

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. He is the epitome of selflessness and hard work. We are absolutely thrilled to welcome this true humanitarian back as emcee for our 20th annual YHA night.



Faouzia Quihya

The Winnipeg Free Press has called 16-year-old Faouzia Quihya "Canada's next singing sensation" and it's no wonder. Faouzia has a bold, unforgettable voice and is equally comfortable making music in English and French. Originally from Morocco, the Carman Collegiate student was recently awarded second place in the country by Canada's Walk of Fame senior management team, music industry executives and musicians. Her single "Knock on my door" is in daily rotation on a Winnipeg radio station.



Ezri Smith

Ezri Smith is blessed with an unusually lovely voice and comes from a musical family. She, along with her mom, dad and older sister can all play multiple instruments. This Grade 10 student from Westwood Collegiate would love to weave a career in music into her life. Last year she played on our YHA stage, at the Winnipeg Folk Festival and the St. Norbert Farmers' Market. Her musical inspirations? Dodie Clark, Em Harris and Tessa Violet.

Tonight's schedule:

Greetings from the Emcee

Ace Burpee – 103.1 Virgin Radio

"O Canada"

Faouzia Quihya

Musical Number

Faouzia, "Papaoutai"

Official Greetings

Norm Gould, President, The Manitoba Teachers' Society

YHA Individual Award

Faith Nickel, Alf Cuthbert School (LSD)

Introduced by Principal Alann Fraser

YHA Individual Award

Cameron Lozinski, Gimli High School (ESD)

Introduced by Assistant Principal Shelly Dankochik

Musical Number

Ezri Smith, "The Alex Song"

YHA Group Award 1

Dog House Canteen, Bird's Hill School (RETSD)

Introduced by Teacher Krista Wasney

YHA Group Award 2

Peace of Mind 204, (PTSD, SOSD, RETSD)

Introduced by H.G. Izatt Middle School Teacher Brandi Bartok

Musical Number

Faouzia, "Closed Door"

Chairperson's Remarks

Suzanne Jolicoeur, YHA Committee Chair, MTS Executive Member



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

20th annual YOUNG HUMANITARIAN AWARDS

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



The Manitoba Teachers' Society

MEET THE 2017 WINNERS!



DOG HOUSE CANTEEN

You won't find four more enthusiastic Grade 5 humanitarians than Mackenzie Anderson, Livia Delarosa, Rhyann Miller, Isabella Nazarewich, Katie Posthumus, Kate Tustin and Carter Wiebe of Bird's Hill School's Dog House Canteen. Last year, these seven girls approached the school principal with the idea of re-opening the school canteen to send the proceeds to relief efforts in Fort McMurray. With one month of work these students raised \$1,200 to donate to the Canadian Red Cross. They have run the canteen every second month forwarding an entire month's proceeds to each of: Ronald McDonald House, the Christmas Cheer Board, and the Children's Hospital of Winnipeg.



FAITH NICKEL

Compassion comes naturally to Faith Nickel, a Grade 8 student from Alf Cuthbert School in Moosehorn, Manitoba. Faith organized a sock drive for Siloam Mission which netted 450 pairs of socks for the homeless. She helped with a class blanket and winter clothing drive which gathered 174 blankets and 297 pieces of clothing. She's such an inspirational leader to her classmates, whether it's helping individual homeless people or collecting toiletries for Syrian refugees. She's always the first person to help any student who is down, and is extremely sensitive to students with special needs.



CAMERON LOZINSKI

Cameron Lozinski, a Grade 12 student from Gimli High School, has a deep belief in diversity and a flair for organizing. In Grade 9, he was the only male student on the International Day of the Girl committee. He has a long-standing passion for Indigenous issues, history and culture. After studying the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's report, he planned the school's "Red Dress Project". A self-starter, Cam is learning Cree and has accepted the invitation to teach basic Cree to a group of middle-school students. He's raised his own funds for three international Habitat Build trips to El Salvador, Indonesia and Portugal. Cam also uses his knitting skills to create and sell toques to raise funds for the homeless.



PEACE OF MIND 204

Remember these names: Loizza Aquino, Institut collégial Vincent Massey Collegiate; Charles Apolinario, West Kildonan Collegiate; Jayda Hope, River East Collegiate; and Arjay Certeza, Collège Garden City Collegiate. Their work founding Peace of Mind 204 has been a godsend to teens who suffer from mental health issues. In fact, their Youth Against Mental Illness Stigma (YAMIS) events gather hundreds of students from across Manitoba to speak about their experiences with mental health. Peace of Mind 204 has saved lives and is helping to erase the stigma that prevents many youth from getting help. It has now become a registered charity.

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 Red Cross
- The homeless at Siloam Mission
- Syrian refugee families in Manitoba
- Lakeshore Women's Resource Centre
- Honouring the memory of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women
- Villagers in El Salvador, Indonesia and Portugal who need housing
- Manitoba teens who experience mental illness
- Parents and children of Ronald McDonald House
- Manitoba students interested in learning Cree
- Winnipeg families who use the Christmas Cheer Board
- Sick kids at Children's Hospital of Winnipeg
- Victims of the tragic fire in Fort McMurray

We want your feedback!

What did you think of the 2017 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 [#mtsyha2017](https://twitter.com/mtsyha2017) on these social media platforms:



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Know anyone who should be nominated in 2018?