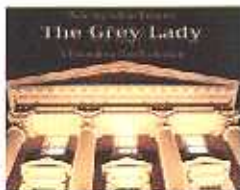




A PROMISE IS A PROMISE WINS TOP AWARD AT THE BRIDGE FILM FESTIVAL – BROOKLYN FRIENDS SCHOOL, NEW YORK

A documentary film from Pickering College was selected for screening at the Bridge Film Festival hosted by the Brooklyn Friends School in New York, NY and was given the top award, the Grand Jury's Prize for Short Films. Jaime Gianopoulos's film entitled, *A Promise is a Promise*, shares the story of Sheremet and Musa Berisha, two Pickering College students from Kosovo. This documentary chronicles their journey as they survived the war in Kosovo to come to Canada to study at Pickering College with the help of an alumnus, Jonathan Knaul '87, who was serving as a Canadian Peacekeeper in their region. The documentary was one of 12 films selected for screening from Quaker schools from the United States and different parts of the world. Congratulations to Jaime who produced this film as part of the Grade 11 Communications Technology course. Information about the Bridge Film Festival can be found at www.brooklynfriends.org.



THE GREY LADY WINS AT THE TORONTO STUDENT FILM FESTIVAL

Four productions from Pickering College were selected by the Toronto Student Film Festival, hosted by Crescent School in Toronto, and were also nominated for awards. *The Grey Lady* won the Director's Award for Film Excellence, one of only six awards given overall. All members of the Filmmaking Club played integral roles in producing this film and should feel very proud of this award. Of the 80 films submitted from public and independent schools to the Toronto Student Film Festival, only 25 films were selected for Showcase Screening. It was exciting to have four from Pickering College nominated, and one award winner. Other Pickering films that were screened included: *Cycle* by Jaime Gianopoulos – Grade 11 Communications Technology project; *Smoke* by Jaime Gianopoulos and Michelle Mackinnon – Grade 11 Communications Technology project; *Havana Affair* by members of the Animation Club.

ON THE ART SCENE

There have been a number of very successful art exhibits at Pickering this year including an Outdoor Art Exhibit & French Café and an Endangered Animal Art Show. At the outdoor exhibit, artwork by students in grades JK to Grade 12 was exhibited together in the courtyard between Rogers House and the new Athletic Complex. Students, parents, staff and friends were invited to come and view the work, indulge in a tasty crepe, or enjoy an ice cream cone at the French Café hosted by the Senior School French students. Senior School Drama students entertained our primary grades with storytelling, singing and dancing.



Junior School students who participated in the G.O.A.T.S. (Get Out And Try Something) program during the winter term had the opportunity to learn about current endangered animals. Through the help of the World Wildlife Fund's website, the students learned about a variety of endangered animals and completed a canvas painting using acrylic paint. The paintings were featured in an "Endangered Animal" art exhibit which was organized and hosted by the Junior School Arts Council. The students were able to adopt a Tiger and a Panda through the World Wildlife Fund thanks to donations received from visitors to their art exhibit.

