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## Pianist Pierre-André Doucet Wins 2010 Atlantic Young Artist Competition

This year, six gifted young musicians participated in the Competition, which took place in Brunton Auditorium at the Marjorie Young Bell Conservatory of Music on the campus of Mount Allison University on Saturday, May 15<sup>th</sup>. The competitors included one saxophonist and five pianists. Each performer presented a 45-minute recital of contrasting works.

Two well-known music professionals acted as the adjudication panel for the Atlantic Young Artist Competition: **Lynn Stodola**, pianist, is currently Associate Professor of Music and director of the "Chamber Music at Dalhousie" concert series. **Frances Gray**, pianist, teaches at the University of Prince Edward Island in the areas of Piano Performance, Piano Literature & Pedagogy, Collaborative Piano, and Music Theory.

The Atlantic Young Artist Competition is a project of the Canadian Federation of Music Teachers Associations and its provincial counterparts in New Brunswick, Newfoundland and Prince Edward Island. The Atlantic Young Artist Competition is open to young Canadian pianists, singers, and instrumentalists who are residents of, or studying in, these Atlantic provinces. In addition, these performers are currently students of a Registered Music Teacher.

This year's winner of the Atlantic Young Artist Competition was twenty-one year old pianist **Pierre-André Doucet**. A native of Moncton, New Brunswick, Pierre-André holds a Bachelor's in Piano Performance from Université de Montréal, where he will pursue his Master's in Music this fall. He is currently studying with Maneli Pirzadeh. In Moncton, he has also studied with Richard Boulanger and Julien LeBlanc at L'Université de Moncton, as well as Sister Claudette Melanson and Sister Josette Léger at the École de musique Notre-Dame-d'Acadie.

Winner of the Third Prize at both the National Music festival and the Canadian Music Competition, Doucet has twice been a laureate of the Auditions Jeunes Artistes de Radio-Canada. He was also named Star of the New Brunswick Provincial Music Festival and the New Brunswick Competitive Festival of Music in Saint John. He was the recipient of the Dorothy Buckley Prize for interpretation of a Canadian work at the CFMTA National Piano Competition in 2009. A promising soloist, collaborative pianist and chamber musician, Pierre-André premiered with Symphony New Brunswick in 2007; he has also performed with Sinfonia de Lanaudière.

The adjudication panel also named a runner-up. This was awarded to twenty-one year old saxophonist, Evan Mounce, from Newport, Nova Scotia. Evan is currently a student of Wesley Ferreira at Mount Allison University. As a result of this award from the Atlantic Young Artist Competition, Evan will be presented in concert at the Baie des Chaleurs International Chamber Music Festival this summer.

As the Atlantic Young Artist for 2010, Pierre-André Doucet will embark upon a short concert tour of the Atlantic region in the fall.