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The Saskatchewan Music Festival Association (SMFA), now in its 118th year, presented the annual Provincial Finals Competitions and the Provincial Level of Canada West Competition at the University of Regina Conservatory of Performing Arts and Darke Hall from May 29 to June 1, 2025. Adjudicators for the competitions were: **Piano:** Michael Oike, MB; **Voice:** Allison Cecila Arends, ON; **Strings/Guitar:** Joan Barrett, AB; **Brass/Woodwind/Percussion:** Darryl Ferguson, MB; **Musical Theatre:** Darnell Thomas, ON; **Spoken Word:** Susan Duska, AB; **Choral:** Dr. Jamie Hillman, ON.

From Thursday to Sunday, over 680 performances by winners from 39 of 44 District Music Festivals across Saskatchewan were heard. Choral entries were adjudicated by recording and were announced following the weekend.

Prizes of nearly \$28,000 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. Additional bursaries will be awarded to competitors participating in the Canada West Performing Arts Festival in Saskatoon in July.

The following were declared Provincial Winners and Runners-Up:

Class 1	Saskatchewan Choral Federation Choral Scholarship - \$500	Ignite Chamber Choir (Regina)
Class 2	Kiwanis Club of Regina-Wascana Inc. Gallagher Memorial Choral Scholarship - \$500	Cantate Senior Choir (Regina)
		Luther College High School Treble Choir (Regina) TIE
Class 87	Saskatchewan Choral Federation School Music Scholarship - \$500	SHHS Choir (Yorkton)
Class 4	Doris Bircham Memorial Spoken Word Concert Group (17 & under) Scholarship - \$300	Stefan Jones (Sask Valley)
Class 5	Alfredo S. Uy Memorial Spoken Word Poetry/Prose (17 & under) Scholarship - \$300	Stefan Jones (Sask Valley)
Class 6	Challis Spoken Word Poetry (15 years & under) Scholarship - \$200	Isabelle Theoren (Outlook)
Class 7	Spoken Word Prose (15 years & under) Scholarship - \$200	Noah Christensen (Quill Plains)
Class 8	Spoken Word Poetry (13 years & under) Scholarship - \$200	Liné Linde (Prairie Sunset)
Class 9	Spoken Word Prose (13 years & under) Scholarship - \$200	Clara Reiche (Unity)
Class 10	Goodfellow Memorial Voice Oratorio (28 years & under) Scholarship - \$300	Danielle Daunheimer (Regina)
Class 11	Goodfellow Memorial Voice Operatic (28 years & under) Scholarship - \$300	Paulina Salisbury (Saskatoon)
Class 12	Goodfellow Memorial Voice French Art Song (28 years & under) Scholarship - \$300	Danielle Daunheimer (Regina)
Class 13	Henri Loiselle Memorial Voice Concert Group (28 years & under) Scholarship - \$300	Hannah Salen (Saskatoon)
Class 14	Karen Frandsen Voice Canadian Music (28 years & under) Scholarship - \$300	Emma Gillingham (Sask Valley)
Class 15	Goodfellow Memorial Voice Recital (28 years & under) Scholarship - \$300	Emma Gillingham (Saskatoon)
Class 16	SRMTA-Regina Branch Voice Concert Group (22 years & under) Scholarship - \$300	Danielle Daunheimer (Regina)
Class 17	Heather Laxdal Memorial Voice Recital (22 years & under) Scholarship - \$300	Nora Rittinger (Saskatoon)
Class 18	Heather Laxdal Memorial Voice Lieder (28 years & under) Scholarship - \$150	Sophie Regier (Rosetown)
Class 18	Whelan Piano Lieder (28 years & under) Scholarship - \$150	Levin Wiebe (Rosetown)
Class 19	Regina Music Festival Voice Concert Group (17 years & under) Scholarship - \$300	Mia Gillingham (Sask Valley)
Class 20	A. L.'s Music Voice Folk Song/Ballad (17 years & under) Scholarship - \$300	Natalie Warren (Moose Jaw)
Class 21	Covey Voice Recital Class (17 years & under) Scholarship - \$300	Sydney Kelln (Saskatoon)
Class 22	Music for Young Children Voice Folk Song/Ballad (15 years & under) Scholarship - \$200	Kathleen Booker (Regina)
Class 23	Marilyn Whitehead Voice Recital (15 years & under) Scholarship - \$200	Sadie Gryba (Saskatoon)
Class 24	Music for Young Children Voice Folk Song/Ballad (13 & under) Scholarship - \$200	Leah Hammond (Regina)
Class 25	Dianne Gryba Voice Recital (13 years & under) Scholarship - \$200	Kadence Trachuk (Lloydminster)
	Joanne Messer Senior Vocal (28 years & under) Scholarship - \$800	Danielle Daunheimer (Regina)
Class 26	Musical Theatre Ballad Classic/Modern (28 years & under) Scholarship - \$300	John Cody (Saskatoon)
Class 26	Runner-up Scholarship - \$150	Nora Rittinger (Saskatoon)
Class 27	Ursan Family Musical Theatre Ballad Contemporary (28 & under) Scholarship - \$300	Nora Rittinger (Saskatoon)
Class 27	Runner-up Scholarship - \$200	John Cody (Saskatoon)
Class 28	Katja Meszaros Mem. MT Up-tempo Classic/Modern (28 & under) Scholarship - \$500	Nora Rittinger (Saskatoon)
Class 28	Runner-up Scholarship - \$150	Forrest Hiebert (Saskatoon)
Class 29	Margaret Caldwell Mem. MT Up-tempo Contemp. (28 & under) Scholarship - \$300	Kaleigh Day (Saskatoon)
Class 29	Runner-up Scholarship - \$150	Paulina Salisbury (Saskatoon)
Class 30	Regan Grant Memorial MT Ballad Classic/Modern (17 & under) Scholarship - \$300	Isaiah Artavia (Moose Jaw)
Class 30	Runner-up Scholarship - \$150	Natalie Warren (Moose Jaw)

