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Announcing ARTimation's Character Art, Game Concept, and High School Film Festival Winners

Vancouver (March 3, 2008) – Curious to know who won? The winners are in from The Art Institute of Vancouver's ARTimation Media Arts Festival's three exciting competitions. On Saturday, March 1, 2008, ARTimation presented the Character Art Competition, Game Concept Competition, and Canadian High School Film Festival Competition, which tested and showcased the talent and skills of over 40 aspiring high school student animation artists, game developers, and film makers.

The Art Institute of Vancouver is pleased to announce the following winners:

Character Art Competition

First Place: Matthew Smith for "Dolly"

Second Place: Zhao Dandi for "TheYing"

Third Place: Irene Tong for "Vethenir" and Nicki Bianchini for "10n31Y"

Game Concept Competition

First Place – Rocky Chen for "Rivlas"

Canadian High School Film Festival Competition***Commercial***

First Place

"Skarface"

Bernie Yao

Second Place

"Subwoofer"

Sundeep Gill

Third Place

"Personalize Your Run"

Zeeshan Dhanani

Short Film

First Place

"The Fight"

Daniel Doheny

Second Place

"Making Friends"

Jack Heyes

Third Place

"I Die With Gratitude"

Timothy Hall

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First Place

"Click"

Julia Hostetler

Second Place

"Vicious Circle"

Jack Heyes

Third Place –

"Making the Right Choice"

Sundeep Gill

Music Video

First Place

"The Sandwich"

Kyle Hay

Second Place

"Eurostache"

Spencer Gilley

Third Place

"Butterfly"

Bernie Yao

Animated Short

First Place

"Behind the Scream"

Ian White

Second Place

"Videosaurus"

Spencer Gilley

Visual Effects

First Place

"Now You See It...Now You

Don't"

Kyle Hay

The ARTimation Media Arts Festival featured the areas of gaming, animation, visual effects, film, and recording arts in an innovative and interactive learning environment. The event has held at the Rocky Mountaineer Station and included a wide range of stimulating activities such as game play, film screenings, production workshops, hands-on drawing tutorials, industry-insider information sessions, and high-profile keynote speakers.

The Art Institute of Vancouver is one of The Art Institutes (www.artinstitutes.edu), a system of over 40 education institutions located throughout North America, providing an important source of design, media arts, fashion and culinary arts professionals.

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