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Winners Announced in “Encore” Juried Art and “Walk on Words” Poetry Contests

PALMDALE – The Palmdale Playhouse kicked off its 20th anniversary celebration with “Encore,” a juried art reception and the unveiling of the winner of the “Walk on Words” poetry contest Thursday evening at the Playhouse.

There were 58 entries by local artists of all ages. The winners were: First Place: Teddi Bandt, “The Saddle” (\$150 AV Mall gift card); Second Place: Bill Edwards, “Determination” (\$100 AV Mall gift card); and Third Place: Liz Franco, “Bioluminescence” (\$75 AV Mall gift card).

“Encore” judges were George and April Ray from Daisy’s Costumes and Palmdale resident Marsha Furman.

The winner of the “Walk on Words” poetry contest was 11-year-old Steven Brito of Palmdale. His winning entry was titled, “One Day” and it has been engraved in cement in front of the Playhouse box office.

One Day
One day you’ll see the best of me,
What I can be.
Oh yes, you’ll see,
While you’re standing there,
Staring at the concrete.
One day you’ll know,
My name will blow,
And I will glow
Brighter than the sun can be,
Bigger than you’ll ever think.
One day you’ll see the best of me.

Honorable mention winners were Trish Conley and Louis Denning from Palmdale; Julie Plaisance from Quartz Hill; and Lynda Cavanaugh, Mary Denning, Jillian Foxgrover (age 5), Shawna Foxgrover, Debbie Harrington and Jessica Mundine all from Lancaster.

As part of the 20th anniversary celebration, the Playhouse will host an Open House with a catered wine reception, live prop and costume displays, guest speakers and Playhouse historical tours on Friday, Sept. 12, from 6 to 9 pm. Attendees will also enjoy a video presentation of the Playhouse through the years, and receive a free Playhouse "yearbook."

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