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The Saskatchewan Music Festival Association (SMFA), now in its 116th year, presented the annual Provincial Finals Competitions and the Provincial Level of Canada West Competition at the University of Saskatchewan Campus, Saskatoon from May 30 to June 2, 2024. Adjudicators for the competitions were: **Piano:** Dr. Katherine Dowling and Clark Schaufele, ON; **Voice/Musical Theatre:** Laura Ciekiewicz, MB; **Strings/Guitar:** Heilwig von Koenigsloew, BC; **Brass/Woodwind/Percussion:** Erin Brophrey, SK; **Musical Theatre:** Donna Fletcher, MB; **Spoken Word:** Deborah McGladdery, BC; **Choral:** Donna Rhodenizer, NS.

From Thursday to Sunday, over 550 performances by winners from District Music Festivals across Saskatchewan were heard. Choral entries were adjudicated by recording and were announced prior to the weekend.

Prizes of more than \$33,000 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 under age 21 performing senior level repertoire, the Sister Geraldine Boyle Memorial Award of \$1,500 for the best overall pianist in the competition for 17 years & under, and the Joanne Messer Senior Vocal Scholarship of \$800 for the best overall vocalist in the competition for 28 years & under.

The following were declared Provincial Winners and Runners-Up:

- Class 1 Mary Anderson Memorial Choral Sacred Scholarship - \$500..... Luther College High School Senior Choir (Regina)
- Class 2 Sask. Choral Federation Choral Open Scholarship - \$300 Ignite Chamber Choir (Regina)
- Class 2 Betty Tydeman Memorial Choral Open Award, Runner-up - \$200 Cantate Senior Choir (Regina)
- Class 3 Kiwanis Club of Regina-Wascana Inc. Gallagher Memorial Choral - \$500 Cantate Combined Choir (Regina)
- Class 4 Sask. Choral Federation School Music Scholarship - \$500 Luther College High School Senior Choir (Regina)
- Class 5 Goodfellow Memorial Vocal Grade A (28 years & under) Scholarship - \$400 James Raquion (Regina)
- Class 6 Heather Laxdal Memorial Vocal SMSCT Grade B (28&u) Scholarship - \$400Paulina Salisbury (Saskatoon)
- Class 7 Vocal Tenor/Baritone/Bass (28 years & under) Scholarship - \$400.....Adam Brookman (Saskatoon)
- Class 8 Goodfellow Memorial Vocal Opera/Operatic (28 years & under) Scholarship - \$400 Kelsey Ronn (Saskatoon)
- Class 9 Goodfellow Memorial Vocal French Art Song (28 years & under) Scholarship - \$400Adam Brookman (Saskatoon)
- Class 10 Goodfellow Memorial Vocal Oratorio (28 years & under) Scholarship - \$400 Kelsey Ronn (Saskatoon)
- Class 11 Heather Laxdal Memorial Vocal Lieder (28 years & under) Scholarship - \$200.....Adam Brookman (Saskatoon)
- Class 11 Whelan Piano Lieder (28 years & under) Scholarship - \$200 Hannah Meginbir (Saskatoon)
- Class 12 Karen Frandsen Vocal Canadian Music (28 years & under) Scholarship - \$400..... Kelsey Ronn (Saskatoon)
- Class 14 N. & A. Todd Memorial Vocal Concert Group Gr B (28 & under) Scholarship - \$400 Emma Gillingham (Sask Valley)
- Class 15 Covey Vocal Recital SMSCT (17 years & under) Scholarship - \$300 Abbeygail May (Mainline)
- Class 16 A. L.'s Music Vocal Recital TBB (17 years & under) Scholarship - \$300.....Isaiah Artavia (Moose Jaw)
- Class 17 Garry & Kathleen Gable Vocal Folk Song/Ballad (17 years & under) Scholarship - \$300 Nora Rittinger (Saskatoon)
- Class 18 Regina Music Festival Vocal Concert Group (17 years & under) Scholarship - \$300Isabelle Adams (Saskatoon)
- Class 19 Marilyn Whitehead Vocal Recital (14 years & under) Scholarship - \$200 Cooper Loshack (Biggar)
- Class 20 Music for Young Children Vocal Folk Song/Ballad (14 years & under) Scholarship - \$200 Sadie Gryba (Saskatoon)
