

## Oakville Galleries Wins Top Prizes at OAG Awards

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(Toronto) – Gaining more accolades than any other arts organization, Oakville Galleries was recently recognized with four awards at the 30th anniversary Ontario Association of Art Galleries (OAG) Awards on Tuesday, October 23, 2007 at the Art Gallery of York University.

The annual province-wide juried awards recognized and celebrated excellence and achievement in exhibitions, curatorial writing, education programs and community partnership in Ontario's dynamic public art galleries. This year, ten peer jurors recognized 18 galleries from 11 cities across the province with 21 Awards of Excellence.

Among the awards presented to Oakville Galleries; Kathie Spence, current President of the Toronto Friends of the Visual Arts, presented Shannon Anderson, Catherine Sicot, Tony Hewer, and Denise Frimer with the 2007 Educator Award for Oakville Addresses... a program designed to foster a new generation of art writers and enthusiasts.

Paddy Gunn O'Brien was presented with the very first Colleague Award by Oakville Galleries curator Marnie Fleming in recognition of long-time service to Ontario art galleries.

"Given her 16 year relationship as house editor with Oakville Galleries, we were ecstatic to learn Paddy had won," said Marnie Fleming. "Her legacy is legendary, having overseen a staggering 1280 visual art exhibitions throughout her career."

And for the third year in a row, Mark Timmings has been awarded the prize for best Gallery publication for designing Oakville Galleries' newsletter.

Oakville Galleries was presented with the following OAG awards;

### ESSAY Short

Jeanne Randolph

Along the Lakeshore: an incantation for John & Paul

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Oakville Galleries, 2006

### EDUCATOR AWARD

Shannon Anderson, Catherine Sicot, Tony Hewer, Denise Frimer

Oakville Addresses...

Oakville Galleries, 2006-2007

### COLLEAGUE AWARD

Paddy O'Brien

Oakville Galleries / Museum London / Art Gallery of Windsor

## GALLERY PUBLICATIONS

Mark Timmings, Timmings and Debay

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Oakville Galleries, 2006-2007

Oakville Galleries is a not-for-profit charitable public art gallery governed by an autonomous Board of Directors. It serves the population of Oakville, Halton Region and wider audiences nationally and internationally. Recognized as a leading contemporary art gallery in Canada, Oakville Galleries is committed to organizing exhibitions, building the collection, publishing, documenting and archiving, and developing educational and public programmes.

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