

Textile Museum Wins Big at 31st Annual OAAG Awards

TMC TOP WINNER WITH SIX AWARDS

(TORONTO) The Textile Museum of Canada (TMC) was honoured to be the recipient of **six major awards** at the 31st annual Ontario Association of Art Galleries (OAAG) Awards ceremony. The **single most recognized institution**, the TMC was celebrated over the course of the evening with awards in areas including **online projects, community outreach, curatorial writing, volunteer service** and **corporate partnerships**.

The Textile Museum's latest online project **Digital Threads** (www.digitalthreads.ca), a technologically innovative, artistically relevant and culturally significant Web site, won several awards including a **2008 Web Award** for designer ecentricarts Inc. Ecentricarts was also honoured as the **Corporate Partner of the Year**. In 2006, the TMC and ecentricarts Inc. won the Best Web Site Award for *Canadian Tapestry: the Fabric of Cultural Diversity* (www.canadiantapestry.ca).

The *Digital Threads* project also received the **Educator Award** for community outreach with the **Digital Threads Network**. The *Digital Threads* Network was an online community where students worked collaboratively with artist Joanna Berzowska and each other to explore the intersection between technology and textiles.

Also, the exhibition catalogue for **Close to You: Contemporary Textiles, Intimacy and Popular Culture** curated by Sarah Quinton, was recognized for **curatorial writing** and book design. This exhibition is on now to October 12.

The Textile Museum's Executive Director, Nataley Nagy, presented the **2008 OAAG Volunteer of the Year Award** to Nancy Dillow. Nancy has spent 33 years as a leading female voice at the senior management level in the public art gallery sector, working in Toronto, Regina and Winnipeg. Since joining the Textile Museum Volunteer Association almost 20 years ago, Nancy has made many significant contributions including her tireless work on the *More Than Just a Yardage Sale* volunteer fundraiser and establishing the docent program.

The Ontario Association of Art Gallery Awards -
The 31st annual OAAG Awards were presented Friday September 26, 2008. Celebrating outstanding achievement in exhibitions, curatorial writing, education programs, and community partnerships, with a nominee-pool drawn from among 40 public art galleries in 21 cities across Ontario, the awards were determined by nine noncompeting jurors

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