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The Saskatchewan Music Festival Association (SMFA), now in its 115<sup>th</sup> year, presented the annual Provincial Finals Competitions and the Provincial Level of Canada West Excellence Competition at the Conservatory of Performing Arts/Darke Hall, Regina from June 1 to 4, 2023. Adjudicators for the competitions were: **Piano:** Jacques Després, AB; **Voice:** Dr. Christianne Rushton, NS; **Canada West Voice:** Dr. Chris MacRae, SK; **Strings/Guitar/Chamber:** Dr. Sasha Weinstangel, ON; **Brass/Woodwind/Chamber:** Jennifer Tenford, SK; **Musical Theatre:** Gail Hakala, ON; **Spoken Word:** Lorna Batycki, SK; **Choral:** Joan Heels, ON.

From Thursday to Sunday, 450 performances by winners from District Music Festivals across Saskatchewan were heard. On Thursday evening, June 1, one competitor chosen from each discipline in the 28 years & under division competed in the Grand Awards Competition. On Friday evening, June 2, one competitor chosen from each discipline in the 17 years & under division competed in the Grand Awards Competition.

Prizes of over \$35,000 were awarded during the weekend's competitions, the most prestigious being the Garth Beckett/Gustin House Senior Piano Scholarship of \$1,500 for the most promising pianist performing senior level repertoire, and the Sister Geraldine Boyle Memorial Gold Award of \$1,500 for the most outstanding performance of the Grand Awards Competition. Choral entries were adjudicated by recording and were announced during the Grand Awards Competition.

The following were declared Provincial Winners and Runners-Up:

- Class 1** Mary Anderson Memorial Choral Sacred Scholarship - \$500.....Swift Current Oratorio Choir (Swift Current)
- Class 2** Sask. Choral Federation Choral Open Scholarship - \$300 ..... Cantate Senior Choir (Regina)  
Betty Tydeman Memorial Choral Open Award, Runner-up - \$200 ..... Luther College High School Senior Choir (Regina)
- Class 3** Kiwanis Club of Regina-Wascana Inc. Gallagher Memorial Choral Scholarship - \$500 .....Big Noise Youth Choir  
(Prince Albert)
- Class 4** Sask Choral Federation School Music Provincial Scholarship - \$500 .....Sacred Heart High School Choir (Yorkton)
- Class 5** Goodfellow Memorial Vocal Grade A (28 years & under) Scholarship - \$400 ..... Elise Parsonage (Saskatoon)
- Class 6** Heather Laxdal Memorial Vocal SMSCCT Grade B (28&u) Scholarship - \$400 ..... Danielle Daunheimer (Regina)
- Class 7** Thomas & Don Hatton Memorial Vocal TBB (28&u) Scholarship - \$400 ..... William Matthews (Regina)
- Class 8** Goodfellow Memorial Vocal Opera/Operatic (28 years & under) Scholarship - \$400 ..... Elise Parsonage (Saskatoon)
- Class 9** Goodfellow Memorial Vocal French Art Song (28 years & under) Scholarship - \$400 .....Brooke Zarubin (Moose Jaw)
- Class 10** Goodfellow Memorial Vocal Oratorio (28 years & under) Scholarship - \$400 ..... Emma Gillingham (Sask Valley)
- Class 12** Karen Frandsen Vocal Canadian Music (28 years & under) Scholarship - \$400 ..... Danielle Daunheimer (Regina)
- Class 14** Nancy & Alastair Todd Memorial Vocal Concert Group Gr B (28&u) Scholarship - \$400 .....Julianne Booker (Regina)
- Class 15** Covey Vocal Recital SMSCCT (17 years & under) Scholarship - \$300 ..... Nora Rittinger (Saskatoon)
- Class 16** A. L.'s Music Vocal Recital TBB (17 years & under) Scholarship - \$300.....Adam Brookman (Saskatoon)
- Class 17** Battleford Furniture Vocal Folk Song/Ballad (17 years & under) Scholarship - \$300 .....Adam Brookman (Saskatoon)
- Class 18** Regina Music Festival Vocal Concert Group (17 years & under) Scholarship - \$300 ..... Nora Rittinger (Saskatoon)
- Class 19** Marilyn Whitehead Vocal Recital (14 years & under) Scholarship - \$200 ..... Sadie Gryba (Saskatoon)
- Class 20** Music for Young Children Vocal Folk Song/Ballad (14 years & under) Scholarship - \$200 ... Orianna Fetter (Saskatoon)
- Class 21** Dianne Gryba Elementary Vocal (12 years & under) Scholarship - \$100 ..... Kadence Trachuk (Lloydminster)
- Class 22** Music for Young Children Vocal Folk Song/Ballad (12 years & under) Scholarship - \$100 ... Stephanie Siba (Saskatoon)
- Class 23** Arlene Stuart Memorial Piano Bach (28 years & under) Scholarship - \$400 ..... Connor Elias (Twin Rivers)
- Class 24** Piano Beethoven/Haydn/Mozart (28 years & under) Scholarship - \$400 ..... Jerry Hu (Saskatoon)
- Class 25** SRMTA Piano Romantic/Chopin (28 years & under) Scholarship - \$400 ..... Jerry Hu (Saskatoon)
- Class 26** MYCSTA Piano French Music (28 years & under) Scholarship - \$400 .....Connor Elias (Saskatoon)
- Class 27** Piano Concerto (28 years & under) Scholarship - \$400 ..... Jerry Hu (Saskatoon)
- Class 28** Piano 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> Century Music (28 years & under) Scholarship - \$400 ..... Jerry Hu (Saskatoon)
- Class 29** Piano Canadian/Saskatchewan Music (28 years & under) Scholarship - \$400 ..... Connor Elias (Twin Rivers)

