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Join us... as we Celebrate the Joy of Youth Performance **Regina hosts SMFA Provincial Finals Competitions - June 1 to 4, 2023**

The Saskatchewan Music Festival Association (SMFA), established in 1908, invites you to attend the Annual Provincial Finals Competitions and the Saskatchewan level of Canada West Performing Arts Festival Competitions, June 1 – June 4, 2023 in Regina, SK.

Performances in all disciplines from Saskatchewan's affiliated District Music Festivals will be heard. Provincial Competitions will be held at the Conservatory of Performing Arts (2155 College Avenue) and Darke Hall (2255 College Avenue).

Over \$40,000 in prizes will be awarded during the competition, the most prestigious of which are the **Sister Geraldine Boyle Memorial Gold Grand Award of \$1,500** and the **Garth Beckett/Gustin House Piano Award of \$1,500**. Choral winners, prejudged by recording, will be announced during the weekend.

Judges for the competitions are: Piano: Jacques Després, AB; Voice: Dr. Christianne Rushton, NS; Canada West Voice: Dr. Chris McRae, SK; Strings/Guitar/Chamber: Dr. Sasha Weinstangel, ON; Woodwinds/Brass: Jennifer Tenford, SK; Musical Theatre: Gail Hakala, ON; Spoken Word: Lorna Batycki, SK; Choral: Dr. Joan Heels, ON.

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