

Saskatoon Tenor, Emry Tupper, Wins the 2020 Musical Theatre Competition



The Saskatchewan Music Festival Association (SMFA) President, Sherry Sproule, is pleased to announce that the 2020 SMFA Musical Theatre Competition prize of \$1000 was won by tenor Emry Tupper. The Saskatoon singer, accompanied by Cassandra Stinn, performed selections from *West Side Story*, *Marry Me a Little*, *Fifty Million Frenchman* and *Bandstand*.

Emry Tupper has been performing in many capacities since age 10. He got his start singing with the Fireside Singers and his love for music skyrocketed. He's been in many productions and when not on the stage for musical theatre, Emry enjoys playing double bass, drums, saxophone, and volleyball.

The runner-up prize of \$750 went to baritone Declan Hewitt who was accompanied by Rob Ursan and performed selections from *Very Warm for May*, *Marry Me a Little*, *The Most Happy Fella*, and *City of Angels*. Declan is a recent graduate of Campbell Collegiate in Regina and has performed in 26 musical productions with four different companies. He intends to head to Ontario later this year to study Musical Theatre.



Seven singers competed on Saturday, February 22, in the Heritage Lecture Theatre at the Conservatory of Performing Arts, University of Regina, followed by a masterclass. The competition was judged by Dawn Sadoway (Edmonton) and Aaron Hutton (Winnipeg). The competition will be held every two years and is intended to support young singers in further studies in musical theatre.

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