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Our City, Our Stories powered by Canon

Our City, Our Stories powered by Canon is a City of Toronto and Canon Canada community arts project and photography contest aimed at building youth skills in the digital arts, visual storytelling, self expression, engagement and leadership in their communities.

On February 18 at 6 p.m., Mayor David Miller will be joined by Councillor Howard Moscoe (Ward 15 Eglinton-Lawrence), Councillor Raymond Cho (Ward 42 Scarborough-Rouge River), Canon Canada President and CEO Kevin Ogawa, and many of the project's participants to celebrate the work of all the entrants from the *Our City, Our Stories powered by Canon* photography contest and to announce its top three winners.

Date: Thursday February 18, 2010

Time: 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Place: City Hall Rotunda, 100 Queen St. W.

Media are also invited to an exhibition tour from 11 to 11:30 a.m. on February 18. Mayor David Miller will be joined by three of the top ten finalists in a tour of the exhibition in the City Hall Rotunda.

Nearly 200 submissions were received from youth in the city's Priority Neighbourhoods for Investment. The top ten finalists have already been chosen by a jury and their work will be showcased in a photo exhibition in Toronto City Hall's Rotunda from February 16 through February 21.

Toronto spoken word artists Najla Edwards, Humble the Poet, and Sun aka therealSun were commissioned to write works inspired by the photography of the three winners and will perform those works at the February 18 event. That event will also feature music from DJ L'Oqenz, and urban dance by the Rated "X" for Xcitement crew.

Our City, Our Stories powered by Canon is an initiative of Toronto's Economic Development and Culture division in association with Arts Etobicoke, Lakeshore Arts, Scarborough Arts Council and the UrbanArts Community Arts Council.

More information is available at: http://www.toronto.ca/culture/arts-services/our_city_our_stories.htm

The top ten winner's stories can be viewed at <http://www.flickr.com/photos/ourcityourstories/sets/>

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