

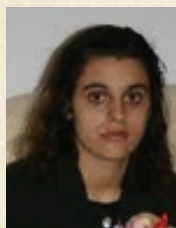
Naturally Autistic® ANCA® presents



**Inaugural International Event  
October 30, 2010 @ UBC Robson Square Theatre  
Vancouver BC, Canada**



# 2010 Award Participants



**Athena Maria Ilious**  
8 years old  
An abstract artist, Athena had her first art show in 2009 at Port Jefferson Visual Arts USA



**Dani Bowan**  
15 years old  
At age eleven, Dani founded her animation company, Powerlight Studios Visual Arts USA



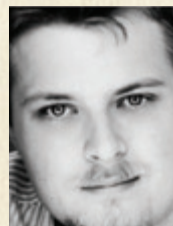
**Donna Williams**  
International advocate for autism and best selling author, well known for her first book "Nobody Nowhere" Community Achievement Australia



**Erik Estabrook**  
Centred around Erik's Christian faith, his published books of poetry include "Attesting to His Glory" Community Achievement & Literary Arts USA



**Gina Marie Incandela**  
8 years old  
A national singer known for her rendition of the USA National Anthem/2009 NBA Finals Performing Arts USA



**Joel Anderson**  
Speaker, artist, poet, Joel is a strong advocate for autistic children in Ca., Community Achievement & Literary Arts USA



**Kristie Dix**  
12 years old  
Kristie sings at local autism events, aspiring to be a professional artist Performing & Visual Arts Australia



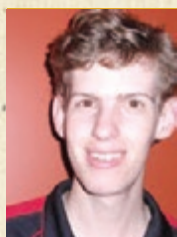
**Lynette Pelley**  
Military wife, mother of 2 and Canadian advocate for autism Visual & Literary Arts Canada



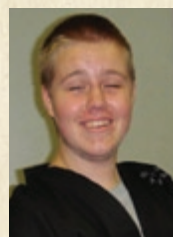
**Maria Iliou**  
Artist, advocate, director and producer for Athena Autistic Artist - a Long Island NY TV show Visual & Literary Arts USA



**Mary - Minn Sirag**  
President of KindTree Productions-Autism Rocks, since 2002 Community Achievement USA



**Matthew Brooker**  
An integrated member of Crossroad Arts presenting at the Mackay Festival of Arts 2008 Community Achievement Australia



**Michael van Houten**  
High school student & Founder of 'Bottles to Go' community business in 2006. Performing Arts Canada



**Nicole Nicholson**  
Published in Young American Poets and Strong Verse Literary Arts USA



**Scott Siegel**  
Lead singer with Arrest My Sister, Rock and Roll Band L.A., Ca. Performing Arts USA



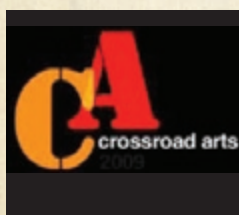
**Tim Mueller**  
Officer of Kind Tree Productions Inc. & chapter representative of the Autism Society of Oregon Community Mentor USA



**Tim Sharp**  
An ambassador for AEIOU, Tim's art is also seen in an animated TV series Laser Beak Man in Australia. Community Achievement Australia



**Jaye Urban**  
Known in her local community for her one on one mentor work with autistic individuals Community Mentor USA



**John Pickup**  
*President, Crossroad Arts*  
Community Organization Leadership Australia



**Master Michael Sirota**  
*Founder, Sirota Alchymy*  
Community Organization Leadership Canada





# Naturally Autistic® People Awards

Sponsored by ANCA® Foundation

Saturday October 30, 2010 – 1:00pm – 5:00pm  
UBC Robson Square Theatre Vancouver, BC Canada

## PROGRAM

**Guests Meet and Greet - Reception Luncheon**

*Silent auction, 50/50 raffle, showcase of selected art submissions and award nominations*

**Guest Host - Lauren S. Henry “Opening Ceremony”**

*Building Momentum Bridging to Community*

**Guest MC - Johanna Ward “Opening Remarks”**

*Celebrating 15 years of ANCA®*

**Online Social Networking Awards and Recognition**

**ANCA® Group - Year in Review**

*Cole Fortin, Heiko Klunder, Nicholas Groenink, Nolan Stoughton, Robert Allan,  
Tamir Sommerville, Tori Allan; Anthony Gregory, Byron Mazereeuw,  
Jacynthe Geschke, Nicholas Mitchell, Tim Pylypiuk*

