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Lokki Ma honoured with the 2010 Pauline McGibbon Award

Toronto, June 28, 2010 – Production Craftsperson Lokki Ma is the **2010** recipient of the **Pauline McGibbon Award**. The announcement was made by the Honourable Michael Chan, Minister of Tourism and Culture at the **31st Dora Mavor Moore Awards**. The Awards were presented today at Toronto's St. Lawrence Centre for the Arts in the Bluma Appel Theatre.

About the recipient:

- Lokki Ma is a builder, buyer and coordinator of props who started her theatre career in Toronto with Metcalf Foundation support for a props internship with The Canadian Stage Company during its 2007/2008 season.
- In three years, Lokki has collaborated on several projects with Ontario theatre companies and cultural organizations:
 - She was head of props for **Blyth Festival's** 2007 and 2009 seasons, as well as for **Theatre Direct's** *Binti's Journey* and *Walking the Tightrope*.
 - At **Tarragon Theatre**, her build credits also include *If We Were Birds*, *Molière*, *Mimi* and *Ubuntu*.
 - Most recently, Lokki worked with **Native Earth Performing Arts** as head of props for the company's first opera, *Giivedin*. She has also built costume props for **Video Cabaret's** remount of *The Great War* and the **Art Gallery of Ontario's** King Tut Gala.
- Lokki earned her Bachelor of Arts with Honours in Theatre at **Dalhousie University**.
- She volunteers her time with a local high school, helping students plan and troubleshoot the build process for their show.

Quotes:

The 2010 jury noted: "Lokki's strong interest as a crafts artist and contributor to the art of storytelling in theatre is evident, as is her desire to share her passion for the industry and craft with others, especially young students."

"Lokki Ma's creativity takes theatre in Ontario to new heights. Her contributions are making a significant difference in the lives of the next generation of artists and craftspersons. Congratulations to Lokki Ma on this important achievement," said Tourism and Culture Minister Michael Chan.

About the Pauline McGibbon Award:

- Established in 1981, the award honours former Lieutenant Governor Pauline McGibbon for her support and patronage of the arts. The award is given each year by the Province of Ontario through the [Ministry of Tourism and Culture](#) and includes a \$7,000 prize and a medal designed by Dora de Pédery-Hunt.
- The award is presented to a member of Ontario's professional theatre community in the early stages of his or her career who has displayed a unique talent and a potential for excellence.
- The award is cyclical in nature and recognizes the unique talents of artists who have contributed to the well-being of Ontario's theatre community. The first year of the three-year cycle, the award goes to a designer, the second year to a director and the third year to a production craftsperson.
- The award is administered by the [Ontario Arts Council](#).
- Past recipients of the Pauline McGibbon Award include the following production craftspersons: Lindsay Anne Black (2007); Alexandra (Alex) Gilbert (2004); and Bruce Derek (2001). Access the full list [here](#).
- This year's jurors were: **Lindsay Anne Black** (Toronto); **Douglas Lemcke** (Stratford) and **Julia Tribe** (Toronto).

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