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Winners Announced for the Second Annual PWAC Writing Awards Competition

Winners and runners-up have been announced in the second annual writing awards of the Professional Writers Association of Canada (PWAC) for stories published in 2010 in print or on the web.

The winner in the features category (over 1,200 words) is **Melissa Martin** for her entry “La lang di Michif Ta-pashiikan,” which appeared in the September 25, 2010 edition of *The Winnipeg Free Press*. The runner-up is **Stephen Kimber** for “Is Corey Wright the Wrong Man?” which appeared in the May 6, 2010 issue of *The Coast*. The other finalists in this category are:

- **Beverly Akerman** for “Six Pixels of Separation” (*Grain Magazine*)
- **Mark Cardwell** for “Getting Away with Murder” (*Canadian Lawyer*)
- **Terri Perrin** for “All in the Family” (*InFocus Magazine*)
- **Mark Witten** for “Heal or Harm?” (*Today’s Parent*)

The winner in the short articles category (1,200 words or less) is **Beverly Akerman** for her entry “Woman’s murder exposes need to raise age for gun ownership,” which appeared in the April 20, 2010 edition of *The Toronto Star*. The runner-up is **L. D. Cross** for “How to Get the Money You’re Owed,” which appeared in the May 2010 issue of *PROFIT Magazine*. The other finalists in this category are:

- **Karen Virag** for “The Naked Truth About Raw” (*The Tomato*)
- **Mark Witten** for “Brainwashed” (*The Walrus*)

“Congratulations to the second annual PWAC Writing Award winners, runners-up and other finalists. The entries and finalists demonstrate the rich diversity and overall quality of journalism and creative non-fiction in the country,” says PWAC President Craig Silverman. “PWAC is pleased to showcase the skills of Canadian writers through the award competition.”

Silverman also thanked the competition’s judges for their expert consideration: Richard Burnett, Martin Dunphy, Nora Underwood, Lezlie Lowe, Stephen Whitworth and Bridget Wayland.

“Our writing competition continues to grow, and we are proud of the high-quality entries we have received,” Silverman said.

The winners and runners-up were announced on Saturday, June 18, 2010, at PWAC's Gala Awards Ceremony & Dinner at PWAC's 2011 National Conference & AGM. The first prize in each award category has a \$750 value, including a free PWAC membership for a year (if eligible).

PWAC, established in 1976, is the national organization representing freelance writers and journalists in Canada.

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