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The Saskatchewan Music Festival Association (SMFA), established in 1908, presented the Annual Provincial Finals Competitions and the Saskatchewan level of National Music Festival Competitions, June 1 to 3, 2018 in Saskatoon at the University of Saskatchewan.

Judges for the weekend competitions were: **Intermediate Piano:** Michael Oike, Winnipeg, MB ; **Senior/Intermediate Piano:** Thomas Yu, Calgary, AB; **Voice:** Erin Bardua, Sackville, NB; **Strings/Guitar:** Sharon Stanis, Victoria, BC; **Brass/Percussion/Woodwind:** Catherine Wood, Brandon, MB; **Musical Theatre/Speech Arts:** Donna Fletcher, Winnipeg, MB and **Choral:** Rachel Rensink-Hoff, St. Catherines, ON.

On Friday and Saturday almost 300 performances by winners from Saskatchewan's 47 District Music Festivals were heard. On Friday evening, June 1, intermediate competitors chosen from each discipline, competed in the Intermediate Grand Awards Competitions. On Saturday evening, June 2, senior competitors chosen from each discipline, competed in the Senior Grand Awards Competitions.

Prizes of over \$25,000 were awarded during the weekend's competitions, the most prestigious being the Sister Geraldine Boyle Memorial Gold Award of \$1,000 for the most outstanding performance of the Senior Grand Awards Competition. Prejudged-recorded choral winners were announced during the Grand Awards Competitions.

The following were declared Provincial Winners:

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| Mary Anderson Memorial (Sacred) Choral - \$500 .....                                                                | Prairie Spirit (Marcia McLean, conductor) Swift Current         |
| Saskatchewan Choral Federation Open Choral - \$300 .....                                                            | Prairie Spirit (Marcia McLean, conductor) Swift Current         |
| John's Music (Moose Jaw) Open Choral (runner up) - \$200 .....                                                      | Cantate Senior Choir (Debbie Nelson, conductor) Regina          |
| Kiwanis Club of Regina Gallagher Memorial Children/Youth Choral - \$500 .....                                       | Campbell Chamber Choir (Russ & Deidre Baird, conductors) Regina |
| Goodfellow Memorial Senior Grade A Female Voice - \$400 .....                                                       | Aliah Nelson (Saskatoon)                                        |
| Goodfellow Memorial Senior Grade A Male Voice - \$400 .....                                                         | No award presented                                              |
| Heather Laxdal Senior Grade B Female Voice - \$400 .....                                                            | Annika Tupper (Saskatoon)                                       |
| Thomas & Don Hatton Memorial Senior Grade B Male Voice - \$400 .....                                                | Jayden Burrows (Saskatoon)                                      |
| Covey Intermediate Female Voice - \$300 .....                                                                       | Kennedy Siba (Saskatoon)                                        |
| A.L.'s Music Intermediate Male Voice - \$300 .....                                                                  | Zackary St. Louis (Saskatoon)                                   |
| Goodfellow Memorial Senior Oratorio - \$400 .....                                                                   | Olivia Guselle (Saskatoon)                                      |
| Goodfellow Memorial Senior Operatic - \$400 .....                                                                   | Danielle Sanche (Saskatoon)                                     |
| Goodfellow Memorial Senior French Art Song - \$400 .....                                                            | McKenzie Warriner (Estevan)                                     |
| Heather Laxdal Memorial Lieder Voice - \$200 & Whelan Lieder Piano - \$200 .....                                    | Olivia Guselle & Solveig Deason (Saskatoon)                     |
| Heather Macnab Senior Grade A Concert Group - \$400 .....                                                           | McKenzie Warriner (Estevan)                                     |
| Nancy & Alastair Todd Memorial Senior Grade B Concert Group - \$300 .....                                           | Zachariah May (Mainline)                                        |
| Regina Music Festival Intermediate Vocal Concert Group - \$300 .....                                                | Mikaila Mahnke (Weyburn)                                        |
| Summer School for the Solo Voice Senior Canadian Vocal Music - \$400 .....                                          | McKenzie Warriner (Estevan)                                     |
| Arlene Stuart Memorial Senior Piano Bach - \$400 .....                                                              | Solveig Deason (Saskatoon)                                      |
| June Barber Intermediate Piano Bach - \$300 .....                                                                   | Vanessa Hu (Regina)                                             |
| Gordon C. Wallis Memorial Senior Piano Beethoven - \$400 .....                                                      | Ameer Abusada (Qu'Appelle Valley)                               |
| Daryl Cooper Intermediate Piano Beethoven - \$300 .....                                                             | Vanessa Hu (Regina)                                             |
| Shirley Andrist Senior Piano Haydn & Mozart - \$400 .....                                                           | Shantelle Mayo (Regina)                                         |
| Frances England & Hugheen Ferguson Memorial Intermediate Piano Haydn & Mozart - \$300 .....                         | Jerry Hu (Saskatoon)                                            |
| Saskatchewan Registered Music Teacher's Association (SRMTA) Senior Piano Romantic - \$400 .....                     | Shantelle Mayo (Regina)                                         |
| Music for Young Children Saskatchewan Teachers' Association Senior Piano Chopin - \$400 .....                       | Thomas Hu (Saskatoon)                                           |
| Gordon & Mossie Hancock Intermediate Piano Chopin - \$300 .....                                                     | Jerry Hu (Saskatoon)                                            |
| Music for Young Children Senior Piano French Music - \$400 .....                                                    | Alice Li (Saskatoon)                                            |
| Jackson Memorial Intermediate Piano - \$300 .....                                                                   | Jerry Hu (Saskatoon)                                            |
| Gale Glenn Memorial Senior Piano 20 <sup>th</sup> & 21 <sup>st</sup> Century/Canadian Music - \$400 .....           | Thomas Hu (Saskatoon)                                           |
| Frostad Piano Services Intermediate Piano 20 <sup>th</sup> or 21 <sup>st</sup> Century/Canadian Music - \$300 ..... | Alanna Liu (Saskatoon)                                          |
| Fred S. Mendel Memorial Senior String Concert - \$400 .....                                                         | Hannah Lissel-DeCorby (Saskatoon)                               |
| Mrs. Clare K. Mendel Memorial Senior Violin Recital - \$400 .....                                                   | Eleanor Hector (Regina)                                         |
| Blanche Squires Memorial Senior Viola/Cello/Double Bass Recital - \$400 .....                                       | Amos Friesen, cello (Saskatoon)                                 |
| Robert C. Mitchell Memorial Intermediate Violin - \$300 .....                                                       | Shion Tamashiro (Saskatoon)                                     |
| Johanna Mitchell Memorial Intermediate Viola/Cello/Double Bass - \$300 .....                                        | Jonathan Craig Penner, cello (Regina)                           |
| Saskatchewan Music Educators Senior Classical Guitar - \$400 .....                                                  | Carson Froehlich (Quill Plains)                                 |
| Stein Farms Ltd. Intermediate Classical Guitar - \$300 .....                                                        | Brianna Ai (Saskatoon)                                          |