Class 30 Toppings Family Piano Bach (17 years & under) Scholarship - \$300..... Hannah Meginbir (Saskatoon)

Class 31 Dr. Philip Brost Piano Beethoven/Haydn/Mozart (17 years & under) Scholarship - \$300..... Judy Luo (Regina)

Class 32 Frances England/Hugheen Ferguson Memorial Piano Chopin (17 years & under) - \$300.....Dustin Nguyen (Regina)

Class 33 Verna Veikle Memorial Piano Concerto (17 years & under) Scholarship - \$300 .....Dustin Nguyen (Regina)

Class 34 Piano 20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup> Century (17 years & under) Scholarship - \$300 .....Joongi Lee (Regina)

Class 35 Gordon & Mossie Hancock Piano CDN/SK (17 years & under) Scholarship - \$300..... Shirin Soleimani (Saskatoon)

Class 36 Jackson Memorial Piano Recital (17 years & under) Scholarship - \$300 ..... Judy Luo (Regina)

Class 37 Dr. Thomas Yu Piano Recital (14 years & under) Scholarship - \$200 ..... Kayla Andres (Lloydminster)

Class 38 Borderland Music Festival Piano CDN/SK (14 years & under) Scholarship - \$200..... Alora De Jager (Moose Jaw)

Class 39 Dianne Gryba Piano Recital (12 years & under) Scholarship - \$100..... Gaoyuan Thomas Cheng (Regina)

Class 40 Doris Covey Lazecki Piano CDN/SK (12 years & under) Scholarship - \$100 ..... Gaoyuan Thomas Cheng (Regina)

Class 41 Anna Klassen Endowment Fund Piano Conservatory (Grade 10) Scholarship - \$400..... Tinglan Wei (Regina)

Class 42 DMS Services Inc. Piano Conservatory (Grade 8) Scholarship - \$300 ..... Gaoyuan Thomas Cheng (Regina)

Garth Beckett/Gustin House Senior Piano Scholarship - \$1,500 ..... Jerry Hu (Saskatoon)

Class 43 Mrs. Clare K. Mendel Memorial Strings Recital (28 years & under) Scholarship - \$400..... Bridget Alexander (Regina)

Class 44 Fred S. Mendel Memorial Strings Concert (28 years & under) Scholarship - \$400..... Bridget Alexander (Regina)

Class 45 Robert C. Mitchell Memorial Strings Recital (17 years & under) Scholarship - \$300 .....Ekaterina Pletneva (Saskatoon)

Class 46 Johanna Mitchell Memorial Strings Concert (17 years & under) Scholarship - \$300 .....Zelda Faulkes (Regina)

Class 47 Regina Music Festival Strings Recital (14 years & under) Scholarship - \$200 ..... Aaron Liu (Regina)

Class 48 Blanche Squires Strings Concert (14 years & under) Scholarship - \$200 ..... Nialan Young (Saskatoon)

Class 49 Blanche Squires Strings Recital (12 years & under) Scholarship - \$100 ..... Cameron Gajadhar (Regina)

Class 50 Blanche Squires Strings Concert (12 years & under) Scholarship - \$100 .....Kensie Cowan (Rosetown)

Class 51 Sask. Music Educators Classical Guitar (28 years & under) Scholarship - \$400 .....Carson Froehlich (Quill Plains)

Class 54 Brost Family Woodwind (17 years & under) Scholarship - \$300..... Siyuan (Marco) Ding (Regina)

