

Windsor Star wins award

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The Windsor Star is the newest recipient of the John P. Fisher Award for its exceptional coverage of the local arts community. "The Windsor Star has been very generous in the provision of funds to the Windsor arts community, and has received numerous support letters including an honorable mention from the mayor's office," said Sara Iley, President of The Council for Business and the Arts of Canada (CBAC).

"Encouraging informative journalism rather than celebrity gossip raises the bar in terms of coverage of the arts, and by doing this they have paved the way for other media to follow."

The John P. Fisher Award began in 1996 and was named after the last CEO of the Southam family, whose credo was to encourage the role of the local media in community building.

The panel of judges for the award is comprised of a publisher, journalist and publicist, allowing for a diverse appraisal of the outstanding qualities in the daily newspapers.

Jim McCormick, publisher of The Windsor Star, was handed the John P. Fisher Award by CBAC President Sara Iley at the Cleary International Centre in Windsor on January 13th.

The presentation was followed by a concert from the Windsor Symphony Orchestra featuring vocalists Five by Design in "Radio Days" and a reception.

"Daily newspapers must begin to assume responsibility for news people can actually use," said Iley.

"There have been only a limited number of art criticism awards in the industry, and with the establishment of the John P. Fisher Award we continue to hope that by acknowledging supportive and informative journalism it will encourage other publications to be nominated in future years for the same reason."