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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 additional magic camp scholarships making a total of six camp scholarships for the year 2008.

We previously announced the first scholarship to Megan Knowles-Bacon of London England, as the winner of a scholarship to Sorcerer's Safari of Toronto, Canada.

We are pleased to announce the following five new winners of full tuition plus travel expense camp scholarships:

Rosemary Reid, age 19, of Brampton, Ontario, Canada is a winner of a full tuition plus travel expense camp scholarship to Sorcerer's Safari Summer Camp in Ontario, Canada.

Rosemary became interested in magic when she was about 12 years old. She took many trips to the library and began reading about basic card sleights and some magic history. In school Rosemary is a model student, consistently maintaining an honor average. She is active in extra-curricular activities, participating in programs such as the school newspaper, the mock trial team, student council and is a member of the school band as a French horn player. Rosemary has held jobs doing restaurant magic at various locations, as well as performing close-up magic before and after many Murray Hatfield shows. She also has performed on stage for fundraisers and Christmas parties throughout the Greater Toronto Area. She will participate in a government run program called Summer Company. Rosemary wants to learn how to improve

her technique in magic and her speaking and presentation skills., and this scholarship will allow her the opportunity.

Our next scholarship winner is Matthew Olive Ross, age 13, of Cape Town, South Africa. He is the recipient of a tuition free scholarship to Sorcerer's Safari Summer Camp provided by the generosity of Mike Segal. The Endowment Fund is providing his transportation expense from South Africa. Matthew attends classes on magic and takes theater production courses. Matthew joined the College of Magic at the age of 10 years. He is a conscientious and enthusiastic student. At the end of 2007, Matthew graduated with his Junior Magician's Diploma (3 years) and won the prestigious Junior Student of The Year Award. He has a keen sense of humor and shows perseverance, goal orientation and energy in his work. Matthew enjoys entertaining all crowds of all age groups and does juggling, mime and clowning whenever he can and performs at charity shows for the college. Matthew believes that magic is the way to express himself and see the outside world

Our next winners of camp scholarships are Jennifer Antonio, age 13, and her brother Zachary Antonio, age 11, of Winnipeg, Manitoba Canada, who have each been awarded a scholarship plus travel expense to Sorcerer's Safari Summer Camp in Ontario, Canada.

Jennifer belongs to the Society of Young Magicians, the Dean Gunnarson Assembly #46 and performs mostly with her brother Zachary. They have performed at various charities such as the Heart and Stroke Foundation, Children's Make a Wish Foundation, the Winnipeg Harvest Food Bank, the Humane Society, the Cancer Society and many more. They also perform magic at birthday parties, Christmas parties, picnics, malls, anniversaries, weddings, schools and festivals. Jennifer plays piano, guitar, trumpet and also is involved in a variety of sports.

Zachary joined The Society of Young Magicians, Assembly #46, when he turned 7 years old. He enters most of the local SYM stage and close-up competitions and won all levels of awards from bronze, silver and gold. He likes playing guitar and piano and sports such as

basketball, soccer and skateboarding. He would like to be a professional magician when he gets older.

We are very pleased to announce that Ozan Baris Kendirci of Istanbul, Turkey, age 15, has been awarded a scholarship, including travel expenses, to attend Tannen's Magic Camp near Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Ozan can speak and understand English very well and is interested in contacting people from different cultures. He is an active, outgoing and hard-working student, and has a positive attitude and pleasant personality.

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 organization.

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.

Contributions should be sent to

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