Class 31	Live Fully Productions MT Ballad Contemporary (17 years & under) Scholarship - \$300	Natalie Warren (Moose Jaw)
Class 31	Runner-up Scholarship - \$150	Izzy J. Adams (Moose Jaw)
Class 32	Sandra Ryba Memorial MT Up-tempo Classic/Modern (17 years & under) - \$300	Sophie Regier (Swift Current)
Class 32	Runner-up Scholarship - \$150	Ella Moskal (Saskatoon)
Class 33	Musical Theatre Up-tempo Contemporary (17 years & under) Scholarship - \$300	Isaiah Artavia (Moose Jaw)
Class 33	Runner-up Scholarship - \$150	Sydney Kelln (Saskatoon)
Class 34	Center Stage Studios MT Ballad Classic/Modern (15 years & under) Scholarship - \$200	Asher Brown (Moose Jaw)
Class 34	Runner-up Scholarship - \$100	Sadie Gryba (Saskatoon)
Class 35	Center Stage Studios MT Ballad Contemporary (15 years & under) Scholarship - \$200	Sadie Gryba (Saskatoon)
Class 35	Runner-up Scholarship - \$100	Elizabeth Deans (Moose Jaw)
Class 36	Dorothy Seibold Mem. MT Up-tempo Classic/Modern (15 & under) Scholarship - \$300	Asher Brown (Moose Jaw)
Class 26	Runner-up Scholarship - \$100	Sydney Hershmillier (Regina)
Class 37	Center Stage Studios MT Up-tempo Contemporary (15 & under) Scholarship - \$200	Sadie Gryba (Saskatoon)
Class 37	Runner-up Scholarship - \$100	Tessa Macknak (Regina)
Class 38	Krista Brost MT Ballad Classic/Modern (13 years & under) Scholarship - \$200	Kadence Trachuk (Lloydminster)
Class 38	Runner-up Scholarship - \$100	Camryn Michener (Moose Jaw)
Class 39	Doris Covey Lazecki MT Ballad Contemporary (13 & under) Scholarship - \$200	Kadence Trachuk (Lloydminster)
Class 39	Runner-up Scholarship - \$100	Heidi van der Merwe (Regina)
Class 40	Rosetown Festival MT Up-tempo Classic/Modern (13 & under) Scholarship - \$200	Kadence Trachuk (Lloydminster)
Class 40	Runner-up Scholarship - \$100	Ilyah Brown (Regina)
Class 41	Centre Stage Studios Musical Theatre Up-tempo Contemporary - \$400	Kadence Trachuk (Lloydminster)
Class 41	Runner-up Scholarship - \$100	Jake Loshack (Saskatoon)
Class 42	Arlene Stuart Memorial Piano Bach (28 years & under) Scholarship - \$300	Esther Zhu (Saskatoon)
Class 43	Sharon Penner Memorial Piano Sonata (28 years & under) Scholarship - \$300	Avery Guo (Saskatoon)
Class 44	SRMTA Piano Romantic Music (28 years & under) Scholarship - \$300	Dustin Nguyen (Regina)
Class 45	Piano French Music (28 years & under) Scholarship - \$300	Dustin Nguyen (Regina)
Class 46	Piano Concerto (28 years & under) Scholarship - \$300	Avery Guo (Saskatoon)
Class 48	Helen Davidson Memorial Piano Cdn/SK Music (28 years & under) Scholarship - \$300	Amy Zhang (Saskatoon)
Class 49	Toppings Family Piano Bach (17 years & under) Scholarship - \$300	Shoshana Miller (Moose Jaw)
Class 50	Dr. Philip Brost Piano Sonata (17 years & under) Scholarship - \$300	April Shi (Saskatoon)
Class 51	England & Ferguson Memorial Piano Romantic (17 years & under) Scholarship - \$300	April Shi (Saskatoon)
Class 52	Perspective Festival Piano French Music (17 years & under) Scholarship - \$300	Eliana Bakanec (Biggar)
Class 53	Verna Veikle Memorial Piano Concerto (17 years & under) Scholarship - \$300	Boaman Liu (Saskatoon)
