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TOT TROT ARTWORK WINNER ANNOUNCED BANK OF AMERICA RIVER RUN REGISTRATION HAS BEGUN

WICHITA, Kansas – Wichita Festivals, Inc. (WFI), a non-profit corporation with the purpose of creating diverse community celebrations, announced Paige Minor as winner of the Tot Trot Artwork contest at a presentation, Thursday, April 26, 8:15 am at Emerson Open Magnet, 2330 W 15th St. N., Wichita, Kansas.

The Tot Trot celebrates its 9th year as part of the Bank of America River Run during RiverfestXXXVI. The winning artwork, created by Paige Minor, is featured on the front of the Tot Trot race shirts. The contest was open to students' ages 2 to 7, with two age divisions 2-4 and 5-7. This year, there were over 1600 entries from both USD 259 and Wichita Parochial Schools.

"The winning design is fun and vibrant with yellows, greens, oranges and shows kids having fun running," said Janet Wright, President/CEO Wichita Festivals, Inc. "Paige did a great job creating a colorful picture of the race and it looks great on the T-Shirts."

Tot Trot winners:

- 1st Place Overall Artwork winner: Paige Minor, Emerson Open Magnet
- Emerson Open Magnet art Instructor, Jacquelyn Junkins, also won a prize of \$100 cash and a \$100 Book Store Gift Certificate

Age Divisions:

- 5-7 year olds:
 - 1st place: Paige Minor, Emerson Open Magnet
 - 2nd place: Julia Carson, Seltzer Elementary
 - 3rd place: Celina Nguyen, Seltzer Elementary
- There were no entries in the 2-4 year old division.
- Prizes were also awarded for the most entries in the contest:
 - \$500 cash – Seltzer Elementary
 - \$250 cash – St. Francis of Assisi
 - \$100 cash – Kelly Liberal Arts Academy

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The Bank of America River Run celebrates its 31st Anniversary this year and includes a 10K, 10K & 2-Mile Wheelchair and 2-Mile race. Runners can compete in a team competition with co-workers, family, friends, etc. There are prizes for the largest teams in four divisions: Corporate, Organizations, Family & Friends, and Schools/Churches/Civic Groups. Team Captains are also honored with a Bank of America River Run commemorative hat and photo before the race.

In 2006, organizers decided to bring the colored shirt back to the Bank of America River Run. This year will be the same; the race shirt is lime-green in color with a design on the front based more on what typical race shirts look like.

The Bank of America River Run cash prizes are as follows: 1st place overall male and female - \$200; 2nd place overall male and female - \$100; 3rd place overall male and female - \$75. 1st place masters male and female - \$100. (Masters is age-graded). Top overall winners will also receive specially created awards by KARG ART Glass Studio. Race awards will be presented at 11:00 am on the Douglas Street Bridge, Saturday, May 12. All finishers of the 10K, 2-Mile and Tot Trot will also receive a medallion.

The Bank of America River Run starts at 8:00 am with the Tot Trot beginning at 10:30, Saturday, May 12. The registration fee is \$20 for adults; \$12 for youth 12 and under. Registration cost for the Tot Trot is \$12. Both registrations include a T-Shirt and Riverfest button.

Register in-person at the following locations through **May 10**: Bank of America locations (100 N. Broadway, 141 S. Rock Road, 500 S. West Street and 329 S. Andover Road in Andover, Kansas), Genesis Health Clubs, Wichita Festivals, Inc. and First Gear. Runners can also register on-line at wichitariverfestival.com, active.com or register by mail until **May 7**.

Riverfest buttons are now available for order at www.wichitafestivals.com, and are on sale at all Wichita QuikTrip, Walgreens and Wal-Mart stores.

RiverfestXXXVI takes place May 11-19, 2007 in Downtown Wichita.

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For more information about the Bank of America River Run and Tot Trot or Riverfest, please contact Susan Burchill, Director of Marketing and Public Relations at (316) 267-2817, ext. 25, susan@wichitafestivals.com or go to www.wichitariverfestival.com.

Wichita Festivals, Inc. is a non-profit corporation with the purpose of creating diverse community celebration within the Wichita community. The primary event produced by Wichita Festivals, Inc. is Riverfest.

Creating an economic impact of approximately \$26 million, Riverfest annually attracts more than 300,000 visitors. The Festival has become one of the top special events in Kansas and was recognized in 2006 as one of the top 100 events in the United States by the American Bus Association.

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