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## **YOUTH ART CONTEST AWARD WINNERS**

**Presented Saturday, November 19, 2011 in the Historic Niagara Artistic Exhibition Center**  
*In Celebration with the Niagara Falls Santa Claus Parade*

**What:** Youth Art Contest Award Winners  
**When:** They were presented after the Santa Claus Parade on Sat., Nov. 19  
**Where:** Historic Niagara Artistic Exhibition Center, 4323 Queen Street, Niagara Falls  
**Judges:** The show was juried by CA artist Aaron Willick, Gallery Owner John Newby, Professional artist Geoff Farnsworth

Special thanks to Sebastian Burgi, an A.N. Myer Student for designing the poster.

Who Won? See below for the List of Youth Art Contest winners:

### **Junior Category (4-7 years):**

1<sup>st</sup> Josh Cote  
2<sup>nd</sup> Adam Blue  
3<sup>rd</sup> Jeffrey Macdonald

### **Youth Category (8-12 years):**

1<sup>st</sup> Maggie Wang  
2<sup>nd</sup> Symone Austin  
3<sup>rd</sup> Leo Wang

### **Teen Category (13-18 years):**

1<sup>st</sup> Kaitlyn Roy  
2<sup>nd</sup> Alexa Jovanovic  
3<sup>rd</sup> Tori Kopp  
Honourable Mention: **Alana Hobson**

### **Dean's Pick**

New this year, an award called "Dean's Pick" was selected and chosen by Dean Tedesco. The winner of Dean's Pick was Allison Lee.

**The Best In Show** is selected from ALL the entries - regardless of age.  
The Winner of the 2011 Best In Show Award was presented to **Maggie Wang!**

**Background:**

The Youth Art Contest was hosted by the Historic Niagara Artistic Exhibition Center and the City of Niagara Falls. CAN set up the displays and cared for visitors during the exhibition. 75 free canvases were provided by the City's the Arts & Culture Committee and the Downtown B.I.A.

Prizes were generously donated by:

- Build-A-Bear Workshop on Victoria Avenue
- Dynamic Image
- Niagara Theatre & Entertainment - for the production of "Annie" playing December 5-17th at the Scotiabank Convention Centre and the City of Niagara Falls Arts & Culture Committee.
- The City of Niagara Falls Arts & Culture Committee

**Congratulations to the winners and to all the young artists for entering the Youth Art Contest.** Special thanks to the hosts, judges, sponsors and donors for helping to recognize and encourage artistic expression in our community!

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