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| Long & McQuade Senior Woodwind Recital - \$400 .....                   | Autumn Alexander, flute (Weyburn)             |
| Saskatchewan Band Association Senior Woodwind Concert - \$400 .....    | Graeme Scott, flute (Regina)                  |
| Brost Family Intermediate Woodwind - \$300 .....                       | James Griffith, alto saxophone (Lloydminster) |
| Guy Few Senior Brass Recital - \$400 .....                             | Dominic Ghiglione, trombone (Regina)          |
| Saskatchewan Band Association Senior Brass Concert - \$400 .....       | Dominic Ghiglione, trombone (Regina)          |
| Colin Grunert Memorial Intermediate Brass - \$300 .....                | Gillian Engen, trumpet (Regina)               |
| Saskatchewan Band Association Senior Percussion - \$400 .....          | Fraser Krips (Saskatoon)                      |
| Maple Creek Festival Intermediate Percussion - \$300 .....             | Ashton Bourgeois (Melfort)                    |
| Ursan Family Senior Musical Theatre Ballad - \$400 .....               | Louren Sazon (Moose Jaw)                      |
| Regan Grant Memorial Intermediate Musical Theatre Ballad - \$300 ..... | Declan Hewitt (Regina)                        |
| Katja Meszaros Memorial Senior Musical Theatre Up-Tempo - \$400 .....  | Ceiligh Dodds (Regina)                        |
| Sandra Ryba Intermediate Musical Theatre Up-Tempo - \$300 .....        | Taryn Gabrielson (Lloydminster)               |
| L.I. Bryson Memorial Senior Speech Arts - \$400 .....                  | Patrick Benoit (Lloydminster)                 |
| Alfred S. Uy Memorial Intermediate Speech Arts - \$300 .....           | Kayla Huyghebaert-Belsher (Lafleche)          |

Intermediate Grand Awards:

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| Betty Tydeman Memorial Intermediate Bronze Award & Trophy - \$300 ..... | Kennedy Siba (Saskatoon)      |
| Joanne Messer Intermediate Silver Award & Trophy - \$500 .....          | James Griffith (Lloydminster) |
| Gloria Nickell Intermediate Gold Award & Trophy - \$750 .....           | Jerry Hu (Saskatoon)          |

Senior Grand Awards:

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| Blanche Squires Memorial Bronze Award & Trophy - \$500 ..... | Dominic Ghiglione (Regina) |
| Wallis Memorial Silver Award & Trophy - \$750 .....          | Thomas Hu (Saskatoon)      |
| Sister Boyle Gold Award & Trophy - \$1,000 .....             | Fraser Krips (Saskatoon)   |

On Sunday, June 3, senior musicians vied for the opportunity to represent the province at the **National Music Festival** (to be held in Sackville, NB, August 12 - 16). Previously recorded choral entries were submitted and judged. The following Saskatchewan musicians were chosen to represent our province:

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| <b>Voice</b> (sponsored by Rose Schmalz): .....                          | McKenzie Warriner (soprano), Estevan Festival                                                                   |
| <b>Piano</b> (sponsored by Anna Klassen Endowment Fund): .....           | Kate Gray, Regina Festival                                                                                      |
| <b>Strings</b> (sponsored by Saskatchewan Orchestral Association): ..... | no recommend                                                                                                    |
| <b>Woodwind</b> (sponsored by CMFAA President, Mel Hurst): .....         | James Griffith (alto saxophone), Lloydminster Festival                                                          |
| <b>Brass</b> (sponsored by Ross Ulmer and Karen Ast): .....              | Abby Fuller (trumpet), Regina Festival                                                                          |
| <b>Percussion</b> (no travel award required): .....                      | Jasmine Tsui, Regina Festival                                                                                   |
| <b>Guitar</b> (sponsored by the SMFA Conference Delegates): .....        | no recommend                                                                                                    |
| <b>Chamber Group</b> (anonymous donor): .....                            | FIEARRO String Quartet, Regina Festival (Eleanor Hector, Meika Sonntag, Mayson Sonntag & Jonathan Craig Penner) |
| <b>Musical Theatre</b> (sponsored by Estevan Music Festival): .....      | Louren Sazon, Moose Jaw Festival                                                                                |
| <b>Paul J. Bourret Choral</b> (no travel award required): .....          | Campbell Chamber Choir (Russ & Deidre Baird, Conductors) Regina Festival                                        |



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