

Centennial Theatre Society
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CENTENNIAL THEATRE SOCIETY AWARDS \$1,000 GRANT

North Vancouver, BC - The Centennial Theatre Society is pleased to announce it has awarded its first \$1,000 community grant to Handsworth Secondary Theatre Program.

Centennial Theatre Society established the grant program in 2009 to provide financial support to performing artists and organizations for performances at Centennial Theatre. Preference goes to projects that advance North Vancouver artists, celebrate or benefit youth and represent new artistic initiatives. The grant will be awarded annually in December.

The Chair of the Centennial Theatre Society, Heather Baker, is thrilled with the grant program. "This program fits with the Society's objectives to support emerging North Vancouver performing artists. There are so many talented actors, musicians and dancers in our own community – we look forward to seeing more of them on the Centennial stage."

For the past decade, Handsworth theatre, dance and film students have been involved in a collaborative play-writing process that revolves around two central themes: peace education and conflict resolution. The students take lead roles as actors, script writers, student-directors, choreographers, designers, stage-managers and film-makers. This year's production will be performed at Centennial Theatre in April, 2010

Carol Mayrand, one of the teaching staff at Handsworth Secondary School, said they were honoured to be given the award. "This is very encouraging. Our program has grown at an incredible rate as we try to provide so many students with the opportunity to experience the stage."

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