Huebner a finalist in teen songwriting contest

By Lauren O'Loughlen

Emma Huebner, 15, of Grosvernor Ave. is one the top 10 finalists in the Acoustic Nights Teen Songwriting Competition. How did she feel about making the top 10? "I was super happy. I really wasn't expecting it!"

It was through an article in the *Independent* that Huebner first learned of the music competition. She described her style of music as folk and cited Laura Marling, and Mumford and Sons, as musical influences.

Though largely self-taught, Huebner thanks her grandmother for first introducing her to the guitar. "All of a sudden, I really felt like learning the guitar two or three summers ago. Grandma was my first guitar teacher," she explained. When asked about her hopes for the future, Huebner said, "I would like to do classical guitar at McGill [but] not too many people make it in the music industry." She is also "really into sound recording" and can see herself as a recording engineer.

The competition final takes place on Saturday, June 25 at the Centre for Education and Theatre in Montreal (2205 Parthenais St.) from 2 to 4 pm. Huebner will be performing her own piece along with the nine other finalists in front of a panel of judges and an audience.

The public can cast a vote online at www.acousticnightsmontreal.com/competition/top10.php.



(Reprint from p. 23 of http://www.westmountindependent.com/WIv5.6d.pdf)