Class 54	Piano 20th/21st Century (17 years & under) Scholarship - \$300	Evia McDowell (Yorkton)
Class 55	Hancock Piano Canadian/SK Music (17 years & under) Scholarship - \$300	April Shi (Saskatoon)
Class 56	Dr. Thomas Yu Piano Recital (15 years & under) Scholarship - \$200	Jayden Wang (Qu'Appelle Valley)
Class 57	Borderland Festival Piano Canadian/SK Music (15 & under) Piano Scholarship - \$200	Nirvan Sharma (Saskatoon)
Class 58	Dianne Gryba Piano Recital (13 years & under) Scholarship - \$200	Zixuan Zhou (Saskatoon)
Class 59	Jackson Memorial Piano Canadian/SK Music (13 & under) Piano Scholarship - \$200	Dana Pham (Lloydminster)
Class 60	Anna Klassen Piano Conservatory (Grade 9/10) Scholarship - \$300	Boacus Liu (Saskatoon)
Class 61	Anna Klassen Piano Conservatory (Grade 8) Scholarship - \$300	Zipeng Wang (Saskatoon)
Class 62	Anna Klassen Piano Conservatory (Grade 6) Scholarship - \$200	Alvina Sal-ao (Humboldt)
	Garth Beckett/Gustin House Senior Piano Scholarship - \$1,500	Dustin Nguyen (Regina)
	Sister Boyle Piano (17 years & under) Scholarship - \$1,500	April Shi (Saskatoon)
Class 64	Mrs. Clare K. Mendel Memorial Strings Recital (28 years & under) Scholarship - \$300	Elisha Ruo (Saskatoon)
Class 65	Johanna Mitchell Mem. Strings Concerto & Sonata (17 & under) Scholarship - \$300	Xu Zihan (Regina)
Class 66	Robert C. Mitchell Memorial Strings Recital (17 years & under) Scholarship - \$300	Robert Yang (Saskatoon)
Class 67	Strings Concerto & Sonata (15 years & under) Scholarship - \$200	Alejandro Gahite (Regina)
Class 68	Regina Music Festival Strings Recital (15 years & under) Scholarship - \$200	Mehtab Bath (Saskatoon)
Class 69	Strings Concerto & Sonata (13 years & under) Scholarship - \$200	Vesper Stevenson (Saskatoon)
Class 70	Strings Recital (13 years & under) Scholarship - \$200	Kaia Pas (Saskatoon)
Class 71	Classical Guitar Recital (28 years & under) Scholarship - \$300	Tague O'Bright (Moose Jaw)
Class 73	Stein Farms Ltd. Classical Guitar Recital (17 years & under) Scholarship - \$300	Felix Lin (Saskatoon)
Class 76	Saskatchewan Band Association Woodwind Recital (28 & under) Scholarship - \$300	Anthony Glitz (Potashville)
Class 77	Woodwind Concerto & Sonata (17 years & under) Scholarship - \$300	Elise Jackson-Reynolds (Regina)
Class 78	Brost Family Woodwind Recital (17 years & under) Scholarship - \$300	Kayla Andres (Lloydminster)
Class 79	Brass Concerto & Sonata (28 years & under) Scholarship - \$300	Andrew Pittman (Saskatoon)
Class 80	Saskatchewan Band Association Brass Recital (28 years & under) Scholarship - \$300	Andrew Pittman (Saskatoon)
Class 81	Brass Concerto & Sonata (17 years & under) Scholarship - \$300	Mathis Chu (Regina)
Class 82	Brass Recital (17 years & under) Scholarship - \$300	Mathis Chu (Regina)
Class 84	Saskatchewan Band Association Percussion Recital (28 & under) Scholarship - \$300	Dmitri Masich (Saskatoon)
Class 85	Percussion Concerto & Sonata (17 years & under) Scholarship - \$300	Moira Padberg (Kindersley)
Class 86	Maple Creek Festival Percussion Recital (17 years & under) Scholarship - \$300	Kayella Robertson (Saskatoon)

