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Hosts and Musicians for 23rd Annual Business Excellence Awards Announced

Windsor, ON – The Windsor-Essex Regional Chamber of Commerce and Presenting Sponsor *The Windsor Star* announced the hosts and musicians for the 23rd Annual Business Excellence Awards today. Brooke Pashley (LeafsTV) will join Karen Hall (The Windsor Star) as emcees at the 23rd Annual BEAs on Wednesday, April 24, 2013 at the Ciociaro Club. Pashley is an on-air Personality for LeafsTV and Mapleleaves.com and the in-game host for the Toronto Maple Leafs home games. Hall is an award-winning editorial writer and columnist at The Windsor Star.

Entertainment for the gala will be provided by Polish musicians Daniel Wnukowski (Pianist) and Marta Potulska (Violist). Wnukowski has performed throughout Europe, North America, South America and Asia in prestigious concert halls. He has performed with the Polish Radio Orchestra, Sinfonia Varsovia, Windsor Symphony and Southfield Symphony with conductors such as Jerzy Maksymiuk, Alain Trudel and David Amos. He has also performed in numerous International Festivals such as Chopin and His Europe in Warsaw, Poland; Festival Dei Due Mondi in Spoleto, Italy; Chopiniana in Buenos Aires, Argentina; and the Pre-LSO Concert Series in London, UK.

Potulska has performed concerts all over Europe, North America and Asia. She is also very active as a chamber musician and has collaborated together with prominent musicians such as Marek Drownowski, Elena Denisova, Kerstin Feltz, Pierre-Henri Xuereb, Teresa Turner Jones, Rudolf Leopold. She was the first prize winner of the Johannes Brahms International Competition in Austria (2007), a finalist of the International Competition for Violin and Viola in Bled, Slovenia and recipient of a special award at the Lionel Tertis International Viola Competition on the Isle of Man, UK (2006). In September 2010, she also won second prize at the Michal Spisak International Viola Competition in Poland.

Windsor-Essex Inspired is the theme for the 23rd Annual Business Excellence Awards. The event allows the entire community to celebrate the achievements of our distinguished lineup of Windsor-Essex businesses, professionals, and entrepreneurs. Award recipients will be announced during a gourmet dinner and show.

For 2013, the BEAs are welcoming back the International Business Award and the Innovation Award. Other categories include Small Company of the Year, Large Company of the Year, Professional of the Year, Entrepreneur of the Year, Rising Star of the Year, Start Up of the Year, and Tourism & Hospitality Award (formerly Taste of Windsor Essex). Also included in the awards ceremony are the recipients of the Believe Windsor Essex and ATHENA Awards.

Tickets are currently on sale and are available at www.windsorchamber.org.

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