Class 55 Sask. Band Association Brass (28 years & under) Scholarship - \$400 ..... Hanna Hashi (Saskatoon)

Class 56 Brass (17 years & under) Scholarship - \$300 ..... Mathis Chu (Regina)

Class 59 Ursan Family Musical Theatre Ballad (28 years & under) Scholarship - \$400 .....Paulina Salisbury (Saskatoon)

Class 60 Katja Meszaros Memorial MT Up-tempo (28 years & under) Scholarship - \$500 ..... Forrest Hiebert (Saskatoon)

Class 61 Regan Grant Memorial MT Ballad Classic/Modern (17 & under) Scholarship - \$300 ..... Kai Batycki (Saskatoon)

Class 62 Margaret Caldwell Memorial MT B/C (17 years & under) Scholarship - \$300..... Julia Gordon (Lloydminster)

Class 63 Sandra Ryba Memorial MT Up-Tempo C/M (17 years & under) Scholarship - \$300..... Olivia Robinson (Saskatoon)

Class 64 Musical Theatre Up-tempo Contemporary (17 years & under) Scholarship - \$300 ..... Mary Kirkpatrick (Saskatoon)

Class 65 Battleford Furniture MT Ballad C/M (14 years & under) Scholarship - \$200 .....Mia Gillingham (Sask Valley)

Class 66 Musical Theatre Ballad Contemporary (14 years & under) Scholarship - \$200 ..... Camdyn Leverick (Saskatoon)

Class 67 Dorothy Seibold Memorial MT Up-tempo C/M (14 years & under) Scholarship - \$200.....Orianna Fetter (Saskatoon)

Class 68 Musical Theatre Up-tempo Contemporary (14 years & under) Scholarship - \$200 .....Rylie Coller (Twin Rivers)

Class 69 Krista Brost MT Ballad Classic/Modern (12 years & under) Scholarship - \$100 ..... Ruby Hickman (Lloydminster)

Class 70 Doris Covey Lazecki MT Ballad Contemporary (12 years & under) Scholarship - \$100 ..... Stephanie Siba (Saskatoon)

Class 71 Rosetown Festival MT Up-tempo Classic/Modern (12 & under) Scholarship - \$100 ..... Elizabeth Deans (Moose jaw)

Class 72 Musical Theatre Up-tempo Contemporary (12 years & under) Scholarship - \$100 ..... Ruby Hickman (Lloydminster)

Class 73 L. I. Bryson Memorial SW Concert Group (28 years & under) Scholarship - \$400 ..... Emma Gillingham (Sask Valley)

Class 74 Alfredo S. Uy Memorial SW Poetry/Prose (17 years & under) Scholarship - \$300.....Steyn Hoogstad (Prairie Sunset)

Class 75 Doris Bircham Memorial SW Concert Group (17 years & under) Scholarship - \$300 ..... Steyn Hoogstad (Unity)

Class 76 Spoken Word Poetry (14 years & under) Scholarship - \$200 ..... Jenevieve Melin (Lanigan)

Class 77 Spoken Word Prose (14 years & under) Scholarship - \$200..... Valerie Rollheiser (Lloydminster)

Class 78 Spoken Word Poetry (12 years & under) Scholarship - \$100 ..... Liné Linde (Prairie Sunset)

Class 79 Spoken Word Prose (12 years & under) Scholarship - \$100..... Liné Linde (Prairie Sunset)

**Grand Awards 28 years & under:**

Blanche Squires Bronze Award & Trophy - \$500..... Hanna Hashi (Saskatoon)

Wallis Memorial Silver Award & Trophy - \$750 .....Carson Froehlich (Quill Plains)

Sister Boyle Gold Award & Trophy - \$1,500 ..... Jerry Hu (Saskatoon)

**Grand Awards 17 years & under:**

Sandra Senga Bronze Award & Trophy - \$300..... Siyuan (Marco) Ding (Regina)

Wallis Memorial Silver Award & Trophy - \$500 .....Dustin Nguyen (Regina)

SaskTel Gold Award & Trophy - \$750 ..... Adam Brookman (Saskatoon)

Participants in the Canada West Excellence Classes competed at the Provincial Level for the opportunity to represent Saskatchewan at the Canada West Performing Arts Festival in Edmonton, AB, July 21 & 22. Scholarships were awarded to the following competitors:

