of Vaughan Award for Higher Arts Education scholarships are distributed to assist the emerging talent of two exceptional students pursuing post-secondary education in the arts.

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2013 Award Winners



Florin HATEGAN
Visual Arts: Practicing Artist

Demonstrating a passionate commitment for the visual arts, Florin is the recipient of numerous Gold/Silver awards and grants on a national and international basis, and has participated in numerous solo and group juried exhibition competitions in Canada and abroad. His work is housed in international collections.



Sabrina CAPELLI
Visual Arts: Rising Star

Recognized as a natural leader in arts based initiatives within the community, Sabrina volunteered many hours to gallery shows and open houses in the Visual Arts Program at St. Elizabeth Catholic High School, encouraging and inspiring youth to participate in the arts.



Sarah FORESTIERI
Performing Arts: Rising Star

Sarah is the recipient of numerous accolades for her accomplished musical performances, including winner of the York Region Celebration of the Arts Bursary and the York Secondary Catholic President's Council Outstanding Leadership Award. Sarah is currently enrolled as an undergraduate student at the University of Toronto majoring in Music.



Goldirose HOTZ
Performing Arts: Rising Star

Acknowledged for her impressive singing ability and charismatic personality, Goldirose composed her own CD incorporating six original songs. She performed in numerous theatrical productions including Canada Music Academy's renditions of "Annie", "The Sound of Music", and "Beauty and the Beast".



Susanne AMEDEO
Literary Arts: Art Educator/Mentor

A devoted Special Education Resource teacher and teacher-librarian in the York Region District School Board for over 25 years, Susanne demonstrates a passion for imparting the love of reading in her students and developed an extra-curricular Art Masters Club within the Kleinburg Public School.



Jordi KLEIN
Literary Arts: Rising Star

Recognized for numerous accolades, Jordi was the winner of the Early Harvest competition for three consecutive years and has had her poetry and short stories published in the Early Harvest Magazine. She earned Silver in the Duke of Edinburgh's award and continues to contribute to the growth and development of the arts in the community.

City of Vaughan Award for Higher Arts Education



Polina VASSILEVA
Undergraduate, Ryerson University, Bachelor of Design,
Fashion Communication

Acknowledged for high academic standing, creativity and technical artistic abilities, Polina has mentored classmates and volunteered for several non-profit organizations in her community as well as her school. She actively participates in exhibitions within the school and Vaughan community.



Helen GENG
Undergraduate, University of Toronto, Concurrent
Teacher Education Program, Music and Education

Respected for her musical accomplishments and natural ability, Helen is the recipient of numerous awards, including Gold and Silver in MusicFest. She served as a member of the Music Council and Jazz band, as well as the West End Honor Band, Infinite Brass, a York Region student-run brass quintet.



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