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The Saskatchewan Music Festival Association (SMFA), now in its 112th year, presented the Annual Provincial Finals Competitions and the Saskatchewan Excellence Competition in a virtual format from June 3 to 6, 2021. Judges for the weekend competitions were: **Senior Piano:** Darryl Friesen, Winnipeg, MB; **Intermediate Piano:** Alison Kilgannon, Sherwood Park, AB; **Voice:** Monica Huisman, Winnipeg, MB; **Strings/Guitar:** Leanne Zacharias, Brandon, MB; **Brass/Percussion/Woodwind:** Richard Gillis, Winnipeg, MB and **Musical Theatre/Speech Arts:** Marion Abbott, Brampton, ON.

From Thursday to Sunday, nearly 500 performances by winners from District Music Festivals across Saskatchewan were heard. Competitors submitted videos of their performances, which were evaluated by the adjudicators, and then had the opportunity to receive feedback at the awards presentations held via video conferencing throughout the weekend.

Prizes of over \$35,000 were awarded during the weekend's competitions, the most prestigious being the Garth Beckett/Gustin House Senior Piano Scholarship for the most promising performer of 20 years of age or under in the Senior Piano category. This year, the runners-up in each class were also honoured with scholarships provided by the SMFA.

The following were declared Provincial Winners and Runners-Up:

- Class 5 Goodfellow Memorial Senior Grade A Vocal Scholarship - \$400** Ross Van De Weyer (Weyburn)
 Runner-up Scholarship - \$150 Grace Liu (Regina)
- Class 6 Heather Laxdal Memorial Senior Grade B Female Vocal Scholarship - \$400** Elizabeth Booker (Regina)
 Runner-up Scholarship - \$150 Tori Mahnke (Weyburn)
- Class 8 Covey Intermediate Female Vocal Scholarship - \$300** Brooke Zarubin (Moose Jaw)
 Runner-up Scholarship - \$100 Emily Malmgren (Saskatoon)
- Class 9 AL's Music Intermediate Male Vocal Scholarship - \$300** Adam Brookman (Saskatoon)
 Runner-up Scholarship - \$100 Kai Batycki (Saskatoon)
- Class 10 Goodfellow Memorial Senior Oratorio Scholarship - \$400** Daniel McElroy (Moose Jaw)
 Runner-up Scholarship - \$150 Jayden Burrows (Saskatoon)
- Class 11 Goodfellow Memorial Senior Operatic Scholarship - \$400** Jayden Burrows (Saskatoon)
 Runner-up Scholarship - \$150 Daniel McElroy (Moose Jaw)
- Class 12 Goodfellow Memorial Senior French Art Song Scholarship - \$400** Kennedy Siba (Saskatoon)
 Runner-up Scholarship - \$150 Grace Liu (Regina)
- Class 14 Henri Loiselle Senior Vocal Grade A Concert Group Scholarship - \$400** Jayden Burrows (Saskatoon)
 Runner-up Scholarship - \$150 Grace Liu (Regina)
- Class 15 Nancy & Alastair Todd Memorial Senior Vocal Grade B Concert Group Scholarship - \$400** Lauren Hope (Saskatoon)
 Runner-up Scholarship - \$150 Kennedy Siba (Saskatoon)
- Class 16 Regina Music Festival Intermediate Vocal Concert Group Scholarship - \$300** Brooke Zarubin (Moose Jaw)
 Runner-up Scholarship - \$100 Emma Gillingham (Sask Valley)
- Class 17 Kiwanis Club of Regina-Wascana, Inc. Senior Canadian Vocal Music Scholarship - \$400** Kennedy Siba (Saskatoon)
 Runner-up Scholarship - \$150 Tori Mahnke (Weyburn)
- Class 18 Battleford Furniture Intermediate Folk Song Scholarship - \$300** Emma Gillingham (Sask Valley)
 Runner-up Scholarship - \$100 Emily Malmgren (Saskatoon)
- Class 19 Marilyn Whitehead Junior Vocal Scholarship - \$200** Ella Semko (Saskatoon)
 Runner-up Scholarship - \$50 Brooke Tluchak (Lloydminster)
- Class 20 Dianne Gryba Elementary Vocal Scholarship - \$100** Mia Gillingham (Sask Valley)
 Runner-up Scholarship - \$50 Cooper Loshack (Saskatoon)
- Class 21 Arlene Stuart Memorial Senior Bach Scholarship - \$400** Leah Macfarlane (Regina)
 Runner-up Scholarship - \$150 Connor Elias (Sask Valley)
- Class 22 Toppings Family Intermediate Bach Scholarship - \$300** Joshua Seongu An (Regina)
 Runner-up Scholarship - \$100 Hannah Meginbir (Saskatoon)
- Class 23 Gordon C. Wallis Memorial Senior Beethoven Scholarship - \$400** Jerry Hu (Saskatoon)
 Runner-up Scholarship - \$150 Grace Liu (Regina)
- Class 24 Dr. Philip Brost Intermediate Beethoven Scholarship - \$300** Janessa Andres (Lloydminster)
 Runner-up Scholarship - \$100 Kevin Trinh (Regina)

