

□ **The Shortlist: Champions of the Arts**

Patricia Beharriell

Patricia Beharriell has received much praise and recognition for her assistance in development of the dramatic arts including Theatre Ontario's highest accolade, the Maggie Best Award, and the Government of Canada's Lescarbot Award, in recognition of outstanding contributions to community cultural activities. Most recently, Patricia published the 50-year history of Domino Theatre, entitled *The Domino Affair*.

Michael Davies & The Davies Charitable Foundation

Michael Davies, the founder and President of The Davies Charitable Foundation has been active in the arts and other cultural activities in Eastern Ontario for many years. Michael has received numerous awards for community services including the Order of Canada and an Honourary Doctorate from Queen's University. Founded in 1990, the Davies Charitable Foundation has been dedicated to supporting individuals and organizations in the arts, education, personal health and sports.

Rob Doak & Wally High

Six years ago following the loss of their close friend, Rob Doak and Wally High began the annual *Joe Show* that helps fund the Joe Chithalen Musical Instrument Lending Library. Joe Chithalen was a long-time supporter of growth and development through the art of music, and Joe's friends and family knew that he would have been honoured to see the Musical Instrument Lending Library become a reality. The library consists of an assortment of more than 300 instruments, and now offers music lessons as well.

Jeri Harmsen

Born in Ottawa, Jeri Harmsen has been a supporter of the arts since her high school days at K.C.V.I where she worked painting sets for school productions. She pursued a Teacher Training Diploma at the University of Toronto and began seeking ways to incorporate meaningful art teachings into schools and galleries. Jeri worked at the Agnes Etherington Art Centre for almost 15 years as Education Officer, where she created exhibition-based programs for primary school children, seniors, artists and students.

H'art Studios

Since 1998, H'art Studios have been offering innovative programming to nurture literacy, computer literacy, and life skills to those aged 21 or older with developmental challenges by using fine arts as inspiration and an educational tool. Their program harnesses the ability of the individual to communicate in a way that crosses the barriers of language and ability, while alleviating frustration and creating an inner sense of dignity and self-esteem.

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