

## Local Student-Artists Win Fine Arts Scholarships

Twelve local high school students received scholarships for successfully competing in the **2010 James C. Macdonald Fine Arts Scholarship Competition**, sponsored by the McLean Community Center (MCC) and the Alden Theatre. MCC Governing Board Chairman David Sanders presented the awards at the final competition-performance, which was held on Tuesday, May 18, in the Alden Theatre. The theatre is located at 1234 Ingleside Avenue.

The James C. Macdonald Fine Arts Scholarship Competition encourages artistic achievement and promotes study in the arts by high school students who reside or attend school in the McLean district (Small Tax District 1A of the Dranesville District). Scholarship prizes of \$1,200 were awarded to students placing first in each of four categories: Dance, Music, Theatre and Visual Arts. Second-place winners were awarded \$800 and third-place winners won \$400.



*McLean Community Center Governing Board Chairman David Sanders presents (from left) Michelle Kyeong-Eun Park (music), Vanessa Bretas (theatre) Tory Zehnder (dance) and Elizabeth Lim (visual arts) with 2010 James C. Macdonald Fine Arts Scholarships. Photo by Lisa Helfert Photography*

### THIS YEAR'S WINNERS WERE:

#### Dance

- First Place **Tory Zehnder**, Irish Dance  
Sophomore, Oakcrest School
- Second Place **Jennifer Levin**, Lyrical  
Junior, The Madeira School
- Third Place **Irene Kalis**, Hip Hop  
Senior, Langley High School

#### Music

- First Place **Michelle Kyeong-Eun Park**, Piano  
Sophomore, Langley High School
- Second Place **Ryo Kaneko**, Piano  
Freshman, McLean High School
- Third Place **Clara Cuo**, Piano  
Freshman, Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology
- Honorable Mention **Anurag Goel**, Marimba  
Freshman, Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology

#### Theatre

- First Place **Vanessa Bretas**  
Senior, McLean High School
- Second Place **Yara Alemi**  
Junior, George C. Marshall High School
- Third Place **Oliver Hudson**  
Sophomore, British School of Washington

#### Visual Arts

- First Place **Elizabeth Lim**, Poster Paint, Acrylic and Mixed Media  
Junior, Langley High School
- Second Place **Ivana Shim**, Oil and Silk Fabric  
Senior, Langley High School
- Third Place **Abby Evans**, Clay  
Junior, McLean High School

Cynthia Lin (Kinikia), founder of DC Hippodrome Variety Show Entertainment, choreographer Dana McLeod, and dance instructor Caitlyn O'Conner judged the dance competition. Award-winning chamber musician Seyon Lee, voice and piano coach Alvin Smithson, actor, director and vocal coach Tracey Stephens and actor, singer and pianist Jim Scopeletis judged the music competition. Judges for the theatre competition were Stephens, Scopeletis, Mitch Mattson, an affiliated teaching artist at the Shakespeare Theatre Company and local actress Gillian Shelly. The visual artists were judged by Peggy Feerick, associate professor and program coordinator of photography at George Mason University and Rebecca Kamen, an artist and professor of art at Northern Virginia Community College.

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