

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 a plethora of events and is a champion of many causes in Manitoba making close to 300 hosting and guest appearances every year. We are absolutely thrilled to welcome this true humanitarian back as emcee for our 19th annual YHA night.



Ezri Smith

Ezri Smith is blessed with coming from a musical family. She, along with her mom, dad and older sister can all play multiple instruments. Ezri picked up the ukulele first at seven, stopped out of frustration, then picked it up again at 12. The love for four strings shows in her repertoire. This Grade 9 student from Westwood Collegiate would love to weave a career in music into her life. Her musical inspiration? Tessa Violet.



Mitch Rees

Mitch started playing guitar at seven. This talented Grade 9 student from Westwood Collegiate still remembers Boulevard of Broken Dreams by Green Day as one of the first songs he learned. His dad inspired him to pick up the guitar, and there's a definite retro bent to Mitch's rock tastes. His favourite musician? Roger Waters, one-time lead vocalist for Pink Floyd. And the future? Mitch says it just might include becoming a band teacher.



Prodigy

These powerhouse vocalists from Miles Macdonell Collegiate are aptly named. The six 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 have gone on to professional music careers. A documentary on Prodigy was produced last year.



Exclusive

There's no end of talent in this in-demand group of hip-hop dancers from St. John's High School. Under the guidance of their teacher Romeo Suban, Exclusive delivers energetic, awe-inspiring performances. They are experts in telling stories through movement. And they were a knockout onstage at We Day. We are thrilled to have these expressive six dancers return to the YHA stage to perform for us.

Tonight's schedule

Greetings from the Emcee

Ace Burpee - 103.1 Virgin Radio

Student Greetings

Jenna Sigurdson, Collège Jeanne-Sauvé (LRSD)

"O Canada"

Prodigy, Miles Macdonell (RETSD)

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Exclusive Dancers, St. John's High School (WSD)

Official Greetings

Norm Gould, President, The Manitoba Teachers' Society

YHA Individual Award

Sage Karsin, Linden Meadows School (PTSD)
Introduced by Teacher Catherine Parker

YHA Individual Award

Nicole Ternowesky, Vincent Massey High (BSD)
Introduced by Teacher Michelle Harvey

YHA Cafe:

Learning to Fly, Honey Bee, Little Talks

Ezri Smith and Mitch Rees, Westwood Collegiate (SJSD)

YHA Individual Award

Tracie Leost, Garden City Collegiate (SOSD)
Introduced by Teacher/Coach Jacqueline McDonald

YHA Group Award

Star Blanket Club, Gordon Bell High School (WSD)
Introduced by Principal Arlene Skull

