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**THE WINNERS ARE. . .** Pictured are award recipients from this year's Cogeco Stars Among Us arts awards. Above are: Tyler Cowan, Jamie Flegg and John Hastings at an after party at O'Finn's Irish Temper after receiving the media, performing and literary arts awards, respectively. Above right: Leslie Ashworth receives the young artist award from award sponsor Juan Lopez of Pipeline Studios. Below right: Norman Choo receives the visual arts award from sponsor Ken Nevar of Cooper Construction Ltd.

## Stars Among Us award winners

The best of Oakville's artists were recognized for their contributions in the past year at the 2011 Cogeco Stars Among Us.

The third annual awards ceremony, put on by the Oakville Arts Council, took place last week at the Oakville Centre for the Performing Arts.

Guests and nominees were treated to a red-carpet reception with food, live entertainment on and off the stage and,

of course, the awards.

This year's winners, and their categories, are:

- Tyler Cowan, Media Arts
- Leslie Ashworth, Young Artist
- John Hastings, Literary Arts
- Jamie Flegg, Performing Arts
- Norman Choo, Visual Arts

Cowan, who beat out John Serre and Elyse Simpson, is a filmmaker, actor and the driving force behind

Diverboy Films, which has produced shorts, documentaries and corporate productions. He's also an editor for *House & Home* magazine in Toronto.

Ashworth began playing the violin at age four and held her first public performance at age five. She donated partial proceeds of her CD, *Precious Musical Moments*, to Free The Children. The grand prize winner of the Canadian

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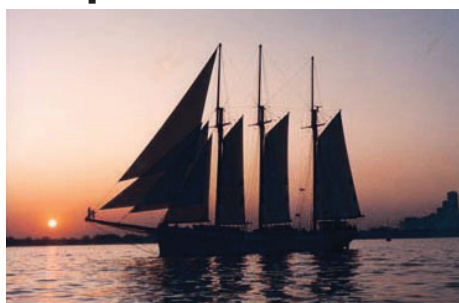
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