Cut&Paste Rock&Roll

A Celebration of Queer Music, Art and Community since 2008

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Long Beach CA - Cut&Paste Rock&Roll is pleased to announce the 2010 Queer Youth Scholarship winners. After much deliberation and extensive review by key Long Beach based LGBTQIA community members, Cut&Paste Rock&Roll selected the following applicants for this year's awards:

$300 Prize: **Victor Galvan-Rico** Long Beach Renaissance High School for the Arts

$200 Prize: **Lenna Assaf** UCLA World Arts and Cultures Department

$100 Prize: **King Chan** Will J Reid High School

Honorable Mention Prize: **Marilee Rust** California State University Channel Islands

This is the first annual scholarship award presented by Cut&Paste Rock&Roll. Funding for the scholarship came from the proceeds from the 2nd annual Cut&Paste Rock&Roll LGBTQIA music and art festival held in February and from personal donations. Cut&Paste Rock&Roll is very proud to assist these deserving students who are striving daily to be role models to the LGBTQIA community.

The Queer Youth Scholarship Awards will be presented to the winners on June 30, 2010 at 9pm at the Art Theatre of Long Beach located at 2025 E. 4th Street. The award ceremony will begin prior to the screening of "But I'm Cheerleader" the first film scheduled for the new movie series put on by the Long Beach Film Society in partnership with Cut&Paste Rock&Roll, both Long Beach based nonprofit groups passionate about the artistic community they serve.

In order to be eligible for the award, each applicant submitted a personal essay and a creative piece ranging from poetry, spoken word, drawing, painting and dance. All of the applications were reviewed by a committee of LGBTQIA people including Logan Crow, Executive Director of Mondo Celluloid, Debonee Morgan MFT, writer and journalist Sylvia Rodemeyer, activist and scholar Benny Le Master and Annie Parkhurst, founder of Cut&Paste Rock&Roll and the AMP Organization. While choosing the winners was a difficult decision for all involved, it was very easy to see the talent, courage and bright future all of the applicants have.

Congratulations to the CPRR QYS 2010 winners.

About Cut&Paste Rock&Roll Since the organization's grassroots beginnings in 2008, Cut&Paste Rock&Roll has become a premier LGBTQIA music and art event in Southern California. Each CPRR event features local artists and performers who are often marginalized in the mainstream music and art communities because of their orientation, beliefs and/or color. Cut&Paste Rock&Roll celebrates diversity and has successfully created a positive, affirming space to see and be seen in the queer community.