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Dear NCRA Community Radio Awards,

Staff and volunteers CFRC 101.9fm in Kingston, Ontario would like to nominate the station's Radio Residencies program of 2011-2012 for the Local Talent Development Award.

CFRC's Radio Residencies Program provided 6 local writers with the opportunity to create and produce community-oriented, innovative, commissioned works in the radio art, creative documentary and radio drama genres, with the support and involvement of CFRC staff and volunteers. The finished pieces were broadcast on CFRC 101.9fm, shared with other community radio broadcasters through the NCRA Program Exchange, and debuted at special listening parties to be held at the Screening Room theatre in downtown Kingston.

The project fostered an interdisciplinary approach to literary and sound arts, supporting local writers with meaningful creative opportunities while engaging audiences with literary and sonic art through the accessible medium of community radio. CFRC's Radio Residencies Program encouraged excellence in the inter-disciplinary field of radio production through a juried selection process and through training, mentorship and collaboration opportunities. The project encouraged public awareness of radio as an artistic medium by offering increased access to locally-relevant, high quality creative radio productions. Community involvement and representations of diversity were prioritized in the selection and production processes, which asked artists to consider how their projects engage with local social and cultural issues and how their creative process would incorporate CFRC volunteers and Kingston community members. The project encouraged artistic innovation by motivating literary artists to explore how their work translates off the page and into the ears of new audiences.

CFRC staff are unaware of any similar program for writers in the Kingston area, or in fact, anywhere in Canada. Thus this project also enhanced our local arts scene and raised the profile of Kingston as a hub for literary, audio and interdisciplinary arts.

Thank you for your consideration of this project.

Sincerely,
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