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Youth Talent Shines at Local Film Festival

The 3rd Annual MyView Youth Film Festival Awards Ceremony showcased some amazing filmmaking talent this past Sunday at the Kemptville Youth Centre. Guests munched on popcorn while being entertained by the 6 short films that were nominated this year.

Young people ages 12-21 were invited to create and submit films (5 minutes or less) on a topic that is important to them and their community. The films were judged by local 'celebs' on the message the film speaks to, as well as production and entertainment elements. Final scores were tabulated using a blend of judging scores and online votes at the MyView website.

This year, due to interest outside the region, the committee added a "Foreign Film" Category for submissions from outside Leeds, Grenville & Lanark Counties. The winner in that category was Kortney Barton from L'Original Ontario for her documentary film ***What We Don't Know*** about women in film-making.

For Best Overall Film, there were three films nominated and the results were as follows:

- **1st Place** – Lexi Lyons and Julia Friesen from Westport with ***Losing Creativity***. A unique and moving look at independent, creative expression.
- **2nd Place** – Theresa Graham from Kemptville with ***Don't Judge***. A wonderfully filmed commentary on being true to yourself.
- **3rd Place** – Liam Ryan from Kemptville with ***Shadows***. A poignant message on bullying and mental illness.

Winners were thrilled with the amazing prizes from the sponsors. TVCogeco donated a GoPro camera and iPad Air for the 2nd and 3rd place winners, and Chris Cochrane of Video Communications was the \$1000 Grand Prize sponsor! After the ceremony, there were smiles everywhere and plans are being hatched for the 2016 Festival already!

Check out the films for yourself at www.myviewfilmfest.ca

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