Participants in the Canada West Classes competed at the Provincial Level for the opportunity to represent Saskatchewan at the Canada West Performing Arts Festival in Saskatoon, SK, July 24-26. The following competitors were chosen to advance to Canada West:

Canada West Classical Voice (13 years & under)	Claire Booker (Regina)
Canada West Classical Voice (13 years & under)	Alice Han (Saskatoon)
Canada West Classical Voice (13 years & under)	Liné Linde (Prairie Sunset)
Canada West Classical Voice (17 years & under)	Kathleen Booker (Regina)
Canada West Classical Voice (17 years & under)	Mia Gillingham (Sask Valley)
Canada West Classical Voice (17 years & under)	Sydney Kelln (Saskatoon)
Canada West Classical Voice (22 years & under)	Danielle Daunheimer (Regina)
Canada West Classical Voice (22 years & under)	Hannah Salen (Saskatoon)
Canada West Classical Voice (22 years & under)	Paulina Salisbury (Saskatoon)
Canada West Piano (13 years & under)	Cynthia Gu (Regina)
Canada West Piano (13 years & under)	Boacus Liu (Saskatoon)
Canada West Piano (13 years & under)	Clara Zhang (Saskatoon)
Canada West Piano (17 years & under)	Eliana Bakanec (Prairie Sunset)
Canada West Piano (17 years & under)	Boaman Liu (Saskatoon)
Canada West Piano (17 years & under)	Amy Zhang (Saskatoon)
Canada West Piano (22 years & under)	Avery Guo (Saskatoon)
Canada West Piano (22 years & under)	Esther Zhu (Saskatoon)
Canada West Strings (13 years & under)	Kaia Pas (Saskatoon)
Canada West Strings (13 years & under)	Vesper Stevenson (Saskatoon)
Canada West Strings (17 years & under)	Sophia Tirkajla (Saskatoon)
Canada West Strings (17 years & under)	Robert Yang (Saskatoon)
Canada West Strings (22 years & under)	Elisha Ruo (Saskatoon)
Canada West Woodwind (17 years & under)	Valerie Rollheiser (Lloydminster)
Canada West Brass (17 years & under)	Mathis Chu (Regina)
Canada West Classical Guitar (22 years & under)	Tague O'Bright (Moose Jaw)
Canada West Speech Arts & Drama (13 years & under)	Lola Hickman (Lloydminster)
Canada West Speech Arts & Drama (13 years & under)	Liné Linde (Prairie Sunset)
Canada West Speech Arts & Drama (13 years & under)	Clara Reiche (Unity)
Canada West Speech Arts & Drama (17 years & under)	Stefan Jones (Sask Valley)
Canada West Speech Arts & Drama (17 years & under)	Bria Sifert (Maple Creek)
Canada West Speech Arts & Drama (22 years & under)	Emma Gillingham (Sask Valley)
Canada West Musical Theatre (13 years & under)	Jack Salisbury (Saskatoon)
Canada West Musical Theatre (13 years & under)	Kadence Trachuk (Lloydminster)
Canada West Musical Theatre (13 years & under)	Natalie Simons (Lloydminster)
Canada West Musical Theatre (17 years & under)	Isaiah Artavia (Moose Jaw)
Canada West Musical Theatre (17 years & under)	Sophie Regier (Swift Current)
Canada West Musical Theatre (17 years & under)	Natalie Warren (Moose Jaw)
Canada West Musical Theatre (22 years & under)	Kayleigh Day (Moose Jaw)
Canada West Musical Theatre (22 years & under)	Nora Rittinger (Saskatoon)
Canada West Musical Theatre (22 years & under)	Paulina Salisbury (Saskatoon)
Canada West Community/School Choral (16 years & under)	Luther College High School Treble Choir (Regina)
Canada West Community/School Choral (20 years & under)	SHHS Chamber Choir (Yorkton)



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