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Press Release

## **WINNING STORYTELLER INVITED TO INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL**

Talented young performer Mark Jelinek has been invited to take part in the prestigious Festival at the Edge in the summer after winning the Young Storyteller of the Year title.

The Cambridge Regional College student developed his storytelling skills in workshops run at the College by Cambridge storyteller Peter Hilken, an expert in the traditional art.



Award-winning Mark, centre, with fellow storytellers

The sessions covered areas such as presentation, voice projection and public speaking techniques – all of which helped Mark win the 2010 national competition with a magical performance of a Hungarian folk tale.

Now his tales will have a wider audience at the Shropshire-based Festival at the Edge in July, an annual international festival that has been bringing the best of storytelling to audiences for 18 years.

Yesterday, Peter Hilken, the founder of Cambridge Storytellers, came to the College to present Mark, in his first year of a National Diploma in Performing Arts, and four fellow students with certificates marking the completion of their storytelling course.

The Young Storyteller of the Year competition, now in its sixth year, is organised by the Traditional Arts team in Birmingham to raise the profile of young storytellers nationally and to encourage talented youngsters to take up the art.

It is the second year running that the College has been successful at the competition; last year, students Chris Till, James Essery and Gemma Cage, all 17, won the Group Performance title with 'Perseus, a Greek tale'.

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#### **NOTES TO EDITORS**

Cambridge Regional College is the second largest provider of full-time education for 16 to 19 year-olds in the eastern region. The College has around 3,500 full-time and 6,000 part-time students. Students come in from a 40-mile radius, covering Cambridge and its surrounding villages, eastern Bedfordshire, northern Essex and western Suffolk.