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**Vaughan Public Libraries Presents Twenty-Four Award Winning Entries by Vaughan Teens at The 18<sup>th</sup> Annual *Early Harvest Reception*, October 24<sup>th</sup> at the McMichael Canadian Art Collection**

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**WHAT:** Award reception for Vaughan Public Libraries' 18<sup>th</sup> Annual *Early Harvest Competition*, an annual competition for creative teens, 12-18 years, in the categories of writing, photography, painting and sketching. The award-winning visual entries will be on display.

**WHEN:** **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 24<sup>TH</sup>, 2007**  
7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

**WHERE:** **Grand Foyer, McMichael Canadian Art Collection**  
10365 Islington Avenue North, Kleinburg  
(Islington Avenue, North of Major Mackenzie Drive)

**WHY:** Vaughan Public Libraries serve the information, cultural, learning and leisure needs of a growing multicultural community. Recognizing that the public library is the gateway to all expressions of knowledge and intellectual creativity, Vaughan Public Libraries is committed to creating stimulating and comfortable environments, which inspire individual learning, the exploration of knowledge and the creativity of the imagination. The Libraries reaffirm their mandate and ongoing commitment to active participation in the cultural life of the City of Vaughan.

**ATTACHMENTS:** - **Background Information on the 2007 Early Harvest Competition.**  
- **List of 2007 Early Harvest Award Winners.**

## BACKGROUND INFORMATION – 2007 EARLY HARVEST COMPETITION

The creative talents of 24 Vaughan teens will be honoured at Vaughan Public Libraries' 18<sup>th</sup> Annual *Early Harvest Reception*. Proud families of the winners will join representatives of the community and sponsors at the award reception when all twenty-four award winners are presented with a certificate and cash prizes of up to \$100 for their winning entries. During the evening, the winning visual entries will be on display.

Since 1989, the *Early Harvest Competition* has fostered and celebrated creative talent among young adults in the City of Vaughan. It offers youth aged 12-18 early encouragement in the creative arts, promoting self-confidence and the drive to continue their pursuit of artistic expression.

Over the years, *Early Harvest* has grown into a major annual community event, which attracts generous sponsorship from local businesses and organizations. Again, this year, *Whitehots Inc.*, the Aurora-based book supplier, is the proud Gold Sponsor of Early Harvest.

All winning entries are beautifully reproduced in the *Early Harvest Magazine* and released to the public at the awards reception.

### EARLY HARVEST COMPETITION CATEGORIES:

<b>Writing:</b>	-Short Story -Poetry	<b>Judge:</b> I.B. Iskov, Thornhill poet
<b>Photography:</b>	-Digitally Manipulated -The People Around Me - My World	<b>Judge:</b> David West of West Photography
<b>Sketching &amp; Painting</b>	-The People Around Me -My World -Street Art	<b>Judge:</b> Mirella Tersigni, A Stroke of Art – Inspirational Art Studio

Vaughan Public Libraries has seven locations serving Concord, Kleinburg, Maple, Thornhill and Woodbridge. Last year, Vaughan Public Libraries welcomed over 1.6 million visitors making it one of the top leisure and information destinations within the City of Vaughan

## 2007 EARLY HARVEST AWARD WINNERS

### SHORT STORY

Award	Winner's Name	Age	Community	School
1 <sup>st</sup>	Naomi Eterman	14	Thornhill	Westmount CI
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Arianna Hunter	12	Maple	Joseph A. Gibson PS
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Gianluca Consiglio	13	Kleinburg	Kleinburg PS

### POETRY

1 <sup>st</sup>	Stefania Spano	18	Thornhill	U of T
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Mariano Villalba	13	Maple	Mackenzie Glen PS
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Ian Van Harten	17	Orangeville	TD Christian HS

### SKETCHING & PAINTING ~ My World

1 <sup>st</sup>	Michael Thompson	16	Maple	St. Jean de Brebeuf CHS
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Austin Sung	16	Woodbridge	Emily Carr SS
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Dorothy Koerssen	18	Rexdale	TD Christian HS

### SKETCHING & PAINTING ~ The People Around Me

1 <sup>st</sup>	Johnathan Berg	16	Kleinburg	TD Christian HS
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Ca Le	16	Woodbridge	Father Bresani CHS
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Alexandra Bunting	16	Woodbridge	Emily Carr SS

### SKETCHING & PAINTING ~ Street Art

1 <sup>st</sup>	Cassandra Sansosti	15	Woodbridge	Holy Cross CA
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Kavita Patel	18	Woodbridge	Humber College
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Katrina Chram	16	North York	St. Elizabeth CHS

### PHOTOGRAPHY ~ My World

1 <sup>st</sup>	Gillian Wasser	16	Thornhill	Vaughan SS
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Rena Silver	13	Thornhill	Glen Shields PS
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Amanda Grossi	17	Woodbridge	Father Bressani CHS

### PHOTOGRAPHY ~ The People Around Me

1 <sup>st</sup>	Lauren Moore	17	Maple	St. Joan of Arc CHS
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Katrina Beverly	13	Maple	Joseph A. Gibson PS
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Christina Amico	12	Maple	Father John Kelly CES

### PHOTOGRAPHY ~ Digitally Manipulated

1 <sup>st</sup>	Hannah Friedman	12	Kleinburg	Kleinburg PS
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Alex Francisco	13	Woodbridge	Pine Grove PS
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Byron Elzinga	18	Brampton	TD Christian HS

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**NOTES FOR EDITORS:**

Media representatives are invited to attend the Early Harvest Celebration.

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The event is scheduled to start at 7:00 pm. The actual presentation of awards will be from approximately 7:00 – 7:45 pm., followed by refreshments and the students autographing their work in the Early Harvest Magazine.

Electronic versions of stories, poems and images are available upon request, for reprint by media.

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