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The Saskatchewan Music Festival Association (SMFA), now in its 110th year, presented the Annual Provincial Finals Competitions and the Saskatchewan level of National Music Festival Competitions, May 30 to June 2 in Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan.

Judges for the weekend competitions were: **Piano:** Sylvia Shadick-Taylor, Edmonton, AB; **Voice:** Brad Hougham, Ithaca, NY; **Strings/Guitar:** Daniel Scholz, Winnipeg, MB; **Brass/Percussion/Woodwind:** Lauren Eselson, Calgary, AB; **Musical Theatre/Speech Arts:** Renée Brad, Calgary, AB and **Choral:** Jean-Marie Kent, Seattle, WA.

From Thursday to Saturday, almost 350 performances by winners from Saskatchewan's 47 District Music Festivals were heard. On Friday evening, May 30, intermediate competitors chosen from each discipline competed in the Intermediate Grand Awards Competitions. On Saturday evening, June 1, 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. Pre-judged recorded choral winners were announced during the Grand Awards Competitions.

The following were declared Provincial Winners:

1. **Mary Anderson Memorial Sacred Choral - \$500** Luther College Senior Choir (Melissa Morgan, conductor) Regina
2. **Saskatchewan Choral Federation Open Choral - \$300** AVE, (Melissa Morgan, conductor) Regina
3. **Betty Tydeman Memorial Open Choral (runner up) - \$200** Prairie Spirit (Marcia McLean, conductor) Swift Current
4. **Kiwanis Club of Regina-Wascana Inc. Gallagher Memorial Children/Youth Choral- \$500**..... Campbell Chamber Choir
 (Russ & Deidre Baird,conductors) Regina
5. **Goodfellow Memorial Senior Grade A Vocal - \$400** Joshua Hendricksen (Regina)
6. **Heather Laxdal Senior Grade B Female Voice - \$400** Annika Tupper (Saskatoon)
7. **Thomas & Don Hatton Memorial Senior Grade B Male Voice - \$400**..... Zackary St. Louis (Saskatoon)
8. **Covey Intermediate Female Voice - \$300**.....Brooke Zarubin (Moose Jaw)
9. **A.L.'s Music Intermediate Male Voice - \$300**.....Andrew Glass (Kindersley)
10. **Goodfellow Memorial Senior Oratorio - \$400** Olivia Guselle (Saskatoon)
11. **Goodfellow Memorial Senior Operatic - \$400** Emma Johnson (Regina)
12. **Goodfellow Memorial Senior French Art Song - \$400** Kelsey Ronn (Saskatoon)
13. **Heather Laxdal Memorial Lieder Vocal - \$200 & Whelan Lieder Piano - \$200**..... Zackary St. Louis & Cindy Li (Saskatoon)
14. **Heather Macnab Senior Grade A Concert Group - \$400** Emma Johnson (Regina)
15. **Nancy & Alastair Todd Memorial Senior Grade B Concert Group - \$400** Kate Nachilobe (Saskatoon)
16. **Regina Music Festival Intermediate Vocal Concert Group - \$300**..... Kennedy Siba (Saskatoon)
17. **Summer School for the Solo Voice Senior Canadian Vocal Music - \$400** Emma Johnson (Regina)
18. **Battleford Furniture Intermediate Folk Song - \$300**.....Grace Braaten (Saskatoon)
19. **Marilyn Whitehead Junior Vocal - \$300** Emma Gillingham (Sask Valley)
20. **Arlene Stuart Memorial Senior Bach Piano - \$400**..... Alice Li (Saskatoon)
21. **June Barber Intermediate Bach Piano - \$300**..... Esther Zhu (Saskatoon)
22. **Gordon C. Wallis Memorial Senior Beethoven Piano - \$400** Jerry Hu (Saskatoon)
23. **Dr. Philip Brost Intermediate Beethoven Piano - \$300** Nathan Tran (Saskatoon)
24. **Shirley Andrist Senior Haydn & Mozart Piano - \$400** Alice Li (Saskatoon)
25. **Frances England & Hugheen Ferguson Memorial Intermediate Haydn & Mozart Piano - \$300**..... Esther Zhu (Saskatoon)
26. **Saskatchewan Registered Music Teacher's Association (SRMTA) Senior Romantic Piano - \$400**..... Thomas Hu (Saskatoon)
27. **Music for Young Children Saskatchewan Teachers' Association Senior Chopin Piano - \$400** Jerry Hu (Saskatoon)
28. **Gordon & Mossie Hancock Intermediate Chopin Piano - \$300** Kevin Trinh (Regina)
29. **Music for Young Children Senior French Music Piano - \$400** Ameer Abusada (Regina)
30. **Jackson Memorial Intermediate Recital Piano - \$300**.....Nathan Tran (Saskatoon)
31. **Gale Glenn Memorial Senior 20th & 21st Century/Canadian Music Piano - \$400** Jerry Hu (Saskatoon)
32. **Frostad Piano Services Intermediate 20th or 21st Century/Canadian Music Piano - \$300**.....Janessa Andres (Lloydminster)
33. **Dr. Thomas Yu Junior Piano Scholarship - \$300** Chenghan Xie (Regina)
34. **Fred S. Mendel Memorial Senior Concert Strings - \$400** Eleanor Hector, violin (Regina)
35. **Mrs. Clare K. Mendel Memorial Senior Recital Violin - \$400** Shion Tamashiro, violin (Saskatoon)
36. **Blanche Squires Memorial Senior Recital Viola/Cello/Double Bass - \$400**.....Jonathan Craig Penner, cello (Regina)

