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**2010 Will Be a Great Year!**

By: **C. Singh**

On behalf of YACOS, Happy New Year! By saying good-bye to 2009, we now have blank chapter which we are all restless to begin. We look forward to an even greater year ahead, filled with events and opportunities to empower youth in Surrey.

We held our annual play-writing contest called, *Write On!*, on November 28<sup>th</sup>. This one- act playwriting contest showcased the two top entries selected by YACOS, '*The Attic*' by Chelsey Kolenda and '*A Twist of Fate*', by Elena Diamantakis and Alexis Tyller.

To add a twist to the contest, we only gave three weeks to both selected entries to prepare a play from their scripts. Despite the time crunch, the finalised performances were absolutely AMAZING!!! It's a wonder to see what dramatic plays were preformed by such young playwrights and actors. I'm sure that all the judges would agree that the plays preformed were beyond our expectations. This, of course, led to quite a difficult decision where only one winner was to be chosen. After much discussion and many arguments, we decided that the winner for *Write On! 2009* was..... '*The Attic*'!!! A big congrats to Chelsey Kolenda from Semiahmoo Secondary. Her storyline and cast were excellent. In addition to this, we would also like to thank everyone who sent entries for this contest; we were truly surprised by all the creative output.

Also, a great big thank-you to Glen Chua for graciously taking photos at this event and the Surrey Arts Centre for their cooperation and hardwork. Last but not least, thank-you to everyone who came to this event, your presence alone is a great support for us!

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As many of you may know, the annual Surrey Shines is just around the corner. This community talent show is taking place on January 30 at the Surrey Arts Centre. This means that we are on the lookout for talented young people in Surrey. If your talent is singing, dancing, playing an instrument, being in a band or perhaps even juggling or comedy, please do come out and audition for this fantastic, mind-blowing show. For more info, contact us at 604-585-2787 or email to [info@youtharts.ca](mailto:info@youtharts.ca)

Along with these two incredible events, we are also looking foreword to hosting *Battle of the Bands* and *Surrey High School Film Festival*. After the success these two events proved to be, we just couldn't resist to bring them back for another year. For all you musicians and film-makers, here's an early shout-out to y'all! We are all looking foreward to showcasing your great talents. Keep your eyes and ears alert for any details about both upcoming events. Check out our Facebook page, too.

Well, that's our update on what is happening over the next few months. We are always looking for new members. Come give input about what you'd like to see for youth in Surrey. We appreciate your thoughts and want to listen to what you have to say.

**Happy New Year, Everybody!**