SASKATCHEWAN MUSIC FESTIVAL ASSOCIATION
Performing Arts Competitions

PO Box 37005, Regina S4S 7K3
(306) 757-1722 | sask.music.festival@sasktel.net | www.smfa.ca

June 7, 2026

The Saskatchewan Music Festival Association (SMFA), now in its 119th year, presented the annual Provincial Finals Competitions and the Provincial Level of Canada West Competition at the University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon from June 4 to 7, 2026. Adjudicators for the competitions were: **Senior Voice:** Monica Huisman, MB; **Senior Musical Theatre:** Maura Sharkey-Pryma (AB); **Junior Voice/Musical Theatre:** Gwenna Fairchild-Taylor (ON); **Piano:** Younggun Kim, ON; **Strings:** Minna Rose Chung (MB); **Brass/Woodwind/Percussion:** Wendy Zander, MB; **Spoken Word:** Arlene Irwin, AB; **Choral:** Andrea Ciona, AB.

From Thursday to Sunday, over 700 performances by winners from 37 of 44 District Music Festivals across Saskatchewan were heard. Choral entries were adjudicated by recording and were announced prior to the weekend competitions.

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 Edmonton in July.

The following were declared Provincial Winners and Runners-Up:

Class 1	**Saskatchewan Choral Federation Choral Scholarship - $500**	RJC Singers (Sask Valley)
Class 2	**Kiwanis Club of Regina-Wascana Gallagher Mem. Scholarship - $500**	Campbell Collegiate Chamber Choir (Regina)
Class 87	**Saskatchewan Choral Federation School Music Scholarship - $500**	Sylvia Fedoruk Grade 4/5 Choir (Saskatoon)
Class 5	**Doris Bircham Memorial Spoken Word Concert Group (17 &under) Scholarship - $300**	Isabella Theoret (Outlook)
Class 6	**Alfredo S. Uy Memorial Spoken Word Poetry/Prose (17 & under) Scholarship - $300**	Madison Rawson (Rosetown)
Class 7	**Challis Spoken Word Poetry (15 years & under) Scholarship - $200**	Mattea Gabrielson (Lloydminster)
Class 9	**Lolin Enterprises Spoken Word Poetry (13 years & under) Scholarship - $200**	Clara Reiche (Unity)
Class 10	**Lolin Enterprises Spoken Word Prose (13 years & under) Scholarship - $200**	Jasmine Bolt (Quill Plains)
Class 11	**Goodfellow Memorial Voice Oratorio (28 years & under) Scholarship - $300**	Max Eyre-Wilkins (Saskatoon)
Class 12	**Goodfellow Memorial Voice Operatic (28 years & under) Scholarship - $300**	Paulina Salisbury (Saskatoon)
Class 13	**Goodfellow Memorial Voice French Art Song (28 years & under) Scholarship - $300**	Keara Van Olst (Saskatoon)
Class 14	**Henri Loiselle Memorial Voice Concert Group (28 years & under) Scholarship - $300**	Paulina Salisbury (Saskatoon)
Class 16	**Goodfellow Memorial Voice Recital (28 years & under) Scholarship - $300**	Paulina Salisbury (Saskatoon)
Class 17	**Emma Johnson Voice Concert Group (22 years & under) Scholarship - $300**	Sydney Kelln (Saskatoon)
Class 18	**Heather Laxdal Memorial Voice Recital (22 years & under) Scholarship - $300**	Sydney Kelln (Saskatoon)
Class 19	**Heather Laxdal Memorial Voice Lieder (28 years & under) Scholarship - $150**	Keara Van Olst (Saskatoon)
Class 19	**Whelan Piano Lieder (28 years & under) Scholarship - $150**	Avery Guo (Saskatoon)
Class 20	**Regina Music Festival Voice Concert Group (17 years & under) Scholarship - $300**	Sadie Gryba (Saskatoon)
Class 21	**A. L.'s Music Voice Folk Song/Ballad (17 years & under) Scholarship - $300**	Sadie Gryba (Saskatoon)
Class 22	**Blanche Squires Voice Canadian/SK Music (17 years & under) Scholarship - $300**	Keira Mahnke (Weyburn)
Class 23	**Covey Voice Recital Class (17 years & under) Scholarship - $300**	Keira Mahnke (Weyburn)
Class 24	**MYC Voice Folk Song/Ballad (15 years & under) Scholarship - $200**	Vesper Stevenson (Saskatoon)
Class 25	**Marilyn Whitehead Voice Recital (15 years & under) Scholarship - $200**	Kaia Pas (Saskatoon)
Class 26	**Music for Young Children Voice Folk Song/Ballad (13 & under) Scholarship - $200**	Kadence Trachuk (Lloydminster)
Class 27	**Dianne Gryba Voice Recital (13 years & under) Scholarship - $200**	Liné Linde (Prairie Sunset)
	Joanne Messer Senior Vocal (28 years & under) Scholarship - $800	Paulina Salisbury (Saskatoon)
Class 28	**Regan Grant Mem. MT Ballad Classic/Modern (28 years & under) Scholarship - $300**	Alexander Klassen (Saskatoon)
Class 28	Runner-up Scholarship - $150	John Cody (Saskatoon)
Class 29	**Ursan Family Musical Theatre Ballad Contemporary (28 & under) Scholarship - $300**	Max Eyre-Wilkins (Saskatoon)
Class 29	Runner-up Scholarship - $150	Rundle Ryba (Moose Jaw)
Class 30	**Katja Meszaros Mem. MT Up-tempo Classic/Modern (28 & under) Scholarship - $500**	Max Eyre-Wilkins (Saskatoon)
Class 30	Runner-up Scholarship - $150	Forrest Hiebert (Saskatoon)
Class 31	**Margaret Caldwell Mem. MT Up-tempo Contemp. (28 & under) Scholarship - $300**	Max Eyre-Wilkins (Saskatoon)
Class 31	Runner-up Scholarship - $150	Izzy Adams (Moose Jaw)
Class 32	**Hughton Family Musical Theatre Ballad Classic/Modern (17 & under) Scholarship - $300**	Asher Brown (Moose Jaw)
Class 32	Runner-up Scholarship - $150	Sadie Gryba (Saskatoon)
Class 33	**Live Fully Productions MT Ballad Contemporary (17 years & under) Scholarship - $300**	Natalie Warren (Moose Jaw)
Class 33	Runner-up Scholarship - $150	Simon Craig (Regina)

