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The 2016 Winners & Nominees, Eh!"



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Kim C. comments, "When Mark heard my disabled son was unable to enjoy our local (non-accessible) park, he immediately went to work to make arrangements to have an accessible swing installed." Another nominator writes "He has a generous heart. Not only does he look to provide innovative and engaging playground designs for children of all ages, whenever he hears of a child with special needs he rises to the occasion to find a way to provide equipment that will include them." Jones expresses that he has "made it my business to make children happy, get them to want to go outside and play on unique, creative playgrounds, and I make sure children of all abilities and challenges can play on them."

9. "Artist Of The Year"



(singer, painter, musician, sculptor, band, actor only) *No authors or photographers.*
The nominees are...

✦ **Allesandro Rotondi, Singer/Musician**, See "Allesandro Rotondi Music" on "Facebook"

✦ **Buck Twenty (Mike Ure and Aidan Johnson-Bujold), Singers/Songwriters**, BuckTwentyBand.com

✦ **Chris Bolister, Singer/Songwriter/Entertainer**, See "Chris Bolister" and "Chris Bolister Music" on "Facebook"

✦ **Christian Vegh, Singer/Guitarist/Songwriter/Co-Producer**, ChristianVegh.com

✦ **Christie Palazzolo, Singer/Songwriter**, ChristiePMusic.com

✦ **Daniel Bombardier aka "Denial", Painter**, EnjoyDenial.com

✦ **Jimmy Graham, Comedy Hypnotist, Mindreader/Mentalist, Musician**, HypnotisJimmyG.com

✦ **Mary Anne Drew, Painter**, Refer to "Mary Anne Drew" on "Facebook"

✦ **Ottavia Lepera, Model**, See "Ottavia Julia Lepera" on "Facebook"

✦ **Tayla Anderson, Painter**, Facebook.com/PaintingsByTayla

✦ **The Oasis Women's Choir of Windsor & Essex County**, OasisWomensChoir.ca

And the Biz X Award goes to...

Christian Vegh

LaSalle based 19 year old musician Christian Vegh (ChristianVegh.com) is known as a guitar prodigy both in the community and internationally. Upon receiving a guitar in Grade 6, he



Christian Vegh is well on his way to becoming a big "Rockstar" but he never forgets his Canadian roots and frequently plays at area festivals like "Busfest Windsor." Photo courtesy of Gene Schilling.

began taking lessons in Grade 9 and had his first paid performance at the young age of 15. He is a solo artist and lead vocalist/lead guitarist/songwriter for the Christian Vegh Band. Recently, Vegh was awarded the 2016 "Charles McDaniel Award" from the American Federation & Canadian Federation of Musicians, which is given out every three years to a musician 16 to 35 years old and is awarded for creativity, innovation and excellence in music. He was also honoured in 2016 for his talents when he was inducted to the "Brotherhood of the Guitar," given to the top 16 guitarists under 21 internationally. He has also won countless other local, national and international awards for his musical

talents. Musicians, Berklee College of Music in Boston, University of Windsor, Long & McQuade and several more. He recently recorded his new CD in California with a number of first-class musicians — Stacy Heydon, who toured with David Bowie; Gregg Bissonette (currently on tour with Ringo Star); and Matt Bissonette (currently on tour with Elton John). "Christian is the next Stevie Ray Vaughn," believes Judge Lefebvre. "He is such a high calibre artist. He's just outstanding." And this young artist is already focused on using his talents to give back in many ways, with more than 300 hours of community service under his belt. He recently hosted an event with the Windsor Symphony Orchestra called "Christian Vegh Rocks The Capitol" to raise money for five scholarships for the University of Windsor, St. Clair College and the Windsor Youth Symphony Orchestra and Education Fund. Although the Berklee student travels far and wide to perform with his talents, he always returns to Windsor Essex to be involved with and do whatever he can for his community. He is involved with several social justice and activism initiatives, from giving back to those living in poverty to helping raise

students with special needs. Vegh has performed at many festivals and venues such as "NAAM" (the world's largest music gear expo) in Anaheim, California; BB King's Blues Club in Nashville; The Berklee Performance Center in Boston; International Music Festival in New York; 4th Wall Productions — Joy Theatre; Sonny Rhodes Induction into the Canadian Blues Hall of Fame and many more. He has also shared the stage with performers such as Steve Vai, Scott Holt and Susan McNeil. He's a class act that Windsor Essex is proud to call one of their own!

10. "Ace Of Cakes"



(cake decorators/bakers who make delicious cakes for all occasions with amazing and creative designs)
The nominees are...

✦ **Ali Bazzi, Sunrise Bakery & Pastry**, 1395 Tecumseh Rd. East, 30 University Ave.