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Local Winners Announced at Music Express 12th Annual Talent Showcase

Music Express held its 12th Annual Talent Showcase in conjunction with Rotary's Annual Art in the Park on Sat. June 1. The event realized a fabulous turn out of participants who performed for a very enthusiastic audience. This annual event is targeted to local elementary and secondary school students and gives them the opportunity to share their musical and dance talents and compete for cash prizes.

Our mission is clear "to bring musical entertainment to our community through our performances and to encourage the arts through our outreach programs with our talent showcase and Christmas shows" states Beth Dykeman, Music Director for Music Express.

The following winners were chosen from a very talented field of contestants:

Elementary-First Place- Catherine Moscone, Vocal, St. Gregory's School

Second Place-Edmund Towers Dance Group-Mara Tasic, Southwood, Courtney Hlady, A.V.

Graham, Murphy McDermott, St. William's, Andrea Bray, Queen Victoria, Paige Docherty, St. Mary's and Kaili Trothen from Stella Maris Schools.

Third Place-Taylor Meloche, Vocal/Piano, Gore Hill School

Secondary-First Place-Yuchan Dai-Violin, Vincent Massey S. S.

Second Place-Lian Lu, Beat Boxing, Catholic Central H.S.

Third Place-April LeTourneau, Vocal, Villanova H.S

Cash prizes were awarded in both categories with the top prize of \$500 to the first place winner.

Music Express would like to extend special thanks to the judges, volunteers, event sponsors and the Rotary club for their assistance with the organization and to congratulate all the participants and winners for their achievements.

Music Express is a non-profit musical organization serving Windsor and Essex County. Versatile in many styles of music, Music Express offers wonderful renditions of Broadway, jazz, rhythm and blues, gospel and rock and roll music. Over its 36 year history, the band has helped to raise thousands of dollars for local charitable and non-profit groups and has entertained audiences in United States, Great Britain, China, Europe and Mexico including a performance for Queen Elizabeth II.

For more information about Music Express and to view pictures of this event, please visit us at www.musicexpress.ca.

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