

Canada West Performing Arts Festival



PRESS RELEASE – July 2022

The first Canada West Performing Arts Festival was held July 21 – July 23, 2022 in Saskatoon, SK on the University of Saskatchewan campus.

Approximately 135 performances were heard in all disciplines from provincial festivals including Alberta, British Columbia, and Saskatchewan. Over \$32,500 in prize money was awarded.

12 & under Classes:	1 st Place \$500, 2 nd Place \$300
17 & under Classes:	1 st Place \$1,000
24 & under Classes:	1 st Place \$2,000
Choral Classes:	1 st Place \$400 in both age 12/grade 6 & under 1 st Place \$500 in both age 17/grade 9 & under 1 st Place \$600 in both age 24/grade 12 & under

Adjudicators for the weekend competitions were: Piano/Senior Chamber: Michael Oike, Winnipeg, MB; Voice: Sarah Hall, Brandon, MB; Strings/Senior Chamber: Véronique Mathieu, Saskatoon, SK; Guitar: Don Hlus, Fort Langley, BC; Brass: Dean McNeill, Saskatoon, SK; Woodwind: Mark Thompson, Ancaster, ON; Musical Theatre: Heather Bedford-Clooney, Edmonton, AB; Speech Arts: Gaye-Lynn Kern, Saskatoon, SK; Virtual Chamber (17 & under): Sonia Lee, Vancouver, BC; and Virtual Choral: Caron Daley, Pittsburgh, PA.

The following participants placed at the 2022 competition:

	<u>1st Place</u>	<u>2nd Place</u>	<u>3rd Place</u>
Vocal (12 & under)	Kai Yee Li (BC)	Kathleen Booker (SK)	Zuri Ayuno (AB)
Vocal (17 & under)	Anjulie Djearam (BC)	Anastasia Lutsenko (BC)	Adam Brookman (SK)
Vocal (24 & under)	Elise Parsonage (SK)	Alexandra Baird (BC)	Zoe McCormick (AB)
Piano (12 & under)	Patrick Cao (BC)	Shailynn Li (SK)	Qinxin Jocelyn Zhou (AB)
Piano (17 & under)	Elsie Lu (BC)	Austin Ng (BC)	Evan Yin (AB)
Piano (24 & under)	Jerry Hu (SK)	Hamilton Lau (BC)	Connor Elias (SK)
Strings (12 & under)	Zephan Wu (BC)	Anthony Yue (AB)	Sacha Jorba-Wu (AB)
Strings (17 & under)	Jessica Zhuang (AB)	Justin Junwoo Ha (BC)	Tegwen Sak (BC)
Strings (24 & under)	Tatyana Gilson (AB)	Catherine McLellan (SK)	N/A
Woodwinds (17 & under)	Xiaowei (Smile) Chow (BC)	Matty Angus (BC)	Sean Shi (AB)
Woodwinds (24 & under)	Sylvan Wilkinson (BC)	Rianna Burgess (AB)	N/A
Brass (17 & under)	Olivia Florizone (SK)	N/A	N/A
Brass (24 & under)	Keegan Isaac (SK)	N/A	N/A
Guitar (17 & under)	Aaron Han (BC)	Melody Zhu (BC)	Evan Komm (AB)
Speech Arts (12 & under)	Avani Gaekwad (AB)	Liné Linde (SK)	Liam Molloy (AB)
Speech Arts (17 & under)	Steyn Hoogstad (SK)	Steven Peng (BC)	Emma Gillingham (SK)
Speech Arts (24 & under)	Faris Syed Shoa-Anwar (AB)	Allison Gordon (SK)	Paige Salyn (AB)
Musical Theatre (12 & under)	Sadie Gryba (SK)	Adela Drabek (BC)	Elizabeth Shakeshaft (AB) Ruby Hickman (SK)
Musical Theatre (17 & under)	Leah Chan (AB)	Rosette Caina (SK)	Adam Brookman (SK)
Musical Theatre (24 & under)	Forrest Hiebert (SK)	Declan Hewitt (SK)	Corie Groome (SK)
Chamber (17 & under)	Berlioz Trio (BC)	79.5 Violin Quartet (BC)	Fuoco Piano Quartet (AB)
Chamber (24 & under)	Rachmaninov Trio (BC)	N/A	N/A

Choral:

Community Choir (12 & under)	N/A
Community Choir (17 & under)	1 st Place: Cantilon Junior Chamber Choir - Heather Johnson (AB) 2 nd Place: Cardston Youth Chorus – Natisha Bevans (AB) 3 rd Place: Prince George Tapestry Singers – Carolyn Duerksen (BC)
Community Choir (24 & under)	1 st Place: Cantilon Chamber Choir - Heather Johnson (AB)
School Choir (Grade 6 & under)	1 st Place: St. Anne’s Division 2 School Choir - Cathy Larson (AB)
School Choir (Grade 9 & under)	1 st Place: ECSD All-City Junior High Choir - Beth Pecson (AB) 2 nd Place: École Okotoks Junior High School Chamber Choir – Samuel Shumka (AB)
School Choir (Grade 12 & under)	1 st Place: AHSFA Vocal Ensemble - Matthew Ellis (AB) 2 nd Place: St. Andrew’s Singers – Phillip O’Reilly (BC) 3 rd Place: Luther College School Senior Choir – Kyera Levesque (SK)

As the 2022 host province, the Saskatchewan Music Festival Association acknowledges support of the **Sask Lotteries Trust Fund for Sport, Culture & Recreation and individual award donors.**

The 2023 Canada West Performing Arts Festival will be hosted in Edmonton, Alberta in July. For more information, please contact the administrator in your participating province. If you would like to volunteer or sponsor a scholarship at the CWPAF, please contact the hosting province for the coming year (contact information is below).

Provincial Festival Contact Information:

- BC: **Performing Arts BC** – www.bcprovincials.com
 - Provincial Administrator: Antonia Mahon – 250-493-7279; festival@bcprovincials.com
 - President: Margaret May
- AB: **Alberta Music Festival Association** – www.albertamusicfestival.org
 - Provincial Administrator: Wendy Durieux – 403-556-3038; info@albertamusicfestival.org
 - President: RJ Chambers
- SK: **Saskatchewan Music Festival Association** – www.smfa.ca
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