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The ACT Arts Centre Announces Recipients of Post-Secondary Arts Scholarships

Recipients Accepted to Top Post-Secondary Institutions in their Fields

Maple Ridge, British Columbia, May 13, 2021 – The ACT Arts Centre is proud to announce it has awarded its annual “Excellence in Arts Scholarship Awards” to four exemplary School District 42 students. Scholarships of \$1,875 were awarded as part the organization’s annual commitment to supporting the artistic aspirations and achievements of Secondary school seniors in SD42.

For over twenty years, the Excellence in Arts Scholarships have supported graduating seniors in continued education at accredited post-secondary institutions. Selection is based on a combination of demonstrated artistic achievement, technical skill & level of presentation, grades relating to the artistic category, personal resumé, and planned attendance at a post-secondary institution.

“It has been such a pleasure watching these young artists showcase their talents and ambitions,” says Addie Anderson, Board Member and Awards Committee Chair. “I have no doubt their efforts and determination will take them exactly where they want to go!”

The 2021 ACT Arts Centre Excellence in Arts scholarship recipients have been accepted to several top institutions, including Emily Carr University of Art and Design, Berklee College of Music, University of Alberta, California College of the Arts, Savannah College of Art and Design, and University of Victoria. The 2021 recipients are:

- Kamil Gallus (Pitt Meadows Secondary School): Visual/Media Arts
- Gladys Zhao (Meadowridge School): Visual/Media Arts
- Ethan Page (Maple Ridge Secondary School): Music
- Nicky Walton (Maple Ridge Christian School): Music

Scholarship awards are awarded by The ACT Arts Centre Awards Committee of the Board of Directors. In this competitive process, students submit artistic portfolios and are interviewed by the adjudication panel of artistic professionals and instructors.

In sharing the impact of receiving support for their post-secondary arts education, one of the recipients says, “Winning this scholarship reaffirms my ability and skills in visual art”, says award recipient Kamil Gallus. “I feel proud of my art and myself ... This further motivates me to pursue a career in art.”

PHOTOS: Note: In order to keep our recipients and staff safe during the pandemic, we chose to collect headshots rather than gather for a group shot. Full DropBox link to photos below, or click [here](#) to access.

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- Gladys Zhao (Recipient, Visual/Media Arts)
- Ethan Page (Recipient, Music)
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The ACT Arts Centre is operated by the Maple Ridge Pitt Meadows Arts Council, a non-profit charitable society celebrating 50 years of community service during the 2021/22 season. Offering vibrant arts and cultural opportunities and experiences through excellence in artistic and educational programming, customer, and community service, the programs of The ACT Arts Centre reach over 80,000 people annually. The ACT Arts Centre is

dedicated to “Bringing Arts to the Heart of our Community”, and is supported by the City of Maple Ridge, the Province of British Columbia, Canada Heritage, and many generous individuals throughout the community.

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