

## Lady Cove Women's Choir St. John's, NL contact@ladycove.ca. (709) 687-7460

## Philip Holloway Honoured with Second Annual Lady Cove Choir Bursary Award

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**St. John's, NL** – Lady Cove Women's Choir awarded its second annual Lady Cove Bursary Award on Saturday, April 25 amid song and wine at the Choir's sold-out 2009 *Spring Fever* concert. The Bursary was presented to trombonist Philip Holloway, a third-year performance major at Memorial University's School of Music.

The Lady Cove Bursary Award is given annually to a developing musician of Newfoundland and Labrador in support of his/her musical education or performance activity. The \$1,000 prize is part of the Choir's mentorship initiatives and is open to musicians between the ages of 15 to 20.

Twenty year old Holloway has been impressing local and national audiences in solo and group performances. He performs with the St. John's Salvation Army band, the Newfoundland Symphony Orchestra, the St. John's trombone quartet, *Paddywagon*, the MUN Concert and Jazz Bands and Chamber Orchestra, as well as the Band of the Ceremonial Guard in Ottawa. On Saturday night, he wowed Lady Cove's appreciative audience in performances with the Choir and his accompanist David Chafe.

"Philip is a tremendous talent, and we were so happy that our second award of the Lady Cove Bursary has been given to such a talented and driven young man," said Kellie Walsh, artistic director of Lady Cove. "The audience clearly loved Philip tonight. A huge part of our mandate is to support the development of young musicians, men and women. The Bursary extends our audience and helps ensure that the musical community in Newfoundland and Labrador remains strong."

"It is certainly a great honour to be awarded the Lady Cove Bursary this year. And it means even more coming from such a fine group of musicians," said award-winner Holloway. "Having recently purchased a new trombone to help me continue my musical studies, I greatly appreciate the support of Kellie and all of Lady Cove. This award is so inspirational to young musicians, and is an exemplary act of generosity and interest in the development of the youth of our province. I am honored to have shared the stage with them, and to be able to contribute to their great show!"

Lady Cove extended its mentorship agenda, performing the Newfoundland folk song *Early Spring* arranged by 20-year old Newfoundland composer Kathleen Allan. Allan is currently studying composition at the University of British Columbia.

**Lady Cove Women's Choir -** Lady Cove Women's Choir is named after the community of Lady Cove in Trinity Bay, Newfoundland and Labrador. Based in St. John's, the Choir of over 40 voices was established by Kellie Walsh in September, 2003. In 2008 the Choir won first place in the CBC Radio Competition for Amateur Choirs in the Contemporary Music category and then took first place at the 2008 Bela Bartok New Music Competition in Debrecen, Hungary.

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