- Class 21 Dianne Gryba Elementary Vocal (12 years & under) Scholarship - \$100 Claire Booker (Regina)
- Class 22 Music for Young Children Vocal Folk Song/Ballad (12 years & under) Scholarship - \$100 Claire Booker (Regina)
- Joanne Messer Senior Vocal (28 years & under) Scholarship - \$800 Kelsey Ronn (Saskatoon)
- Class 23 Arlene Stuart Memorial Piano Bach (28 years & under) Scholarship - \$500 Esther Zhu (Saskatoon)
- Class 24 Sharon Penner Memorial Piano Sonata (28 & under) Scholarship - \$400 Gabriell Omolida (Regina)
- Class 25 SRMTA Piano Romantic/Chopin (28 years & under) Scholarship - \$400 Gabriell Omolida (Regina)
- Class 26 MYCSTA Piano French Music (28 years & under) Scholarship - \$400 Gabriell Omolida (Regina)
- Class 27 Piano Concerto (28 years & under) Scholarship - \$400 Gabriell Omolida (Regina)
- Class 28 Helen Davidson Memorial Piano 20th/21st Century (28 & under) Scholarship - \$400 Hannah Meginbir (Saskatoon)
- Class 29 SRMTA-Regina Branch Piano Canadian/SK Music (28 & under) Scholarship - \$400..... Hannah Meginbir (Saskatoon)
- Class 30 Toppings Family Piano Bach (17 years & under) Scholarship - \$300.....Amy Zhang (Saskatoon)
- Class 31 Dr. Philip Brost Piano Sonata (17 years & under) Scholarship - \$300Dustin Nguyen (Regina)
- Class 32 Frances England/Hugheen Ferguson Memorial Piano Chopin (17 years & under) - \$300.....Dustin Nguyen (Regina)
- Class 32B Perspective Festival Piano French Music (17 years & under) Scholarship - \$300 Avery Guo (Saskatoon)
- Class 33 Verna Veikle Memorial Piano Concerto (17 years & under) Scholarship - \$300 Judy Luo (Regina)
- Class 34 Piano 20th/21st Century (17 years & under) Scholarship - \$300Joongi Lee (Regina)
- Class 35 Gordon & Mossie Hancock Piano CDN/SK (17 years & under) Scholarship - \$300..... Boaman Liu (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	Ayumi Sinclair (Qu'Appelle Valley)
Class 38	Borderland Music Festival Piano CDN/SK (14 years & under) Scholarship - \$200	April Shi (Saskatoon)
Class 39	Dianne Gryba Piano Recital (12 years & under) Scholarship - \$100	Cynthia Gu (Regina)
Class 40	Doris Covey Lazecki Piano CDN/SK (12 years & under) Scholarship - \$100	Byeolha Seo (Assiniboia)
Class 41	Anna Klassen Endowment Fund Piano Conservatory (Grade 10) Scholarship - \$400	April Shi (Saskatoon)
Class 42	Anna Klassen Endowment Fund Piano Conservatory (Grade 8) Scholarship - \$300	Byeolha Seo (Assiniboia)
	Garth Beckett/Gustin House Senior Piano Scholarship - \$1,500	Esther Zhu (Saskatoon)
	Sister Boyle Piano (17 years & under) Scholarship - \$1,500	Dustin Nguyen (Regina)
Class 45	Robert C. Mitchell Memorial Strings Recital (17 years & under) Scholarship - \$300	Elisha Ruo (Saskatoon)
Class 46	Johanna Mitchell Memorial Strings Concert (17 years & under) Scholarship - \$300	Elisha Ruo (Saskatoon)
Class 47	Regina Music Festival Strings Recital (14 years & under) Scholarship - \$200	Sophia Tirkajla (Saskatoon)
Class 48	Strings Concert (14 years & under) Scholarship - \$200	Mehtab Singh Bath (Saskatoon)
Class 49	Strings Recital (12 years & under) Scholarship - \$100	Vesper Stevenson (Saskatoon)
Class 50	Strings Concert (12 years & under) Scholarship - \$100	Sage Grey (Saskatoon)
Class 51	Sask. Music Educators Classical Guitar (28 years & under) Scholarship - \$400	Tague O'Bright (Moose Jaw)
Class 52	Stein Farms Ltd. Classical Guitar (17 years & under) Scholarship - \$300	Stephen Daniels-White (Saskatoon)
Class 53	Sask. Band Association Woodwind (28 years & under) Scholarship - \$400	Ziqin Zhao (Saskatoon)
