

# PRESS RELEASE

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## Antonio Louvado wins Student Medal Competition

The Medalllic Art Society of Canada (MASC) is pleased to announce the winner of the Student Medal Competition which is sponsored by the medal society. At the beginning of the school year in September 2007 the competition was presented to art students across Canada and to MASC members worldwide. Many well-designed and executed medals were shown to the jury and after careful deliberation the jury chose a bronze medal, “Ancient Memories” created by Antonio Louvado as the winner. Antonio was born in Aveiro, Portugal and immigrated to Canada as a youth. He studied medal making at the night school course taught by Trish Oliver at Central Technical School in Toronto.

Louvado stated that his medal represents 500 years of Portuguese history. The obverse side depicts a contemporary image of a rooster (legend and symbol of Portugal) with part of the Cross of Christ across it (symbol used in the 15<sup>th</sup> century by the Portuguese navigators). The five circle loops represent travelling around the world and the discoveries in the five continents. The five dots represent the five wounds of Christ (symbol used in the Portuguese flag) and the five centuries of history.

The reverse side illustrates the courage, braveness and suffering of the Portuguese people. An eye in the centre with some tears falling and some armadillo type waves form a round shape that represents the closed and determined mind of this people. The arrows represent the compass.



**“Ancient Memories”**

Obverse

Bronze 85mm x 85mm x 10mm



**Antonio Louvado**

Winner of the Student Medal Making  
Competition Sponsored by MASC



**“Ancient Memories”**

Reverse

Bronze 85mm x 85mm x 10mm

Other medals of interest to the jury were: “The Chosen Path” by Terri Walowina; “The Seahorse Medal” by Lydia Charak; “City Smog” by John Pelo and “Yin-Yang” by Florance Tsai.

The Medalllic Art Society of Canada will have a special event to award Antonio Louvado with the winner’s prize of \$1000. This will be held on Thursday, October 16, 2008 at 7:00 pm. in the Sculpture Department of Central Technical School. The Call for Entry for the Student Medal Competition for 2009 will be made at that time. For more information on the art medal competition for students or on the Medalllic Art Society of Canada contact Del Newbigging at [newcar@sympatico.ca](mailto:newcar@sympatico.ca). For information on the Medal Making Course at Central Technical School, Toronto, contact Trish Oliver at [olivertrish@hotmail.com](mailto:olivertrish@hotmail.com).

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*The Medalllic Art Society of Canada is dedicated to the creation, promotion, appreciation and education of the fine art of the medal.*