

Performances tonight by:



Ace Burpee

Ace is the most recognized voice on Virgin 103.1, Winnipeg's number one hit music station. A passionate connector and leader, Ace is involved in many causes and is a champion of community events in Manitoba making up to 300 hosting and special event appearances every year. We are absolutely thrilled to welcome this true humanitarian back as emcee for our 18th annual YHA night.



Dane Bjornson

Fifteen-year-old singer and songwriter Dane has been performing on many acting and musical stages around Winnipeg for the past 6 years. Most recently, Dane performed in The Pajama Game at Glenlawn Collegiate and Manitoba Theatre for Young People's The Drowsy Chaperone. You can find Dane's music on iTunes, both under his name and as Electric Ave., the band he formed through YTV's The Next Star Supergroup.



Paige Prescott

This gifted 16-year-old has been performing in talent shows and musicals since she was 10. Paige has been featured on YTV's The Next Star, and has started to showcase her folksy/pop musical stylings on her own YouTube Channel. We're pleased to welcome her back to YHA night.



Prodigy

These powerhouse vocalists from Miles Macdonnell Collegiate are aptly named. The seven members of this year's group are young and so talented. Under the mentorship of music director Zane Zalis, the group has recently appeared on the CBC, at jazz festivals and local concerts, and has been working in the recording studio. Through the years since its inception, many of Prodigy's members—like Ash Koley, for example—have gone on to professional music careers. A documentary on Prodigy is soon to be released.



Ensemble folklorique de la Rivière-Rouge – Youth Troupe

The Ensemble folklorique de la Rivière-Rouge's youth troupe is a group of young passionate artists who promote French Canadian culture through music and dance. With their energetic and fun-filled performances, these dancers, vocalists and musicians preserve the past for future generations of Canadians as well as for audiences abroad. Despite their youthful appearance, these young artists have years of experience on stage and an impressive array of professional achievements.

Tonight's schedule:

Greetings from the Emcee

Ace Burpee – Virgin 103.1

Student Greetings

Loizza Aquino, Institut collégial Vincent Massey Collegiate

"O Canada"

Prodigy, Miles Macdonell Collegiate

Official Greetings

Paul Olson, President, The Manitoba Teachers' Society
Honourable James Allum, Minister of Education and Advanced Learning

Hey Kid - Bjornson, Inches Make Miles - Bjornson

Dane Bjornson, Glenlawn Collegiate Institute

YHA Individual Award

Brooklyn Maguathi (Paddock), Riverview School (Brandon)
Introduced by Teacher Lynn Nicol

YHA Individual Award

Jenna Sigurdson, École George McDowell School (Winnipeg)
Introduced by Teacher Lyndsey Gendreau

Breakaway - Gerrard/Benenate/Lavigne

Paige Prescott, Dakota Collegiate

YHA individual Award

Kirsten Trimble, Portage Collegiate Institute (Portage)
Introduced by Teacher Ruth Mulligan

Man in the Mirror - Garrett/Ballard, Four Brothers - Giuffre/Hendricks

Prodigy, Miles Macdonell Collegiate

YHA Group Award

Global Kidizens, École J.B. Mitchell School (Winnipeg)
Introduced by Principal Marie-france Giasson

Dance assise

La troupe Jeunesse de l'Ensemble folklorique de la Rivière-Rouge

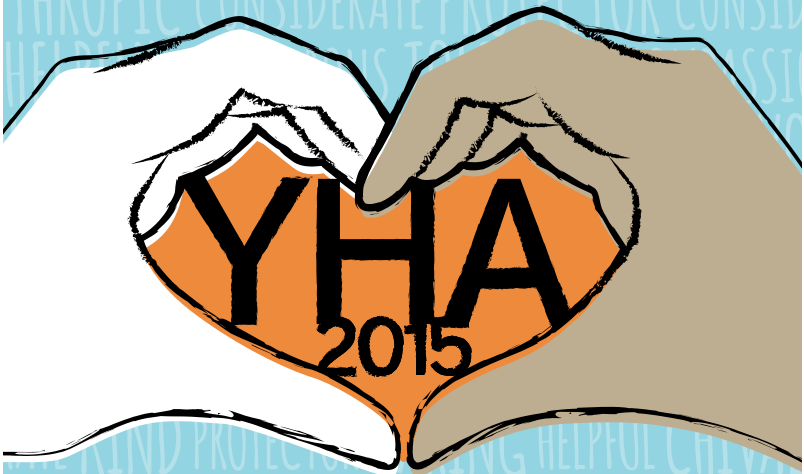
Chairperson's Remarks

Frank Reeves, YHA Committee Chair, MTS Executive Member



Join us for a reception & photo booth
in the Fairmont Winnipeg lobby after
the show!

