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The prestigious Altamura/Caruso International Voice Competition Elects Three Winners!

(Sainte-Thérèse, September 27th 2011) On September 25th, Ville de Sainte-Thérèse hosted the Canadian preliminary auditions for the prestigious Altamura/Caruso International Voice Competition* at the Ste-Thérèse-de-Blainville Cultural Centre.

“Hosting for the first time a Canadian competition in Sainte-Thérèse was an historic event! It allowed us to gather 34 participants from all over Canada, and even from New York, who competed in this preliminary event towards the Grand Finale which will be held in New York next October 30th”, said the Mayor of Sainte-Thérèse, Mrs. Sylvie Surprenant.

The 34 candidates delivered some remarkable performances from Verdi, Mozart, Offenbach and several other operas. Raphaëlle Paquette, Soprano, came in first place, with Stéphanie Lessard, Soprano, and Steeve Michaud, Tenor, sharing second place. These three winners will participate in the Finale with over \$30,000 in prizes.

To underline their talent, dedication and success, the Ville de Sainte-Thérèse was proud to present a \$1,000 check to Mrs. Paquette, and the Ville de Blainville gave \$500 to each second place participant. The day after the event, a Master class was given by Mrs. Carmela Altamura, President and Founder of this competition with the participation of more than 12 candidates.

It was with the collaboration of Maestro Brousseau, internationally renowned orchestra conductor, the Orchestre philharmonique du Nouveau Monde, and the support from Ste-Thérèse, the Pôle universitaire Paul Gérin-Lajoie and SODET that this prestigious event was presented in Sainte-Thérèse.

Created in 1988, this renowned competition has gathered international recognition, especially in view of its non-discriminating policy regarding the age of participants. Furthermore, participants can win significant monetary prizes and receive offers for roles in famous operas.

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