Class 25 Shirley Andrist Senior Haydn and Mozart Scholarship - \$400	Alice Li (Saskatoon)
Class 26 Frances England & Ferguson Memorial Intermediate Haydn and Mozart Scholarship - \$300	Esther Zhu (Saskatoon)
Runner-up Scholarship - \$100	Joshua Seongu An (Regina)
Class 27 SRMTA Senior Romantic Scholarship - \$400	Leah Macfarlane (Regina)
Runner-up Scholarship - \$150	Alice Li (Saskatoon)
Class 28 MYC - Sask. Teachers' Association Trust, Senior Chopin Scholarship - \$400	Alice Li (Saskatoon)
Runner-up Scholarship - \$150	Jerry Hu (Saskatoon)
Class 29 Gordon and Mossie Hancock Intermediate Chopin Scholarship - \$300	Esther Zhu (Saskatoon)
Runner-up Scholarship - \$100	Kevin Trinh (Regina)
Class 30 MYCTA Inc. Senior French Music Scholarship - \$400	Jerry Hu (Saskatoon)
Runner-up Scholarship - \$150	Leah Macfarlane (Regina)
Class 31 Jackson Memorial Intermediate Piano Scholarship - \$300	Kevin Trinh (Regina)
Runner-up Scholarship - \$100	Esther Zhu (Saskatoon)
Class 32 Gale Glenn Memorial Senior 20th/21st Century/Canadian Music Scholarship - \$400	Connor Elias (Sask Valley)
Runner-up Scholarship - \$150	Jerry Hu (Saskatoon)
Class 33 Frostad Intermediate 20th/21st Century/Canadian Music Scholarship - \$300	Hannah Meginbir (Saskatoon)
Runner-up Scholarship - \$100	Esther Zhu (Saskatoon)
Class 34 Borderland Festival Senior Piano Concerto Scholarship - \$400	Jerry Hu (Saskatoon)
Runner-up Scholarship - \$150	Alice Li (Saskatoon)
Class 35 SMFA Adjudicator Excellence Intermediate Piano Concerto Scholarship - \$300	Esther Zhu (Saskatoon)
Runner-up Scholarship - \$100	Hannah Meginbir (Saskatoon)
Class 36 Dr. Thomas Yu Junior Piano Scholarship - \$200	Judy Luo (Regina)
Runner-up Scholarship - \$50	Joshua Zhou (Saskatoon)
Class 37 Dianne Gryba Elementary Piano Scholarship - \$100	Ryan Yunen Gu (Saskatoon)
Runner-up Scholarship - \$50	Andrew Liu (Regina)
Garth Beckett/Gustin House Senior Piano Scholarship - \$1500	Alice Li (Saskatoon)
Class 38 Fred S. Mendel Memorial Senior Strings Concert Scholarship - \$400	Talant Kosmosbekov (Saskatoon)
Runner-up Scholarship - \$150	Meika Sonntag (Regina)
Class 39 Mrs. Clare K. Mendel Memorial Senior Violin Scholarship - \$400	Talant Kosmosbekov (Saskatoon)
Runner-up Scholarship - \$150	Drusilla Waltz (Saskatoon)
Class 40 Blanche Squires Memorial Senior Viola/Cello/Double Bass Recital Scholarship - \$400	Catherine McLellan (Regina)
Runner-up Scholarship - \$150	Meika Sonntag (Regina)