HONOUR YOUR STUDENTS' GOODNESS



THE 18th ANNUAL MTS YOUNG HUMANITARIAN AWARDS

We honour Manitoba public school students whose acts of compassion and caring inspire and encourage us to do the same.

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Young
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Meet the 2015 Winners

Brooklyn Maguathi (Paddock)



Activism seems to come naturally to our youngest humanitarian, a Grade 3 student from Riverview School in Brandon. Brooklyn Maguathi's first effort to help the Canadian Cancer Society—at the tender age of four—grew from a lemonade stand into a \$1,000 donation. At six, she was inspired by Spencer West at We Day, and decided to walk 20 km with her mom and aunt in the pouring rain to raise \$1,200 for clean drinking water. Last year, she started a hugely successful school supply drive. And this year she is \$2,500 toward her \$10,000 goal to build a school for third world children. Talk to Brooklyn for just a minute and the goodness of her humanitarian heart shines through.

Jenna Sigurdson



When she was only 10, Jenna learned her dad Blair was diagnosed with Early Onset Parkinson Disease. Her first reaction was "What can I do to help?" Ever since then she has been raising awareness by educating people, raising funds by knocking on 2,000 doors, organizing school fundraisers, appearing on Breakfast Television, CJOB and in the Winnipeg Free Press. Jenna, an École George McDowell School student, has even been a guest speaker for Parkinson Society Manitoba. With incredible sweat and determination (she actually wore out her shoes knocking on doors) this Grade 8 student has raised \$40,000 in hopes of finding a cure for the disease that affects her father and so many others. We're proud to honour her tonight.

Kirsten Trimble



Kirsten's reputation for good works followed her from middle school to Portage Collegiate Institute. When she got there, she immediately became active in the Social Justice Group, Teens Against Distracted Driving and the school's first GSA. She plays a key role in a local elementary school's breakfast fundraising program, Coffee House for Change, the Fair Trade and We Are Silent campaigns, and many others. Right now, the Grade 11 student is working on a craft day for moms and kids, a campaign to build a school in Nicaragua, and raising money for her GSA to attend a national conference. Kirsten loves kids and is very involved in caring for foster children who live with her family. Kirsten is inclusive and humble and never seeks the limelight.

Global Kidizens



The 28 members of this group from École J.B. Mitchell School have incredible hearts and energy to match. This year, these Grade 5 and 6 humanitarians reached out to their community and around the world with three major projects. The first raised \$2,500 for Winnipeg Harvest's Baby Formula Drive. That turned into \$10,000 when corporate sponsors joined the project. Next was a push to raise enough food for 30-40 families for the Christmas Cheer Board. Finally, the group also raised \$300 for a well in Zimbabwe and \$400 to buy goats in developing countries. The Kidizens work so hard to make a difference globally and here at home. They've already touched many lives.

Who are they helping?

Here are just some of the people, programs and organizations benefitting from the work of this year's Young Humanitarian recipients.

- The Canadian Cancer Society
- Parkinson Society Manitoba
- Villagers in Zimbabwe who need clean drinking water
- Disadvantaged children in Manitoba
- An elementary school's breakfast program
- Portage Collegiate Institute's GSA
- Foster children in Portage la Prairie
- Students without access to education in Nicaragua
- Families who access formula through Winnipeg Harvest's Baby Formula Drive
- Christmas Cheer Board

We want your feedback!

What did you think of the 2015 Young Humanitarian Awards?

We would love to know what you thought of tonight's event. If you have any suggestions or comments, please share them with us via email at yha@mbteach.org or by using the hashtag #mtsya2015 on these social media platforms:



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Know anyone who should be nominated in 2016?