

# The Leacock Medal for Humour

Canada's Award for Literary Humour

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## Student Humorous Essay Competition Winners, 2023

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The Stephen Leacock Associates are pleased to announce the winners of their **2023 Student Humorous Short Story Competition**.

### First Place:

*“The Elephant in the Room(ba)”*

Written by **Sylvie Potje**, Bear Creek Secondary School, Barrie.

### Second Place:

*“As An Immigrant, Do I Have The Right To Write The Title?”*

Written by **Chiara Alfinito**, Tommy Douglas Secondary School, Woodbridge.

### Third Place Tie:

*“The Eighth Wonder of the World”*

Written by **Lillian Guo**, Olympiads School, North York.

*“Adventures on the DraftKings™ Trans-Canada Highway”*

Written by **Cyrus Sarfaty**, Upper Canada College, Toronto.

The winners will receive \$1,000 (first place), \$700 (second place) and \$300 (third place).

**Honourable Mentions**, in alphabetical order, are:

*“The MacBETHs Go to the Grocery Store”* by **Jaden Chiang**, St. Augustine Catholic High School, Markham.

*“A Plea Towards Much-Needed Political Reform”* by **Vincenzo Fracassi**, Homeschooled, Everett.

*“Time Trial”* by **Luke Schwartzentruber**, London South Collegiate Institute, London.

*“Chronicles of a Time-Trapped Hero”* by **Hamza Siddiqui**, Father Michael McGivney Catholic Academy, Markham.

Stephen Leacock Associates congratulates all the winners and those who received an honourable mention. With 41 entries this year, the judges were certainly challenged.

The three winners are invited to attend the "**Meet the Authors, and Student Showcase**" event on September 15, 2023 where they will read their essays and receive their prizes. Each winner will receive two tickets for this event, and the first place winner will also receive two tickets for the **Gala Dinner** on September 16 at which the winner of the 2023 Leacock Medal for Humour will be announced.

This year, the M.C for the "Meet the Authors" event will be Terry Fallis, two-time winner of the Leacock Medal in 2008 and 2015. Morgan Murray, a runner-up in 2021 will be the M.C. at the Gala Dinner, and Trevor Cole, winner of the Leacock Medal in 2011 will entertain us as the fictional Mayor of Mariposa. Tickets to both these events may be purchased on-line at <https://leacock.ca/gala.php> by the general public.

All entrants are encouraged to participate in this worthwhile competition next year. Submissions are accepted from mid-December to mid-June, with the winners being announced in mid-July. More details about the competition are given at <https://leacock.ca/studentaward.php>.

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