Class 41 Robert C. Mitchell Memorial Intermediate Violin Scholarship - \$300	Virginia Hector (Regina)
Runner-up Scholarship - \$100	Bridget Alexander (Weyburn)
Class 42 Johanna Mitchell Memorial Intermediate Cello/Viola/Double Bass Scholarship - \$300	Annelise Balzer (Saskatoon)
Runner-up Scholarship - \$100	Ilana Van de Merwe (Regina)
Class 43 Very Patient Music Teachers' Junior Strings Scholarship - \$200	Kiersten Schack (Regina)
Runner-up Scholarship - \$50	Julia Grant (Regina)
Class 44 Kiwanis Club of Regina-Wascana, Inc. Elementary Strings Scholarship - \$100	Zoe Cunningham (Regina)
Runner-up Scholarship - \$50	Jenna Baedke (Gravelbourg)
Class 45 Saskatchewan Music Educators Senior Classical Guitar Scholarship - \$400	Carson Froehlich (Quill Plains)
Runner-up Scholarship - \$150	Jacob-Lee Neufeld-Wicks (Nipawin)
Class 48 Sask. Band Association Senior Woodwind Concert Scholarship - \$400	Jose Manlapaz (Saskatoon)
Class 49 Brost Family Intermediate Woodwind Scholarship - \$300	Nino Ding (Regina)
Runner-up Scholarship - \$100	Rachel Krogstad (Kindersley)
Class 52 Kiwanis Club of Regina-Wascana, Inc. Intermediate Brass Scholarship - \$300	Ava O'Bright (Moose Jaw)
Runner-up Scholarship - \$100	Arika Block (Saskatoon)
Class 54 Maple Creek Intermediate Percussion Scholarship - \$300	Dmitri Masich (Battlefords)
Class 55 Ursan Family Senior Musical Theatre Ballad Scholarship - \$400	Declan Hewitt (Regina)
Runner-up Scholarship - \$150	Jayden Burrows (Saskatoon)
Class 56 Regan Grant Memorial Intermediate Musical Theatre Ballad Scholarship - \$300	Brooke Zarubin (Moose Jaw)
Runner-up Scholarship - \$100	Dallan Kuhn (Unity)
Class 57 Katja Meszaros Memorial Senior Musical Theatre Up-Tempo Scholarship - \$400	Declan Hewitt (Regina)
Runner-up Scholarship - \$150	Corie Groome (Lloydminster)
Class 58 Sandra Ryba Memorial Intermediate Musical Theatre Up-Tempo Scholarship - \$300	Daniel Tepper (Lloydminster)
Runner-up Scholarship - \$100	Keana Emmons (Lafleche)
Class 59 Battleford Furniture Junior Musical Theatre Scholarship - \$200	Presley McLeod (Moose Jaw)
Runner-up Scholarship - \$50	Piper MacFarlane (Meadow Lake)
Class 60 Krista Brost Elementary Musical Theatre Scholarship - \$100	Mia Gillingham (Sask Valley)
Runner-up Scholarship - \$50	Cooper Loshack (Saskatoon)
Class 62 Heather Macnab Intermediate Concert Group Speech Arts Scholarship - \$300	Willem Hoogstad (Prairie Sunset)
Runner-up Scholarship - \$100	Kaylin Poirier (Lafleche)