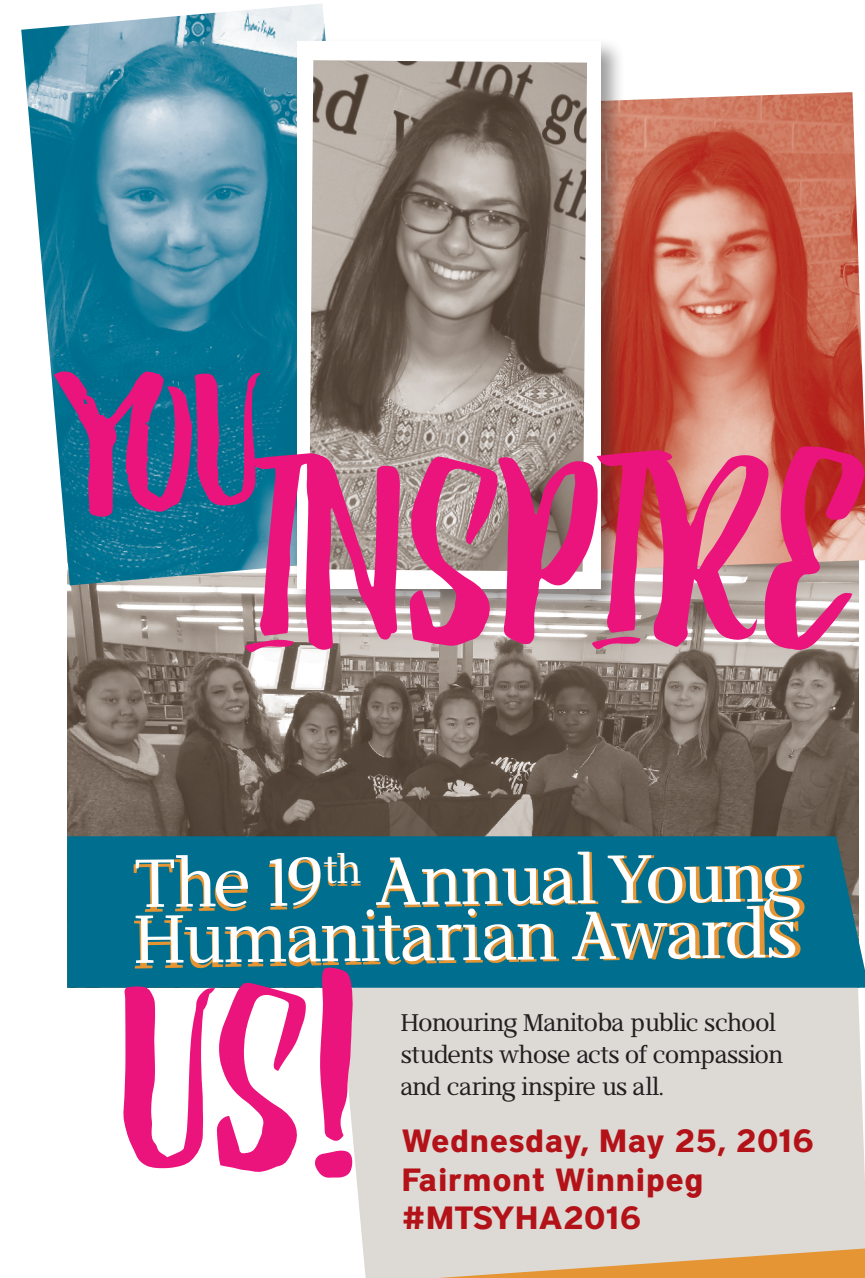
O-o-h Child, For Once in My Life

Prodigy, Miles Macdonell (RETSD)

Chairperson's Remarks

Richard Alarie, YHA Committee Chair, MTS Executive Member

Join us for a reception and photo booth in the lobby after the show!



Honouring Manitoba public school students whose acts of compassion and caring inspire us all.

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Meet the winners



Sage Karsin

Caring comes naturally to Sage Karsin, a Grade 2 student from Linden Meadows School in Winnipeg. Sage was curious about a girl at school who was diagnosed with cancer. She peppered her parents with questions about how she could help her future friend. Then, on her own initiative, Sage set to work making loom bracelets and her home became a bracelet-making factory. By baking muffins and setting up a lemonade stand one summer, Sage raised \$100 for Kenzie's cure. As Kenzie became very ill, Sage helped write poems, drew pictures and helped make posters for her friend. When her community held a huge Kenzie's Kause fundraiser, Sage quietly donated her summer earnings in an unmarked envelope, knowing she was helping sick children like her friend. Kenzie passed with the love and support of the entire community.



Tracie Leost

Garden City Collegiate student Tracie Leost has devoted incredible energy to mental health initiatives like Youth Against Mental Illness Stigma and True North's Project II. She also spearheaded a #7OaksTalks Mental Health initiative, this April. But this Grade 12 student's biggest achievement was running 115 K from her Kookum's home in Oak Point to Winnipeg to raise funds for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women (MMIW). By the time her four-day journey finished at the MMIW monument at The Forks, she had made friends on the road, raised awareness, gathered huge support, endured many blisters - even running for a time in moccasins - and surpassed her dream of raising \$2,000.

Nicole Ternowesky

Nicole Ternowesky is a Grade 11 student who's acutely aware of the struggles faced by some people in Brandon. Her humble goal? To make infinity scarves for the Brandon Women's Resource Centre as Christmas gifts. Staff at Vincent Massey School donated some extra yarn and funds. Then, Nicole wrote to a local craft store. When they delivered 30 skeins of yarn directly to her school, Nicole was brought to tears. She worked for months knitting the scarves. A local hair salon donated 30 gift certificates to add to the scarves. Nicole wrapped the project up right before Christmas, and the Centre received her donation with amazement and gratitude.



Genet Abraham, Jane Santa Ana, Ms. Faridah Shams (teacher) Irish Santa Ana, Sierra Jackson, Abigail Saclin, Jasmine Suwala, Raisa Umuhoza, Arlene Skull (principal)

Star Blanket Club

Never doubt the impact of seven young teen girls. Members of Gordon Bell's Star Blanket Club have incredible hearts and energy to match. These Grade 7, 8 and 9 students decided they would create and distribute lovely traditional star blankets to the families of missing and murdered indigenous women. They worked with the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs to deliver the quilts to families sitting vigil in the hospital, and in Garden Hill First Nation and Kenora. Most importantly, the Club has raised awareness of the huge personal and societal loss caused by missing and murdered indigenous women.

Who are they helping?

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

- Families of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women
- The Women's Resource Centre in Brandon
- Student mental health programs in Seven Oaks School Division
- Children's Hospital Foundation of Manitoba

We want your feedback!

What did you think of the 2016 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

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or by using the hashtag **#mtsya2016** on these social media platforms:



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Know anyone who should be nominated in 2017?