



## **MEDIA ANNOUNCEMENT**

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### **Winnipeg Free Press Recipient of 2009 Syrnick Journalism Award**

**Winnipeg, March 09, 2009** the Editorial Board of the **Winnipeg Free Press** was named recipient of the **John Syrnick Award for Journalism**, sponsored by the Ukrainian-Canadian Foundation of Taras Shevchenko.

For the third time, the Shevchenko Foundation is awarding its Syrnick Journalism award. According to Shevchenko Foundation president Andrew Hladyshevsky Q.C., "**The Winnipeg Free Press** was chosen for best sustained coverage in 2008 of the 1932-33 Holodomor, a famine/genocide of historical significance to the free world and the Ukrainian Canadian community."

The selection committee included pre-eminent Canadian academics and community leaders from the Ukrainian-Canadian community, representing all regions of Canada and a readership of over one million people.

The Editorial Board of the Winnipeg Free Press facilitated consistent coverage by their staff writers and independent journalists. The year 2008 was full of events across Canada to commemorate Holodomor as well as to explore the issues and controversy surrounding it. The Winnipeg Free Press was there throughout the year with coverage, almost monthly.

The award is named in honour of *John Syrnick*, who served as editor of *Ukrainian Voice* from 1947 to 1970. Under Syrnick's editorial stewardship, *Ukrainian Voice* became a leading voice for hundreds of thousands of Ukrainian Canadians who sought to define and promote the interests of their community within a multicultural Canada.

The Winnipeg Free Press will be presented with the Syrnick Journalism award at a reception on Monday March 9 2009 at the Canad Inns Garden City at 2100 McPhillips Street in Winnipeg, beginning at 7:00 pm. Invited guests will include Manitoba dignitaries, leaders of the Ukrainian-Canadian and business communities, and the media.

**WHAT:** John Syrnick Award for Journalism, sponsored by the Ukrainian-Canadian Foundation of Taras Shevchenko.

**WHO:** Recipient – Winnipeg Free Press

**WHEN:** Monday, March 09, 2009. 7:00pm - 9:00pm

**WHERE:** *Canad Inns Garden City  
2100 McPhillips Street,  
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