**Naturally Autistic® People Art Awards – 3 adult categories**

**Janet Panic - Performing “Blink”**

## Intermission

**Janet Panic - Performing “It Will All Work Out”**

**Naturally Autistic® People Art Awards – 2 youth categories**

**Sirota’s Alchymy - Tae Kwon Dance**

*Michael van Houten and demonstration team*

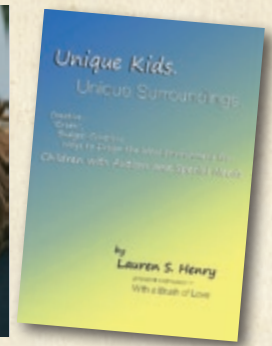
**Naturally Autistic® People Community Awards – 3 categories**

**Closing Remarks**

**Janet Panic - Performing “It Will All Work Out”**

### *We would like to thank...*

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**Lauren S. Henry**

Lauren is an experienced children’s educator and graduate of Syracuse University. She is the author of “Unique Kids Unique Surroundings.” Lauren is the President of ‘With a Brush of Love’, which specializes in the design of environments that support the emotional and intellectual well being of special needs children. Her work has been featured in HGTV’s “kidspace” and ABC’s “Extreme Makeover: Home Edition.”



**Johanna Ward**

Johanna has been hosting Metro Vancouver’s premier lifestyle magazine program The Express, since 2005. She started her broadcasting path in her hometown of Victoria BC. Schooling at Camosun College & co-hosting Chek 6’s daily entertainment show GO! She also volunteers with YWCA Youth outreach programs & loves to tag along on field trips with her favourite class from Sir Matthew Begbie Elementary.



**Janet Panic**

Métis artist Janet Panic has built a reputation as one of Canada’s premier singer/song writers over the past ten years. The Vancouver Sun called her “a cross between Lou Reed and Leonard Cohen.” She has performed live at the *National Aboriginal Achievement Awards* and has recently returned from performing at the *Dreaming Festival* in Australia.



# Selection Committee



Shelley Twohig, the mother of two grown children, is a true West Coaster. Born in Vancouver, she moved to the Sunshine Coast in 1978. Gifted with a camera when her daughter was a young child, Shelley soon realized her love for photography. She is inspired by the natural world and takes great delight in being close to the ocean.



Kris Anders works as a law enforcement officer on the Sunshine Coast of British Columbia and is described by Citation Records as an "upcoming singer/songwriter." Kris has co-written songs with his wife Deanna Cartea who performed at our Naturally Autistic Event in 2009 and will be releasing her first Album entitled "On the Edge" in the fall of 2010.



JoAnne Bennison is an award-winning writer living on the Sunshine Coast who has enjoyed a multi-faceted career as a radio talk show host and reporter, TV anchor and producer, newspaper editor and magazine writer for radio and television stations, newspapers and magazines across western Canada. She is currently adapting her Praxis-winning screenplay into a young adult novel.



Brian Hubenig has a background in fine art, design and production management. He brings with him 4 years experience as a creative director of a business magazine and a passion for art. His passion for digital art is expressed in his sci-fi and fantasy illustrations using 3d and photo manipulation software. Recently Brian has been printing his illustrations on metal and glass.



Shelly Lockhart is devoted to health and community. In her spare time, she enjoys sharing information online about diet, health and wellness. She has an Associates Degree in Psychology from Capilano University. Shelly is also active on Facebook volunteering her time promoting events, organisations and social awareness initiatives.

## ANCA® Staff



Jacynthe Geschke works as a group facilitator at ANCA®. Her enriched background of experiences in graphic arts, equestrian riding, gymnastics, theatre and martial arts provides her with the resources required when working with our young children as well as young autistic adults. Jacynthe currently resides in Maple Ridge, where she volunteers supporting the elderly

Tim Pylypiuk has been with ANCA® since 1996. He is an ANCA® Group Facilitator, writes reports for the Directors and facilitates the ADSS Program. Tim speaks at various workshops and assists with ANCA® training sessions. Tim is a writer and performance artist; putting on one man shows related to being Autistic.



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Byron Mazereeuw volunteers as a support facilitator with the ANCA® Children's Group. Working with the children during Group sessions, family campouts, Christmas Open House and a variety of outings, Byron has brought forward his youth, energy and a desire to support the children using a peer mentor approach. Byron is in his final year of high school and intends to pursue a career in the culinary arts.



Nicholas Mitchell first joined ANCA® in 2005. He has been employed by ANCA® Consulting Inc for the past 3 years as a Facilitator for the ANCA® Group and ADSS Program. Nicholas works full time as a carpenter and cabinet maker on the Sunshine Coast where he resides. Nicholas is very involved in his community as a member of the Search and Rescue Team.



Marilyn Nash happily relocated to the Sunshine Coast, BC, Canada, 8 years ago. She began working for ANCA® Consulting Inc. in the Spring of 2010. Marilyn deeply loves community involvement, enjoying volunteer work and line dancing.

We wish to thank the Selection Committee for their valued contribution in recognizing and supporting the talents of the international autistic community. A special thank you goes to Laurie Geschke and our Naturally Autistic® ANCA® staff who journey with us in our support of the autistic community.

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