Class 54	Brost Family Woodwind (17 years & under) Scholarship - \$300	Elise Jackson-Reynolds (Regina)
Class 56	Scotsburn Dental Centre Brass (17 years & under) Scholarship - \$300	Mathis Chu (Regina)
Class 57	Sask. Band Association Percussion (28 years & under) Scholarship - \$400	Dmitri Masich (Saskatoon)
Class 59	Ursan Family Musical Theatre Ballad (28 years & under) Scholarship - \$400	Matthew Schermann (Regina)
Class 59	SMFA Musical Theatre Ballad (28 years & under) Scholarship - \$400	Kai Batycki (Saskatoon)
Class 59	Runner-up Scholarship - \$200	Adam Brookman (Saskatoon)
Class 60	Katja Meszaros Memorial MT Up-tempo (28 years & under) Scholarship - \$500	Matthew Schermann (Regina)
Class 60	Runner-up Scholarship - \$200	Alice Willett (Regina)
Class 61	Regan Grant Memorial MT Ballad Classic/Modern (17 & under) Scholarship - \$300	Sydney Kelln (Saskatoon)
Class 61	Runner-up Scholarship - \$150	Presley McLeod (Moose Jaw)
Class 62	Margaret Caldwell Mem. MT Ballad Contemp. (17 & under) Scholarship - \$300	Piper MacFarlane (Meadow Lake)
Class 62	Runner-up Scholarship - \$150	Antony Salisbury (Saskatoon)
Class 63	Sandra Ryba Memorial MT Up-tempo C/M (17 years & under) Scholarship - \$300	Sophie Regier (Swift Current)
Class 63	Runner-up Scholarship - \$150	Nora Rittinger (Saskatoon)
Class 64	Meadow Lake Music Festival Up-tempo Contemp. (17 & under) Scholarship - \$300	Isaiah Artavia (Moose Jaw)
Class 64	Runner-up Scholarship - \$150	Piper MacFarlane (Meadow Lake)
Class 65	Center Stage Studios MT Ballad Classic/Modern (14 & under) Scholarship - \$200	Elizabeth Deans (Moose Jaw)
Class 65	Runner-up Scholarship - \$100	Kayella Robertson (Saskatoon)
Class 66	Center Stage Studios MT Ballad Contemporary (14 years & under) Scholarship - \$200	Ruby Hickman (Lloydminster)
Class 66	Runner-up Scholarship - \$100	Cooper Loshack (Saskatoon)
Class 67	Dorothy Seibold Memorial MT Up-tempo C/M (14 years & under) Scholarship - \$200	Sadie Gryba (Saskatoon)
Class 67	Runner-up Scholarship - \$100	Ruby Hickman (Lloydminster)
Class 68	Center Stage Studios Up-tempo Contemporary (14 years & under) Scholarship - \$200	Elizabeth Deans (Moose Jaw)
Class 68	Runner-up Scholarship - \$100	Aubrie Rittinger (Saskatoon)
Class 69	Krista Brost MT Ballad Classic/Modern (12 years & under) Scholarship - \$100	Vesper Stevenson (Saskatoon)
Class 69	Runner-up Scholarship - \$50	Olivia Brooks (Moosomin)
Class 70	Doris Covey Lazecki MT Ballad Contemporary (12 & under) Scholarship - \$100	Kadence Trachuk (Lloydminster)
Class 70	Runner-up Scholarship - \$50	Grace Handy (Moose Jaw)
Class 71	Rosetown Festival MT Up-tempo Classic/Modern (12 & under) Scholarship - \$100	Heidi van der Merwe (Regina)
Class 71	Runner-up Scholarship - \$50	Leo Sawatzky (Regina)
Class 72	Musical Theatre Up-tempo Contemporary (12 years & under) Scholarship - \$100	Kadence Trachuk (Lloydminster)
Class 72	Runner-up Scholarship - \$50	Jake Loshack (Saskatoon)
Class 73	L. I. Bryson Memorial SW Concert Group (28 years & under) Scholarship - \$500	Steyn Hoogstad (Unity)
Class 74	Alfredo S. Uy Memorial SW Poetry/Prose (17 years & under) Scholarship - \$300	Willem Hoogstad (Unity)
Class 75	Doris Bircham Memorial SW Concert Group (17 years & under) Scholarship - \$300	Willem Hoogstad (Unity)
Class 76	Spoken Word Poetry (14 years & under) Scholarship - \$200	Natalie Voigt (Battlefords)
Class 77	Spoken Word Prose (14 years & under) Scholarship - \$200	Kinley Pratt (Maple Creek)
Class 78	Spoken Word Poetry (12 years & under) Scholarship - \$100	Lola Hickman (Lloydminster)
Class 79	Spoken Word Prose (12 years & under) Scholarship - \$100	Liné Linde (Prairie Sunset)

