



## **HIGHLANDS BUCKSLIDE BLUES SOCIETY**

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### PRESS RELEASE

The Highlands Buckslide Blues Society (HBBS) held a contest at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School on Friday, May 10, Tuesday, June 4, and Wednesday, June 5 for music students in the area to compete in the Blues genre for a chance to win an all-expense paid spot at the coveted Grand River Blues Camp held each year during the Kitchener Blues Festival. Four judges scored the performers overall in areas such as content, originality, vocals, instrumental and stage presence. The judges are:

- Mark Riemenschneider, HBBS Board & Blues Enthusiast
- Rich Anton, Canoe FM Blues Radio Show Host and Local Musician (Harmonica)
- Judy Timgren, Local Musician (Guitar & Vocals)
- Penny Randall Mowbray, Canoe FM Locally Sourced Radio Show Host and Local Musician (Ukulele & Guitar)

The main prize for the top 2 musicians is an all-expense paid, coveted spot at The Grand River Blues Camp; a 4-day music course attended by youth from around the world where students receive training not only in their instruments of choice, but in vocals, lyrics, song writing, team building and so much more. The camp culminates in a concert where the students perform together and then participate with all of the Blue's bands that play during the festival!

Five students auditioned with the following results:

- **Austin Bacon, guitar and vocals, first place**, received a HBBS trophy, a \$100 gift card donated by Long & McQuade, Peterborough, a \$50 gift card to Long & McQuade provided by HBBS, round trip bus fare and ticket to the HBBS Patrick Monaghan Memorial Blues Festival and a HBBS T-Shirt along with the all-expense paid trip to the music camp
- **Viliya Ianovskaia, vocals, second place**, received a HBBS trophy, a \$50 gift card donated by Long & McQuade, Peterborough, a \$25 gift card to Long & McQuade provided by HBBS, round trip bus fare and ticket to the HBBS Patrick Monaghan Memorial Blues Festival and a HBBS T-Shirt along with the all-expense paid trip to the music camp.
- **Lillie Fendley, guitar and vocals, Alex Cooney, guitar, and Nathan Morrison, guitar and vocals, honourable mention** - the judges were so impressed by the talent displayed during the auditions that HBBS will sponsor 3 more students to a round trip bus fare and ticket to the HBBS Patrick Monaghan Memorial Blues Festival, an HBBS T-Shirt and the all-expense paid trip to the music camp.
- The Highlands Buckslide Blues Society wants to thank Voodoo Pawn Shop (blue's band), Ryan Merritt (music teacher from the high school), the judges, Long & McQuade - Peterborough, the Grand River Blues Camp, Canoe FM, all those who dropped in to watch the events and especially the contestants for putting their talents on stage for all to see and hear.

Submitted by Louise Ewing, Chair, Highlands Buckslide Blues Society