

# Canada West Performing Arts Festival

PRESS RELEASE – June 2022

The Saskatchewan Music Festival Association (SMFA), in partnership with Alberta Music Festival and BC Performing Arts Festival, invites you to attend the first Annual Canada West Competitions, July 21 – July 23, 2022 in Saskatoon, SK on the University of Saskatchewan campus.

Between Thursday, July 21 and Saturday, July 23, approximately 150 performances by winners in all disciplines from provincial festivals in Alberta, British Columbia, and Saskatchewan will be heard. Canada West Competitions will be held in the following venues:

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#### Quance Theatre (Education Building)

- ◆ Piano – July 22 & 23

#### St. Andrew's College (U of S Campus)

- ◆ Guitar – July 22
- ◆ Spoken Word – July 23

#### Convocation Hall (Peter McKinnon Building)

- ◆ Vocal – July 21 & 22
  - ◆ Musical Theatre – July 22 & 23
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#### Student Lounge (Education Building)

- ◆ Chamber – July 22
- ◆ Strings – July 22
- ◆ Woodwinds – July 22
- ◆ Brass – July 22

Prizes of over \$32,500 will be awarded during the weekend competitions. Competitors will compete for the following awards:

12 years and under - 1<sup>st</sup> Place: \$500, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place \$300

17 years and under - 1<sup>st</sup> Place \$1,000

24 years and under - 1<sup>st</sup> Place \$2,000

Choirs from Alberta, British Columbia, and Saskatchewan will be adjudicated by recording and will compete for the following awards:

Age 12/grade 6 and under – 1<sup>st</sup> Place \$400

Age 17/grade 9 and under – 1<sup>st</sup> Place \$500

Age 24/grade 12 and under – 1<sup>st</sup> Place \$600

Adjudicators for the competitions are: **Piano:** Michael Oike, Winnipeg, MB; **Classical Voice:** Sarah Hall, Brandon, MB; **Strings:** Oleg Pokhanovski, Winnipeg, MB; **Guitar:** Don Hlus, Fort Langley, BC; **Brass:** Dean McNeill, Saskatoon, SK; **Woodwinds:** Mark Thompson, Ancaster, ON; **Musical Theatre:** Heather Bedford-Clooney, Edmonton, AB; **Speech Arts:** Gaye-Lynn Kern, Saskatoon, SK and **Choral:** Caron Daley, Toronto, ON.

For more information, please contact Carol Donhauser, Executive Director at (306) 757-1722 or visit our website at [www.smfa.ca](http://www.smfa.ca).