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 Victoria, BC, July 25-27. Scholarships were awarded to the following competitors:

Strutt Canada West Classical Voice (13 years & under) 1st place - \$200 Claire Booker (Regina)
Canada West Classical Voice (13 years & under) 2nd place (tie) - \$50 Liné Linde (Prairie Sunset)
Stephanie Siba (Saskatoon)

Lafleche Music Festival Canada West Classical Voice (17 years & under) 1st place - \$300 Erik Jeerakathil (Saskatoon)
Hughton Family Canada West Classical Voice (17 years & under) 2nd place - \$100 Isabelle Adams (Saskatoon)

Blanche Squires Canada West Classical Voice (22 years & under) 1st place - \$500 Adam Brookman (Saskatoon)

Anna Klassen Endowment Fund Canada West Piano (13 years & under) 1st place - \$200 Tingzhang Wu (Saskatoon)
Anna Klassen Endowment Fund Canada West Piano (13 years & under) 2nd place - \$50 Boacus Liu (Saskatoon)
Canada West Piano (13 years & under) 3rd place - no award Dana Pham (Lloydminster)

Mackinnon Family Canada West Piano (17 years & under) 1st place - \$300 Esther Zhu (Saskatoon)
Anna Klassen Endowment Fund Canada West Piano (17 years & under) 2nd place - \$100 Hannah Meginbir (Saskatoon)

Battlefords Festival Canada West Strings (13 years & under) 1st place - \$200 Sophia Tirkajla (Saskatoon)
Battlefords Festival Canada West Strings (13 years & under) 2nd place - \$50 Cameron Gajadhar (Regina)

Sask. Orchestral Assoc. Canada West Strings (17 years & under) 1st place - \$300 Elisha Ruo (Saskatoon)
Canada West Strings (17 years & under) 2nd place (tie) - \$100 Ekaterina Pletneva (Saskatoon)
Zelda Faulkes (Regina)

Canada West Woodwind (17 years & under) 1st place - \$300 Elise Jackson-Reynolds (Regina)

Canada West Speech Arts & Drama (13 years & under) 1st place - \$200 Liné Linde (Prairie Sunset)
Canada West Speech Arts & Drama (13 years & under) 2nd place - \$50 Cadence Pratt (Maple Creek)

Sask. Drama Assoc. Canada West Speech Arts & Drama (17 years & under) 1st place - \$300 Willem Hoogstad (Unity)
Canada West Speech Arts & Drama (17 & under) 2nd place - \$100 Bria Sifert (Maple Creek)
Canada West Speech Arts & Drama (17 & under) 3rd place – no award Chloé Massé (Lafleche)

Canada West Speech Arts & Drama (22 years & under) 1st place - \$500 Steyn Hoogstad (Unity)

Battlefords Festival Canada West Musical Theatre (13 years & under) 1st place - \$200 Ruby Hickman (Lloydminster)
Battlefords Festival Canada West Musical Theatre (13 years & under) 2nd place - \$50 Kadence Trachuk (Lloydminster)
Canada West Musical Theatre (13 years & under) 3rd place – no award Liné Linde (Prairie Sunset)

Estevan Festival Canada West Musical Theatre (17 years & under) 1st place - \$300 Sydney Kelln (Saskatoon)
Hughton Family Canada West Musical Theatre (17 years & under) 2nd place - \$100 Nania van der Merwe (Regina)
Canada West Musical Theatre (17 years & under) 3rd place – no award Natalie Warren (Moose Jaw)

Sandra Senga Canada West Musical Theatre (22 years & under) 1st place - \$500 Trason Ridgewell (Outlook)
Myrna Bentley Canada West Musical Theatre (22 years & under) 2nd place - \$150 Adam Brookman (Saskatoon)
Canada West Musical Theatre (22 years & under) 3rd place – no award Matthew Schermann (Regina)



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