Class 34 **Sandra Ryba Memorial MT Up-tempo Classic/Modern (17 years & under) - $300** ..... Asher Brown (Moose Jaw)
Class 34 Runner-up Scholarship - $150 ..... Jordan Roy (Saskatoon)
Class 35 **Hughton Family MT Up-tempo Contemporary (17 years & under) Scholarship - $300** ..... Natalie Warren (Moose Jaw)
Class 35 Runner-up Scholarship - $150 ..... Sadie Gryba (Saskatoon)
Class 36 **Center Stage Studios MT Ballad Classic/Modern (15 years & under) Scholarship - $200** ..... Reid Silvernagle (Biggar)
Class 36 Runner-up Scholarship - $100 ..... Ruby Hickman (Lloydminster)
Class 37 **Center Stage Studios MT Ballad Contemporary (15 years & under) Scholarship - $200** ... Heidi van der Merwe (Regina)
Class 37 Runner-up Scholarship - $100 ..... Jake Loshack (Saskatoon)
Class 38 **Strutt & Seibold Mem. MT Up-tempo Classic/Modern (15 & under) Scholarship - $200** ..... Jake Loshack (Saskatoon)
Class 38 Runner-up Scholarship - $100 ..... London Wiebe (Saskatoon)
Class 39 **Center Stage Studios MT Up-tempo Contemporary (15 & under) Scholarship - $200** ..... London Wiebe (Saskatoon)
Class 39 Runner-up Scholarship - $100 ..... Jake Loshack (Saskatoon)
Class 40 **Krista Brost MT Ballad Classic/Modern (13 years & under) Scholarship - $200** ..... Elsie Lapointe (Saskatoon)
Class 40 Runner-up Scholarship - $100 ..... Iylah Brown (Regina)
Class 41 **Doris Covey Lazecki Mem. MT Ballad Cont. (13 & under) Scholarship - $200** ..... Kadence Trachuk (Lloydminster)
Class 41 Runner-up Scholarship - $100 ..... Alice Han (Saskatoon)
Class 42 **Rosetown Festival MT Up-tempo Classic/Modern (13 & under) Scholarship - $200** ..... Isabel Neovard (Regina)
Class 42 Runner-up Scholarship - $100 ..... Kadence Trachuk (Lloydminster)
Class 43 **Centre Stage Studios Musical Theatre Up-tempo Contemporary - $200** ..... Elsie Lapointe (Saskatoon)
Class 43 Runner-up Scholarship - $100 ..... Kadence Trachuk (Lloydminster)
Class 44 **Arlene Stuart Memorial Piano Bach (28 years & under) Scholarship - $300** ..... Xavier Russell-MacLean (Regina)
Class 45 **SMFA Adjudicating Excellence Piano Sonata (28 years & under) Scholarship - $300** ..... Esther Zhu (Saskatoon)
Class 46 **SRMTA Piano Romantic Music (28 years & under) Scholarship - $300** ..... April Shi (Saskatoon)
Class 47 **Blanche Squires Piano French Music (28 years & under) Scholarship - $300** ..... Felicia Deal (Weyburn)
Class 48 **M. Junice Headley Memorial Piano Concerto (28 years & under) Scholarship - $300** ..... April Shi (Saskatoon)
Class 49 **Helen Davidson Memorial Piano 20th/21st C Music (28 years & under) Scholarship - $300** ..... Esther Zhu (Saskatoon)
Class 50 **Kathleen Keple Piano Cdn/SK Music (28 years & under) Scholarship - $300** ..... April Shi (Saskatoon)
Class 51 **Toppings Family Piano Bach (17 years & under) Scholarship - $300** ..... Michael Xia (Regina)
Class 52 **MacKinnon Family Piano Sonata (17 years & under) Scholarship - $300** ..... Andrew Liu (Regina)
Class 53 **England & Ferguson Memorial Piano Romantic (17 years & under) Scholarship - $300** ..... Boaman Liu (Saskatoon)
Class 54 **Perspective Festival Piano French Music (17 years & under) Scholarship - $300** ..... Andrew Liu (Regina)
Class 55 **Verna Veikle Memorial Piano Concerto (17 years & under) Scholarship - $300** ..... Boaman Liu (Saskatoon)
