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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:

Mary Anderson Memorial (Sacred) Choral - \$300	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) Battlefords
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 (Regina)
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 (Saskatoon)
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 20th & 21st Century/Canadian Music - \$400	Thomas Hu (Saskatoon)
Frostad Piano Services Intermediate Piano 20th or 21st Century/Canadian Music - \$300	Alanna Liu (Saskatoon)
Fred S. Mendell 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 - \$300	Carson Froehlich (Quill Plains)
Stein Farms Ltd. Intermediate Classical Guitar - \$300	Brianna Ai (Saskatoon)

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:

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:

Blanch 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:

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



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