37. **Robert C. Mitchell Memorial Intermediate Violin - \$300** Kayley Grant, violin (Regina)
 38. **Johanna Mitchell Memorial Intermediate Viola/Cello/Double Bass - \$300**.....Annelise Balzer, cello (Saskatoon)
 39. **The Very Patient Music Teachers' Junior Strings - \$300** Bridget Alexander, violin (Weyburn)
 40. **Saskatchewan Music Educators Senior Classical Guitar - \$300** Carson Froehlich (Quill Plains)
 41. **Stein Farms Ltd. Intermediate Classical Guitar - \$300** Jacob-Lee Neufeld-Wicks (Nipawin)
 42. **Long & McQuade Senior Recital Woodwind - \$400** Graeme Scott, flute (Regina)
 43. **Saskatchewan Band Association Senior Concert Woodwind - \$400** Graeme Scott, flute (Regina)
 44. **Brost Family Intermediate Woodwind - \$300** Vlad Kosheliev, oboe (Regina)
 45. **Guy Few Senior Recital Brass - \$400**..... Lindsay Holizki, trombone (Regina)
 46. **Saskatchewan Band Association Senior Concert Brass - \$400** Abby Fuller, trumpet (Regina)
 47. **Colin Grunert Memorial Intermediate Brass - \$300**..... Rochelle Wright, trumpet (Twin Rivers)
 48. **Saskatchewan Band Association Senior Percussion - \$400**..... Josh Sandercock (Saskatoon)
 49. **Maple Creek Festival Intermediate Percussion - \$300**..... Ashton Bourgeois (Melfort)
 50. **Ursan Family Senior Musical Theatre Ballad - \$400**..... Declan Hewitt (Regina)
 51. **Regan Grant Memorial Intermediate Musical Theatre Ballad - \$300**..... Meika Sonntag (Regina)
 52. **Katja Meszaros Memorial Senior Musical Theatre Up-Tempo - \$400** Declan Hewitt (Regina)
 53. **Sandra Ryba Intermediate Musical Theatre Up-Tempo - \$300** Levi Stepp (Estevan)
 54. **Battleford Furniture Junior Musical Theatre - \$300**..... Reese Nelson (Regina)
 55. **L.I. Bryson Memorial Senior Speech Arts - \$400** Kayla Huyghebaert Belsher (Lafleche)
 56. **Rob & Nora Rongve Intermediate Concert Group Speech Arts** David Shields (Shaunavon)
 57. **Alfred S. Uy Memorial Intermediate Speech Arts - \$300** Kaylin Poirier (Lafleche)
- Grand Awards:
58. **Betty Tydeman Memorial Intermediate Bronze Award & Trophy - \$300** Kayley Grant (Regina)
 59. **Joanne Messer Intermediate Silver Award & Trophy - \$500** Ashton Bourgeois (Melfort)
 60. **Gloria Nickell Intermediate Gold Award & Trophy - \$750** Kevin Trinh (Regina)
 61. **Blanch Squires Memorial Bronze Award & Trophy - \$500** Shion Tamashiro (Saskatoon)
 62. **Wallis Memorial Silver Award & Trophy - \$750** Jerry Hu (Saskatoon)
 63. **Sister Boyle Gold Award & Trophy - \$1,000 to the most outstanding competitor of the Grand Awards** Emma Johnson (Regina)

On Sunday, June 2, senior musicians vied for the opportunity to represent the province at the **National Music Festival** (to be held in Saskatoon, SK, August 8 – 10). Previously recorded choral entries were submitted and judged. The following Saskatchewan musicians were chosen to represent our province:

- Vocal** (sponsored by Rose Schmalz):Emma Johnson (soprano), Regina Festival
- Additional Vocal Competitor**Olivia Guselle, (soprano) Saskatoon Festival
- Piano** (sponsored by Anna Klassen Endowment Fund):Jerry Hu, Saskatoon Festival
- Strings** (sponsored by Saskatchewan Orchestral Association): ..Jonathan Craig Penner, Regina Festival
- Woodwind** (sponsored by Gordon Wallis Trust Fund):Kristian Vogel (saxophone), Regina Festival
- Brass** (sponsored by Ross Ulmer and Karen Ast):Abby Fuller (trumpet), Regina Festival
- Guitar** (sponsored by the SMFA Conference Delegates): ...Carson Froehlich, Quill Plains Festival
- Musical Theatre** (sponsored by Estevan Music Festival): ...Annika Tupper, Saskatoon Festival
- Additional Musical Theatre Competitor**.....Declan Hewitt, Regina Festival
- Paul J. Bourret Choral** (no travel award required):.....Campbell Chamber Choir (Russ & Deidre Baird, Conductors) Regina Festival



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