Class 56 **Piano 20th/21st Century (17 years & under) Scholarship - $300** ..... Andrew Liu (Regina)
Class 57 **Hancock Piano Canadian/SK Music (17 years & under) Scholarship - $300** ..... Boaman Liu (Saskatoon)
Class 58 **Dr. Thomas Yu Piano Recital (15 years & under) Scholarship - $200** ..... Chen Ni Liang (Saskatoon)
Class 59 **Borderland Festival Piano Canadian/SK Music (15 & under) Piano Scholarship - $200** ..... Byeolha Seo (Gravelbourg)
Class 60 **Dianne Gryba Piano Recital (13 years & under) Scholarship - $200** ..... Judy Zhu (Regina)
Class 61 **Kathleen Keple Piano Canadian/SK Music (13 & under) Piano Scholarship - $200** ..... Clara Zhang (Saskatoon)
Class 62 **Anna Klassen Piano Conservatory (Grade 9/10) Scholarship - $300** ..... Chen Ni Liang (Saskatoon)
Class 63 **Anna Klassen Piano Conservatory (Grade 8) Scholarship - $300** ..... Gloria Zhou (Saskatoon)
Class 64 **Anna Klassen Piano Conservatory (Grade 6) Scholarship - $200** ..... Margot Osicki (Regina)
Garth Beckett/Gustin House Senior Piano Scholarship - $1,500 ..... April Shi (Saskatoon)
Sister Boyle Piano (17 years & under) Scholarship - $1,500 ..... Boaman Liu (Saskatoon)
Class 65 **Fred S. Mendel Memorial Strings Concerto & Sonata (28 years & under) Scholarship - $300** ..... Zihan Xu (Regina)
Class 66 **Mrs. Clare K. Mendel Memorial Strings Recital (28 years & under) Scholarship - $300** ..... Denys Karnaukh (Saskatoon)
Class 67 **Johanna Mitchell Memorial Strings Concerto & Sonata (17 & under) Scholarship - $300** ..... Tully Shantz (Saskatoon)
Class 68 **Robert C. Mitchell Memorial Strings Recital (17 years & under) Scholarship - $300** ..... Mehtab Bath (Saskatoon)
Class 69 **Blanche Squires Strings Concerto & Sonata (15 years & under) Scholarship - $200** ..... Caleb Samuel (Saskatoon)
Class 70 **Regina Music Festival Strings Recital (15 years & under) Scholarship - $200** ..... Alejandro Gahite (Regina)
Class 71 **Strings Concerto & Sonata (13 years & under) Scholarship - $200** ..... Sage Grey (Saskatoon)
Class 72 **Lolin Enterprises Strings Recital (13 years & under) Scholarship - $200** ..... Aiden Seok Wang (Regina)
Class 77 **Sandra Senga Woodwind Concerto & Sonata (28 years & under) Scholarship - $300** ..... Abigail Bowles (Saskatoon)
Class 78 **Saskatchewan Band Association Woodwind Recital (28 & under) Scholarship - $300** ..... Gabby Atkinson (Saskatoon)
Class 79 **Sandra Senga Woodwind Concerto & Sonata (17 years & under) Scholarship - $300** ..... Maia Essien (Regina)
Class 80 **Brost Family Woodwind Recital (17 years & under) Scholarship - $300** ..... Yi Gao (Regina)
Class 81 **Brass Concerto & Sonata (28 years & under) Scholarship - $300** ..... Dongxu Zhang (Saskatoon)
Class 82 **Saskatchewan Band Association Brass Recital (28 years & under) Scholarship - $300** ..... Mathis Chu (Regina)
Class 83 **Sandra Senga Brass Concerto & Sonata (17 years & under) Scholarship - $300** ..... Christopher Karjala (Saskatoon)
Class 84 **Brass Recital (17 years & under) Scholarship - $300** ..... Daniel Karjala (Saskatoon)
Class 87 **Percussion Concerto & Sonata (17 years & under) Scholarship - $300** ..... Kayella Robertson (Saskatoon)
Class 88 **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 Edmonton, AB, July 24 & 25. The following competitors were chosen to advance to Canada West:

