17 DIGIS awarded to high school students

Stratford, ON (June 1, 2011) – On Saturday, May 28, 2011, 17 DIGIS were awarded to Canadian secondary school students for their work in digital media. The theme for this year was fast, fun and loud, and it was. From the comedy of Seán Cullen to the musical talents of Lusatone Revive and Derek McIntyre to the DJ Matthew Gene, the night was entertaining.

“The DIGIS awards show was a bombastic celebration of the amazing work done by Canadian high school students in digital media. It was like a big party, and every entrant who was there was rightfully considered a celebrity for the night,” said founder and director, Stewart Reynolds.

Dressed for the red carpet that greeted the crowd outside Stratford City Hall, students lined up to have their photos taken by a professional photographer. Once they entered the darkened auditorium they were surrounded by flashing lights, digital media and music. The host Seán Cullen and DIGIS organizer Stewart Reynolds kicked off the show and then awarded the first winner of the evening Jacky Rudy for his work *Natural Artificial* in the Cinematography category.

Other award winners included:

- William Wellington – Best Acting and Best Film for *Wired*
- Dylan Woodley – Best Editing for *Silent Symphony*, Best Effects for *Multiple Matts* with Matt McCabe and Best Animation for *Pancake Island*
- Kenny Edwards – Best Radio Commercial for *SNSS Athletic Banquet*
- Frank Graziano – Best Video Commercial for *Infection Movie Trailer*
- Winston Sih and Christie Chung – Best PSA for *Responsibilities in Social Media*
- Ryan Butler – Best Music Video for *16*
- Frances Maranger – Best Audio Recording for *You and I*
- Nancy Nguyen – Best Graphic Design for *The Vaccine*
- Isa Hassa – Best Video Game Design for *Helicopter*
- Rebecca Zynomirski – Best Portrait Photography for *There’s Only So Much You Can See from the Window*
- Selina Bailey – Best Non-portrait Photography for *Bicycles*
- Norman Fowler – Best Mobile Video for *Spring*

“We were so impressed by the caliber of the work of the students. The creativity was incredible and the technology skills were impressive. These are the types of students we want to see enrolled in the digital media programs at the University of Waterloo Stratford Campus,” says Jodi Szimanski, Marketing Manager for the Waterloo Stratford Campus, the title sponsor for the event.
The Waterloo Stratford Campus was so impressed that they invited Dylan Woodley to present *Pancake Island* for the Governor General David Johnston’s visit on May 30.

**About the DIGIS**
The DIGIS Digital Media Awards are National Major Awards recognizing the Digital Media Creations of Canadian High School Students. Hosted by Stratford Central, the DIGIS have been created to recognize the achievements of high school students across country in all forms of digital media including video, audio and design. The DIGIS, to be awarded annually provide secondary school students with a national forum to showcase their Digital Media Talents. [http://www.thedigis.com/](http://www.thedigis.com/)

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The University of Waterloo Stratford Campus is focused on undergraduate, graduate and executive education programs, research, commercialization and community outreach. This collaborative, strategic partnership between the City of Stratford and the University of Waterloo will bring students, leading researchers, businesses and entrepreneurs together to create, examine and commercialize opportunities in the digital media space. The campus will lead an evolution in learning and career preparation. Students will be immersed in a rich, technology-driven environment where theory and practice, science and commerce, creativity and innovation merge to forward digital media. [www.stratfordcampus.uwaterloo.ca](http://www.stratfordcampus.uwaterloo.ca)

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