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Port of Astoria-Mercury Cruise Ship Art Contest Winner Luncheon Held

Astoria, OR, May 2, 2008 - The Celebrity Cruise Ship Mercury captain and crew hosted the winners of the first Port of Astoria Cruise Ship Art Contest aboard the Mercury on Wednesday, April 30. The four winners and a parent were treated to a tour of the ship, lunch with the captain and hospitality leadership of the Mercury, a certificate of their accomplishment, and a basket of goodies to commemorate their time on the ship.

The winners are:

Age group 4 - 6:

Maggie Blaser from Astoria

Age group 10 - 12:

Zoey Jones from Knappa

Age group 7 - 9:

Jessica Roach from Gearhart

Age group 13 - 17:

Brandon Holt from Warrenton

Bruce Conner, cruise marketing manager for the Port of Astoria said, "The entire ship from captain, officers and crew were all involved, and everyone was delighted. They will never forget the name Astoria. While these children and a parent got to go aboard the ship, the true winners are everyone who participated. It was wonderful to have such a great response from the community and we will certainly do this again."

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Attached are photos from the luncheon of the winners, their accompanying parent and members of the ship's crew. These photos are saved in web-friendly format for easy emailing. The captain of the Mercury is Nicholas Frantzis. Sonja Gruber is the Hotel Director of Celebrity Cruises M/V Mercury, and John Freire is the Hotel Manager Assistant. Photo captions and high resolution photos are available upon request.



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