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Winners of Magic Camp Scholarships

The Society of American Magicians Magic Endowment Fund is proud to announce the winners of five magic camp scholarships for the year 2009.

We are pleased to announce the following three winners to the Sorcerer's Safari Magic Summer Camp.

Erik B. Mulder, is 15 years old and lives in Cape Town, South Africa. Mike Segal owner of the Sorcerer's Safari Magic Summer Camp has very generously offered to cover the cost of his full tuition scholarship, and the Magic Endowment Fund is assisting in covering his travel expenses. Erik is a student at the College of Magic and is a very appealing young man who is fun and funny. He is completely dedicated to the art of magic and has given several impressive performances at his school bazaar. He brings much enthusiasm, skill and ambition, as well as an open mind to his performances. He is constantly trying to improve his skills and has attended workshops by such famous magicians as Boris Wild, Banachek and Michael Ammar. Erick has greatly improved his magical skills by spending long hours practicing and reading up on magic, as well as planning and devising his own acts. He would like to follow a career in performing the art of magic and is convinced that one day he will be a well known magician.

Rosemary Reid, age 19, of Brampton, Ontario, Canada, is the winner of a full tuition plus travel expense camp scholarship to Sorcerer's Safari Magic Summer Camp. Rosemary is an outstanding student in college with excellent working habits and has a great sense of humor. She is self-supporting and has a business of her own through a government program and has performed at various events during the summer. She also taught at a small magic camp in her city. She is a serious close-up magician and has enrolled in two theatre classes and plans to major in acting/theatre. Rosemary has demonstrated her obvious passion, interest and commitment to magic. She is well on her way to being a female magician who will develop in the art of magic and be able to connect to lay audiences in a real, and revolutionary way. Rosemary appears to embody the next evolution in magic and has the potential to be the finest female close-up magician in her generation.

Matthew Richman, age 13, of Chester Spring, Pennsylvania, is the winner of a full tuition plus travel expense scholarship to Sorcerer's Safari Magic Summer Camp. Since Matthew has been 11 years old he has been fascinated with magic and has read and practiced performing for hours. His favorite book is By Forces Unseen; The Innovative Card Magic of Ernest Earick, written by Stephen Minch. He particularly finds challenging the sleight of hand in it. Matthew works at a two restaurants in local towns doing close-up and making balloon animals. He has raised several hundred dollars for various charities and has worked for numerous causes. One event benefited the Make-A-Wish foundation in sending a dying boy to Hawaii.

We also have provided two full tuition scholarships plus travel expense for two winners to go to Tannen's Magic Camp at Bryn Mawr College in suburban, Pennsylvania. The winners are:

Lukas Olson, age 15, is from Atlanta, Georgia, and is the winner of a full tuition scholarship and travel expense to Tannen's Magic Camp at Bryn Mawr College in suburban Pennsylvania. He has been interested in magic since he was in fourth grade, when he devised a stage show and levitated his sister to the music of "Toccatà." He has performed at Assembly meetings in Atlanta and he is clever and strives to be original, especially when it comes to combining scientific principles with magical arts. On a trip to New York, he discovered Tannen's Magic Store and was fascinated by it, and now he has submitted his membership application to the SYM.

Denis Kovkiv, age 18, is from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and is the winner of a full tuition scholarship to Tannen's Magic Camp. Denis has been doing magic since he was four years old. He is intelligent, has stage presence and is conscientious. He hopes to compete in the SAM Buffalo Convention. Denis performs well on tests and quizzes and he created a PowerPoint and website about art and literature in the Gilded Age (1877-1912). Bruce Kalver saw Denis and his brother perform at the SYM WOW convention, and he was impressed with his dedication of magic.

The Society of American Magicians Magic Endowment Fund is proud of our achievement and growth and the expansion of our scholarship program that enables deserving youngsters from all over the world to attend magic camps and increase the interest of magic. It demonstrates that the Society of American Magicians is truly a world wide organizations.

Contributions to the Society of American Magicians Magic Endowment Fund are appreciated and allow us to further expand our programs which not only provides scholarships to magic camp, but also provides:

- a. Help to any magician affected by natural disasters;
- b. Help to any magician who is ill through the Houdini Hospital Fund;
- c. Magic lecturers provided free to local magic groups;
- d. Support for the publication of magic books

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