- Class 63 Alfred S. Uy Memorial Intermediate Speech Arts Scholarship - \$300**..... Keana Emmons (Lafleche)
 Runner-up Scholarship - \$100..... Steyn Hoogstad (Prairie Sunset)
- Class 64 SMFA Conference Delegate Junior Speech Arts Scholarship - \$200**..... Signy Thorsteinson (Quill Plains)
 Runner-up Scholarship - \$50..... Jonathan Rollheiser (Lloydminster)
- Class 65 SMFA Conference Delegate Elementary Speech Arts Scholarship - \$100**..... Jenevieve Melin (Lanigan)
 Runner-up Scholarship - \$50..... Angela Bosch (Kindersley)

On Sunday, June 6, performers in the Excellence Classes competed for recognition as the winner in their respective disciplines. The winners of future Excellence competitions will have the opportunity to represent Saskatchewan at the Canada West Performing Arts Festival which will have its inaugural competition in 2022.

- Class E1 SMFA Excellence Vocal - 24 & under - 1st Place - \$500**..... Jayden Burrows (Saskatoon)
SMFA Excellence Vocal - 24 & under - 2nd Place - \$150..... Grace Liu (Regina)
- Class E2 Lafleche Festival Excellence Vocal - 17 & under - 1st Place - \$300**Brooke Zarubin (Moose Jaw)
Jordie Hughton & Family Excellence Vocal - 17 & under - 2nd Place - \$100 Emma Gillingham (Sask Valley)
- Class E3 May Family Excellence Vocal - 12 & under - 1st Place - \$200** Mia Gillingham (Sask Valley)
May Family Excellence Vocal - 12 & under - 2nd Place - \$50.....Julia Herman (Saskatoon)
- Class E4 Anna Klassen Excellence Piano - 24 & under - 1st Place - \$500** Jerry Hu (Saskatoon)
Anna Klassen Excellence Piano - 24 & under - 2nd Place - \$150Leah Macfarlane (Regina)
- Class E5 MacKinnon Family Excellence Piano - 17 & under - 1st Place - \$300**..... Ross Van De Weyer (Weyburn)
Anna Klassen Excellence Piano - 17 & under - 2nd Place - \$100 Esther Zhu (Saskatoon)
- Class E6 Anna Klassen Excellence Piano - 12 & under - 1st Place - \$200**Hana Lopez (Regina)
Anna Klassen Excellence Piano - 12 & under - 2nd Place - \$50 Ryan Yunen Gu (Saskatoon)
- Class E7 Sask Orchestral Assoc Excellence Strings - 24 & under - 1st Place - \$500**..... Meika Sonntag (Regina)
- Class E8 SMFA Excellence Strings - 17 & under - 1st Place - \$300**..... Virginia Hector (Regina)
SMFA Excellence Strings - 17 & under - 2nd Place - \$100..... Bridget Alexander (Weyburn)
- Class E9 Battlefords Festival Excellence Strings - 12 & under - 1st Place - \$200**..... Jennifer Summach (Nipawin)
- Class E11 Weber Excellence Woodwind - 17 & under - 1st Place - \$300** Nino Ding (Regina)
Diane & Gene Aulinger Excellence Woodwind - 17 & under - 2nd Place - \$100 Vlad Kosheliev (Regina)
- Class E14 SMFA Excellence Guitar - 24 & under - 1st Place - \$500**.....Carson Froehlich (Quill Plains)
- Class E17 SDA Excellence Speech Arts - 17 & under - 1st Place - \$300**Steyn Hoogstad (Prairie Sunset)
SMFA Excellence Speech Arts - 17 & under - 2nd Place - \$100.....Kaylin Poirier (Lafleche)
- Class E18 SMFA Excellence Speech Arts - 12 & under - 1st Place - \$200** Willem Hoogstad (Prairie Sunset)
SMFA Excellence Speech Arts - 12 & under - 2nd Place - \$50..... Ella Gross (Lafleche)
- Class E19 SMFA Excellence Musical Theatre - 24 & under - 1st Place - \$500**..... Corie Groome (Lloydminster)
Myrna Bentley Excellence Musical Theatre - 24 & under - 2nd Place - \$150Mayson Sonntag (Regina)
- Class E20 Estevan Festival Excellence Musical Theatre - 17 & under - 1st Place - \$300**.....Brooke Zarubin (Moose Jaw)
Jordie Hughton & Family Excellence MT- 17 & under - 2nd Place - \$100..... Emily Malmgren (Saskatoon)
- Class E21 Battlefords Festival Excellence Musical Theatre - 12 & under - 1st Place - \$200** Ruby Hickman (Lloydminster)
Battlefords Festival Excellence Musical Theatre - 12 & under - 2nd Place - \$50Natalie Warren (Moose Jaw)



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