

Emerging Talent XV expanded program

From art exhibit to film fest, short docs, theatre, music and more...

COQUITLAM, January 9, 2012. Evergreen Cultural Centre, School District 43, Polygon Homes Ltd. and the City of Coquitlam are proud to announce the 15th annual **Emerging Talent** exhibition featuring an expanded program that crosses all artistic disciplines (more on that later).

The annual juried art exhibition showcases the work of talented Grade 12 students from School District 43 who are committed to pursuing post-secondary education in the arts. The exhibition teaches students valuable skills in gallery practices, such as how to prepare artwork for public display, write an artist statement, and receive critiques of their work. Retired art teachers and exhibition jurors Eunice Hodge, Keith Levang and Jerry Pietrasko will select works from over 100 submissions to display in the prestigious Art Gallery at Evergreen.

The **Emerging Talent XV** opening reception will take place on January 22, 2012 as part of the expanded **Emerging Talent Festival**. This multi-disciplinary event, anchored around the exhibition, will include the screening of official selections of the **Emerging Talent Film Festival** (picked from over 30 entries), the premiere of **Teens @ Evergreen** short documentary projects, as well as live performances by **TETE** (Teens @ Evergreen Theatre Ensemble). Local emerging musicians will perform in the Art Gallery and Lobby and several awards and recognitions will be presented.

The **Emerging Talent Festival** will be the culmination and celebration of the creative talent of the youth in this community, and will be attended by art teachers, mentors, dignitaries, families and friends. The festival is from 4pm-7pm, January 22. Parking and admission are free. A complete festival program is available online at www.evergreenculturalcentre.ca or on the Festival's [Facebook](#) page.

Emerging Talent XV runs in the Art Gallery at Evergreen from January 13 – February 18. Gallery hours are Monday – Saturday, 12-5pm. Visit the gallery and place your vote for the “People’s Choice” award.

