

OMA announces 2010 Awards of Excellence Recipients

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Over the past year, three million visitors to Ontario's 650 community museums experienced programs and exhibitions which told our collective story and contributed to our identity and sense of place. **On Thursday, October 7 the Ontario Museum Association will recognize the best of the best as it presents the 2010 Awards of Excellence.**

The 2010 Awards of Excellence recipients are:

- **Dave Benson** (Chatham-Kent) - Award of Excellence for Lifetime Achievement
- **Allan Symons** (Deep River) – Award of Excellence for Lifetime Achievement
- **Ottawa Museum Network** (Ottawa) – Award of Excellence for *Enhancing Conservation Standards*
- **Grey Roots Museum and Archives** (Owen Sound) – Award of Excellence for *The Good People: Know Our Stories, Know Us*
- **Museums of Mississauga** (Mississauga) – Award of Excellence for *Benares DVD Project*
- **Adele Espina** (Minden) – Award of Excellence for *curating For King and Country: Soldiers of the Haliburton Highlands*

More information on each of the recipients can be found on our website,
http://www.museumsonario.com/en/35/_345/99

The Awards of Excellence will be presented at the OMA Awards Banquet held at the Delta Chelsea Hotel, during the Annual Conference in Toronto.

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