Canada West Classical Voice (13 years & under) ..... Grace Hall (Estevan)
..... Alice Han (Saskatoon)
..... Palmer Tastad (Saskatoon)
Canada West Classical Voice (17 years & under) ..... Mia Gillingham (Sask Valley)
..... Sadie Gryba (Saskatoon)
..... Keira Mahnke (Weyburn)
Canada West Classical Voice (22 years & under) ..... Annelise Balzer (Saskatoon)
..... Max Eyre-Wilkins (Saskatoon)
Canada West Piano (13 years & under) ..... Boacus Liu (Saskatoon)
..... Nathan Wilhelm (Mainline)
..... Judy Zhu (Regina)
Canada West Piano (17 years & under) ..... Boaman Liu (Saskatoon)
..... Byeolha Seo (Assiniboia)
..... April Shi (Saskatoon)
Canada West Strings (13 years & under) ..... Mariah Bakanec (Prairie Sunset)
..... Sage Grey (Saskatoon)
Canada West Strings (17 years & under) ..... Mehtab Bath (Saskatoon)
..... Vesper Stevenson (Saskatoon)
Canada West Woodwind (17 years & under) ..... Maia Essien (Regina)
..... Arthur Glitz (Potashville)
..... Valerie Rollheiser (Lloydminster)
Canada West Brass (17 years & under) ..... Daniel Karjala (Saskatoon)
Canada West Brass (22 years & under) ..... Mathis Chu (Regina)
Canada West Speech Arts & Drama (13 years & under) ..... Lola Hickman (Lloydminster)
..... Liné Linde (Prairie Sunset)
..... Clara Reiche (Unity)
Canada West Speech Arts & Drama (17 years & under) ..... Julia Miles (Mainline)
Canada West Musical Theatre (13 years & under) ..... Rachel Glines (Twin Rivers)
..... Elsie Lapointe (Saskatoon)
..... Kadence Trachuk (Lloydminster)
Canada West Musical Theatre (17 years & under) ..... Mia Gillingham (Sask Valley)
..... Sadie Gryba (Saskatoon)
..... Jake Loshack (Saskatoon)
Canada West Musical Theatre (22 years & under) ..... Max Eyre-Wilkins (Saskatoon)
..... Jocelyn Heroux (Regina)
..... Alara Lutz (Saskatoon)
Canada West Community/School Choral (16 years & under) ..... Luther College High School Treble Choir (Regina)
Canada West Community/School Choral (20 years & under) ..... Cantate Senior Choir (Regina)







Since 1908, the Saskatchewan Music Festival Association has played a major role in the development of a competitive music festival system of the highest standard.
SMFA gratefully acknowledges sponsorship from **SaskTel,** continuing support of **individual donors** and global funding through the **SaskLotteries Trust Fund for Sport, Culture & Recreation.**

For more information, please contact sask.music.festival@sasktel.net
or visit our website at www.smfa.ca.