

# 11-year-old Stouffville boy tops Italian film festival

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Stouffville's budding filmmaker Marcello Sperandeo has gone on to

greater heights with his film *Getting to Know Charlie*.

The tale of a boy, whose life is turned upside down after the birth of

## Youth

his baby brother, was shot entirely in Stouffville and won in the Grade 3 to 6 category at the Sprockets Toronto film festival earlier this year.

Eleven-year-old Marcello won an all-expenses-paid trip for two to Bologna, Italy to see how the film would fare at the International Kids for Kids Film Festival. The festival received more than 600 entries from around the world.

The Stouffville youngster was fairly confident he'd win at least one of the categories, but wasn't prepared for what happened next.

His film was chosen as a winner by both the youth and adult juries.

The Sperandeo family was then stunned to learn that *Getting to Know Charlie* was also bringing home the grand prize, topping over 50 films in all categories.

This win means the Sperandeo family once again flies to Italy, this time to Naples, in December to accompany the film to a competition.

Winning top prize "shocked us," Steve Sperandeo, Marcello's father, said. "Just getting him (Marcello) there was enough."

Going to the Italian festival was

much different than Sprockets where the youngsters are told in advance what they've won.

In Italy, there was nail-biting tension as participants waited to see how the films were rated against the competition.

When Marcello's name was called for the second time, said Mr. Sperandeo, "Marcello was shaking."

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The young filmmaker has already started to write the script for next year's film. While in Italy, he filmed some scenery and background because once he returned to Canada, "where am I going to see this?" he asked his dad.

## Young artists create at Stouffville gallery camp

The Latham Gallery in Stouffville's next summer art camp begins Monday and runs until Friday, Aug. 15, offering half day programs.

A full-day program from Monday,

Aug. 18 until Aug. 22, allows youngsters to explore clay, paint, self-portraits and silkscreening, among other art media.

For more information call the gallery at 905-640-8954.



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Dorie Billich, Museum Curator

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