**Strutt CW/Excellence Classical Voice (13 years & under) 1<sup>st</sup> place - \$200** ..... Sadie Gryba (Saskatoon)  
 CW/Excellence Classical Voice (13 years & under) 2<sup>nd</sup> place - \$50 ..... Kathleen Booker (Regina)  
**Lafleche Music Festival CW/Excellence Classical Voice (17 years & under) 1<sup>st</sup> place - \$300** ..... Danielle Daunheimer (Regina)  
 Hughton Family CW/Excellence Classical Voice (17 years & under) 2<sup>nd</sup> place - \$100 ..... Julianne Booker (Regina)  
**First Financial CW/Excellence Classical Voice (22 years & under) 1<sup>st</sup> place - \$500** ..... Brooke Zarubin (Moose Jaw)  
 Margaret Caldwell Memorial CW/Excellence Classical Voice (22 years & under) 2<sup>nd</sup> place - \$150 ..... Paulina Salisbury (Saskatoon)  
**Anna Klassen Endowment Fund CW/Excellence Piano (13 years & under) 1<sup>st</sup> place - \$200** ..... April Shi (Saskatoon)  
 Anna Klassen Endowment Fund CW/Excellence Piano (13 years & under) 2<sup>nd</sup> place - \$50 ..... Tingzhang Wu (Saskatoon)  
**MacKinnon Family CW/Excellence Piano (17 years & under) 1<sup>st</sup> place - \$300** ..... Hannah Meginbir (Saskatoon)  
 Anna Klassen Endowment Fund CW/Excellence Piano (17 years & under) 2<sup>nd</sup> place - \$100 ..... Esther Zhu (Saskatoon)  
**Anna Klassen Endowment Fund CW/Excellence Piano (22 years & under) 1<sup>st</sup> place - \$500** ..... Connor Elias (Saskatoon)  
**Battlefords Festival CW/Excellence Strings (13 years & under) 1<sup>st</sup> place - \$200** ..... Sophia Tirkajla (Saskatoon)  
 Battlefords Festival CW/Excellence Strings (13 years & under) 2<sup>nd</sup> place - \$50 ..... Eliana Bakanec (Prairie Sunset)  
**Sask. Orchestral Assoc. CW/Excellence Strings (17 years & under) 1<sup>st</sup> place - \$300** ..... Ekaterina Pletneva (Saskatoon)  
 Kelley Bahrey CW/Excellence Strings (17 years & under) 2<sup>nd</sup> place - \$100 ..... Zelda Faulkes (Regina)  
**Sask. Orchestral Assoc. CW/Excellence Chamber (17 years & under) 1<sup>st</sup> place - \$300** ..... Mira String Quartet (Regina)  
**CW/Excellence Chamber (22 years & under) 1<sup>st</sup> place - \$500** ..... USASK Trio (Twin Rivers)  
**Diane & Gene Aulinger CW/Excellence Woodwind (17 years & under) 1<sup>st</sup> place - \$300** ..... Elise Jackson-Reynolds (Regina)  
**Ross Ulmer & Karen Ast CW/Excellence Brass (22 years & under) 1<sup>st</sup> place - \$500** ..... Hanna Hashi (Saskatoon)  
**CW/Excellence Guitar (22 years & under) 1<sup>st</sup> place - \$500** ..... Carson Froehlich (Quill Plains)  
**CW/Excellence Speech Arts & Drama (13 years & under) 1<sup>st</sup> place - \$200** ..... Abiyah Bowen (Battlefords)  
 CW/Excellence Speech Arts & Drama (13 years & under) 2<sup>nd</sup> place - \$50 ..... Natalie Voigt (Battlefords)  
**Sask. Drama Assoc. CW/Excellence Speech Arts & Drama (17 years & under) 1<sup>st</sup> place - \$300** ..... Steyn Hoogstad (Unity)  
 CW/Excellence Speech Arts & Drama (17 & under) 2<sup>nd</sup> place - \$100 ..... Willem Hoogstad (Unity)  
**Battlefords Festival CW/Excellence Musical Theatre (13 years & under) 1<sup>st</sup> place - \$200** ..... Ruby Hickman (Lloydminster)  
 Battlefords Festival CW/Excellence Musical Theatre (13 years & under) 2<sup>nd</sup> place - \$50 ..... Elizabeth Deans (Moose Jaw)  
**Estevan Festival CW/Excellence Musical Theatre (17 years & under) 1<sup>st</sup> place - \$300** ..... Trason Ridgewell (Outlook)  
 Hughton Family CW/Excellence Musical Theatre (17 years & under) 2<sup>nd</sup> place - \$100 ..... Nora Rittinger (Saskatoon)  
**CW/Excellence Musical Theatre (22 years & under) 1<sup>st</sup> place - \$500** ..... Rosette Caina (Saskatoon)  
 Myrna Bentley CW/Excellence Musical Theatre (22 years & under) 2<sup>nd</sup> place - \$150 ..... Brooke Zarubin (Moose Jaw)



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