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## PRESS RELEASE

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### 2019 NATIONAL MUSIC FESTIVAL – CANADA’S BEST YOUNG MUSICIANS ANNOUNCED

*Saskatoon, Saskatchewan – August 10, 2019* – Canada’s prestigious 2019 National Music Festival winners are announced! From August 8-10, fifty-three (53) of Canada’s best young amateur musicians from across the country, ranging in age from 13-27, were hosted in beautiful Saskatoon, Saskatchewan to compete and represent their province in eight [8] disciplines: piano, strings, voice, woodwinds, brass, classical guitar, chamber ensembles, and musical theatre. Competitions and master classes took place on the University of Saskatchewan campus.

The first-place winners of each discipline competed for the Festival’s Grand Award title and prize of \$5,000 on Saturday, August 10<sup>th</sup>, in Convocation Hall, University of Saskatchewan. And the winner is...

### NRS Foundation – Victoria Foundation GRAND AWARD WINNER for \$5,000:

Performance Opportunity with the Prince George Symphony Orchestra and  
the Thunder Bay Symphony Orchestra

**Emma Johnson, soprano from Regina, Saskatchewan**

#### First Place – \$1,500 Prize

Voice: Emma Johnson [SK]

Piano: Spencer Klymyshyn [QC]

Strings: Dale Jeong [ON]

Guitar: Christ Habib [ON]

Woodwinds: Robin Black [BC]

Brass: Noah Hawryluck [ON]

Percussion: Jocelyn Blanchette [NB]

Chamber: Trio Capriccio [ON]  
Maya Grittani, Jack Chang, Kay Tozawa

Musical Theatre:  
Christopher Martel-Fauteux [ON]

#### Second Place – \$1,000 Prize

Voice: Nicole Ross [NS]

Piano: Aslan Aslanov [BC]  
Piano: Jerry Hu [SK]

Strings: Yanet Campbell [NL]

Guitar: Ben Diamond [NL]

Woodwinds: Feiran Bi [ON]

Brass: Abby Fuller [SK]

Percussion: Rachel Bradbury [NL]

Chamber: Trio Művészeti [BC]  
Samantha Sterkenburg, Robin Black,  
Ching-Hsin [Gower] Sun

Musical Theatre:  
Mackenzie Drover [NL]

#### Third Place – \$500 Prize

Voice: Jamal Al Titi [ON]

Strings: Juliana Moroz [MB]

Guitar: Carson Froehlich [SK]

Woodwinds: Johanna Vessey [PE]

Brass: Benjamin Parker [BC]

[Percussion was a recorded competition]

Musical Theatre: Declan Hewitt [SK]

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