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The Exchange District BIZ Honours the Extraordinary

Winnipeg, November 24, 2009 – The Exchange District BIZ released the names of this year's BIZ Awards of Excellence winners today. The awards, which have been given out since 2000, honour and celebrate the significant contributions of businesses, organizations and individuals who have helped to make the Exchange District Winnipeg's prime business and entertainment centre, as well as the cultural epicentre of the city. The nominees are chosen by BIZ members, and the shortlist is then reviewed the BIZ.

Development

The Winnipeg Foundation - *For contributing to the Old Market Square Redevelopment project.*

Image

Siloam Mission's MOST Program - *For their ongoing commitment to beautifying downtown Winnipeg, and for providing essential life, employment and financial training and opportunities to their participants*

The Winnipeg Arts Council's Public Art Program - *For their outstanding contribution to the Exchange District poster board project.*

Destination

Jazz Winnipeg - *To recognize their involvement in community events in the Exchange District that help promote the area as a premier entertainment destination.*

Advocacy

Bartley Kives - Winnipeg Free Press - *For keeping the public informed regarding news in the Exchange District, and for enhancing the profile of the area by naming it Winnipeg's most exciting urban neighbourhood.*

Volunteerism

Sheena Desjardins, Exchange Patrol - *For contributing over 500 volunteer hours to the Exchange Patrol program.*

Support

Ryan Mayberry, Mayberry Fine Art - *For his volunteer service to the Exchange District BIZ, and for being instrumental in the redevelopment of the Exchange District BIZ website.*

Style

Bonny Fraser, My Secret Garden - *For exhibiting a unique approach to representing her business through creative and inviting storefront displays*

The Awards will be presented after the formal portion of this year's Annual General Meeting. The Annual General Meeting takes place **Wednesday, November 25, 2009 at 5:30 p.m. at the Exchange Community Church (75 Albert Street).**

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