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Contest honours guitarist

Brock was 2001 Celebration of Arts bursary winner

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The foundation created in honour of Stouffville native Aaron Brock is holding its first international guitar competition later this year.

The Toronto competition will be open from Oct. 3 to 6. Mr. Brock's foundation has been granted charitable tax status.

Mr. Brock, a talented guitar player, died suddenly of heart failure in August 2006 at age 31. He grew up in Stouffville, going on to perform in concerts across the United States, Europe, Canada and Mexico.

Mr. Brock graduated from the Eastman School of Music with a doctorate of musical arts in 2003 and won prizes at international competitions such as the Schadt String Competition, Rantoucci Guitar Festival and the Concert Artists Guild.

He was also a winner at the York Region Media Group's Celebration of the Arts talent competition in 2001.

Margaret Brock, Aaron's mother, is pleased the competition continues, noting, "The arts are often left behind in sports-orientated Canada."

Stouffville may be joining the list of York municipalities con-



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the town has given bursaries, they may be more motivated to participate (in Celebration of the Arts)," she said, adding that the bursary contribution gives Whitchurch-Stouffville a higher profile in York Region.

"We've got a flourishing arts scene, which we know about. We would like the region to see the calibre of talent we have," Ms McGill said.

This year, there are three levels of bursaries: Junior (\$500), intermediate (1,000) and senior (\$1,500).

Celebration of the Arts includes judged performances that culminate in an awards celebration at Markham Theatre.

In six years, the York Region Media Group has awarded more than \$140,000 in bursaries.

Semifinals are at the Newmarket Theatre Aug. 10 to 11 and 17 to 18 and 25. Finals are Sept. 7 (junior and intermediate levels) and 8 (senior/adult).

For tickets, call the Newmarket Theatre box office at 905-953-5122.

The gala evening is Oct. 20 at the Markham Theatre where the winners will be announced. Tickets are available in September by contacting the theatre at 905-305-SHOW.

tributing money for Celebration of the Arts bursaries. Politicians will consider giving \$1,000 at a June 19 council meeting.

"It (the bursary contribution) tells youth Whitchurch-Stouffville supports the arts and says to the region Whitchurch-Stouffville supports the arts," said Stouffville resident Lisa McGill, chairperson of the programming committee for Artslink, a regional arts council.

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A G E N D A

1. Call to Order
2. Certification of Notice of Meeting and Determination of Quorum
3. Approval of Minutes of Previous Annual Meeting
4. Report of Chair
5. Report of President and CEO
6. Report of Chief of Staff
7. Treasurer's Report
8. Appointment of Auditors
9. Report of Nominating Committee
10. New Business
11. Recognition Awards
12. Adjournment

Thursday,
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4:00 pm

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