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### **Manitoba magazine awards winners revealed at Maggie's luncheon**

Prizes were handed out today to recognize the best work on Manitoba-based magazines published in 2015 — and, in a first for the Maggie Awards, there was a tie for the top prize.

Judges declared *Canada's History* magazine and *Kayak: Canada's History Magazine for Kids* co-winners of the Magazine of the Year award. Both titles are published by Canada's History Society. Editor-in Chief Mark Reid accepted on behalf of *Canada's History*, while Art Director James Gillespie accepted on behalf of *Kayak*.

The Maggie Awards luncheon was held in the Main Dining Hall of Red River College's Exchange District Campus and was hosted by Mike McIntyre of the *Winnipeg Free Press* and the Corus Radio Network. Twenty-eight finalists were nominated for eight awards that honoured the best editorial writing, creative writing and design work published in Manitoba-based magazines. The Manitoba Magazine Publishers Association organized the event.

*Prairie Fire: A Canadian Magazine of New Writing* won two awards for creative writing: Best Poem or Suite of Poems (for three poems by Patrick Friesen) and Best Short Fiction Story (for "Hole in the Wall" by Nadia Bozak).

*Herizons: Women's News & Feminist Views* also won two awards: Best Regular Column or Department (for First Word, by *Herizons* editor Penni Mitchell) and Best Cover, Photography (for the issue KC Adams and the Art of Disarming Racism).

*Conservator: The Magazine of Ducks Unlimited Canada* won the award for Best Editorial Feature, Design (for the article "Pit Stops and Pitfalls"). *Canada's History* also received the award for Best Editorial Feature, Writing (for the article "The Twisted Genius of George Feyer" by Brad Mackay) while *Kayak* won for Best Cover, Illustration (for the issue Meet Our Prime Ministers).

Other magazines with nominated finalists include *Contemporary Verse 2: The Canadian Journal of Poetry and Critical Writing*; *Geez: Contemplative Cultural Resistance*; *The Cellar Door: Wine and Possibilities*; and *The Manitoba Teacher: Newsmagazine of The Manitoba Teachers' Society*.

The Manitoba magazine industry includes both for-profit and not-for-profit publishers who produce a great variety of consumer magazines, arts and culture publications, and business, trade and association magazines. The finalists were chosen from among more than 50 entries that were judged by industry professionals from Manitoba and across Canada.

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