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## GORDON C. WALLIS MEMORIAL OPERA COMPETITION

The Saskatchewan Music Festival Association (SMFA), Jeri Ryba, President is pleased to present the biennial Gordon C. Wallis Memorial Opera Competition, now in its 13<sup>th</sup> year. The competition will be held in Regina on Saturday, **February 24, 2024** in the **Heritage Lecture Theatre, Conservatory of Performing Arts (College Avenue Campus, 2155 College Ave, Regina, SK)** from **6 pm to 9 pm**. A masterclass will be on Sunday, **February 25** starting at **9 am**. Admission is by donation and parking is free in the lot to the south of the Conservatory.

Competitors will perform three selections – an art song and two opera arias – competing for a \$5,000 scholarship for further operatic studies, as well as the opportunity to appear as a guest artist with the Regina and Saskatoon Symphony Orchestras. Judges for the event will be **Kim Mattice Wanat** (director of Opera Nuova in Edmonton) and **Phillip Addis** (well-known operatic performer from Alberta).

This year's competitors are Sterling Boehm (baritone), Dorianna Holowachuk (mezzo-soprano), Kateryna Khartova (soprano), Daniel McElroy (baritone), James Raquion (baritone), Kelsey Ronn (soprano), Hannah Salen (soprano), and Jordan Welbourne (baritone).

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