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KIWANIS MUSIC FESTIVAL

77th Annual Finale Concert

Friday May 2nd, 7:00 pm
Knox Presbyterian Church
50 Erb St W, Waterloo

A service project of the Kiwanis Club of Kitchener-Waterloo since 1948

Finale Concert Program

Master of Ceremonies:
Joan Walker & Vanessa Yundt

POP, ROCK & JAZZ BANDS:
David Saint Jacques Rock Band
Down on the Corner, J. Fogerty (CCR)

PIANO ENSEMBLES:
Edward Xiong, Ryan Liu, Samuel Wang & Yifan Chen
Bumble Boogie, J. Fina, arr. L.W. Warren

MUSICAL THEATRE:
Grace Morton, Collaborative Pianist: Jason White
No Good Deed, from Wicked, S. Schwartz

CHAMBER MUSIC:
LAMA Strings & Piano Trio: Sofia Rodriguez-Valtierra, Yisong Wan, Mason Lei
"Dumky" Piano Trio in Em: Mvt I, A. Dvorak

TROPHY PRESENTATIONS:
Jim Walker Memorial Trophy – Mason Lei
Cello Trophy – Yisong Wan
Piano Quartet Trophy – Edward Xiong, Ryan Liu, Samuel Wang & Yifan Chen
Composition Trophy – Celeste De Vito
School Strings Trophy – Laurel Heights Strings Ensemble

AWARDS & OMFA DELEGATES GROUP A PHOTO

CHINESE INSTRUMENTS:

Rylee Chang (Erhu), Accompanist (Dulcimer): Kelsey Cai

Beautiful Night, T. Liu

ELEMENTARY PIANO:

Stephen Chen

Follow My Leader, F. Swinstead

POPULAR VOICE:

Penelope Sandoval

What Was I Made For, Billie Eilish

JUNIOR VIOLIN:

Byul Han, Collaborative Pianist: Joanne Bender

Concertino in the Style of Antonio Vivaldi: Mvt I

F. Küchler

POPULAR SAXOPHONE:

Jasmine Powell, Collaborative Pianist: Peter de Sousa

I Remember Clifford, B. Golson

TROPHY PRESENTATIONS:

Elementary Piano – Stephen Chen

Chopin Piano Trophy – Sophia Lin

Violin Concerto Trophy – Vincent Marrufo

Intermediate Piano Trophy – Annie Cao

Choir Trophy – Sunshine Montessori School Senior Choir

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JUNIOR PIANO:

Arno Genest

Sonatina in G Major: Mvt I, A. Diabelli

GUITAR:

Brayden Rak

Tango en skai, R. Dyens

CELLO:

Olivier Joyce, Collaborative Pianist: Catherine Freitag

Elegie, G. Faure

CLASSICAL VOICE:

Kiki Beniston, Collaborative Pianist: Gavin Yeomans

Amor preparami, A. Scarlatti, arr. J.G. Paton

INTERMEDIATE PIANO:

Sara Aizawa

Song of the Lark, P.I. Tchaikovsky

TROPHY PRESENTATIONS:

Junior Piano Trophy – Arno Genest

Guitar Trophy – Brayden Rak

Classical Voice Trophy – Kiki Beniston

Brass Trophy – Emile Grimes

Violin Trophy – Marion & Joy Cha-Kang

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CLASSICAL SAXOPHONE:

Nathaniel Nahrgang, Collaborative Pianist: Becky Verdun

Scaramouche: Mvt II, D. Milhaud

PIANO ENSEMBLES:

Amy Zeng & Annie Zeng

Rumba, T. Johnson

SENIOR VIOLIN:

Michael Kitaev, Collaborative Pianist: Olena Klyucharova

Scherzo tarantella in Gm, H. Wieniawski

SENIOR PIANO:

Jesse Jiexi He

Paganini Jazz, F. Say

POP, ROCK & JAZZ BANDS:

Eastwood Combo No. 5

Birdland, J. Zawinul

TROPHY PRESENTATIONS:

Woodwind Trophy – Nathaniel Nahrgang

Senior Piano Trophy – Jesse Jiexi He

School Band Trophy – Eastwood Concert Winds

Musical Theatre Trophy – Liam Blevins

Popular Voice Trophy – Rebecca Faerman

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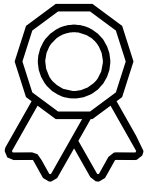
2025 Festival Award Winners

Brass
Emile Grimes - $50

Cello & Double Bass
Junpei Ariizumi - $100
Olivier Joyce - $100
Rylee Chang - $50
Yisong Wan - $250

Chinese Instruments
Emily Pavlin - $100
Johnson Zhang - $50
Rylee Chang - $50



Classical Voice
Cloris Feng - $50
Kiki Beniston - $200
Sean Mendes - $100

Composition
Celeste De Vito - $100
Maria Truta - $50

Guitar
Barzin Vazifedoost - $50
Brayden Rak - $100
Hagyun Lee - $50

Senior Piano
Jesse Jiexi He - $500
Mason Lei - $400
Michael Kitaev - $200
Sophia Lin - $300
Timothy Denau - $100
Yisong Wan - $100

Elementary Piano
Alexander Dona - $50
Austin Li - $100
Dean Balls - $50
Emma Chan - $50
George Fernandes - $50
Holly Fritz - $50
Jonathan Chen - $100
Matvei Sidelnikov - $75
Peter Huang - $75
Remi Angod - $75
Stephen Chen - $200

Intermediate Piano
Alec Wang - $125
Annabelle Xu - $50
Annie Cao - $300
Holly Hu - $50
Jane Ye - $150
Joshua VanderBurgh - $75
Julia Harms - $100
Katelyn Gong -$50
Kevin Tong - $100
Samuel Liu - $50
Sara Aizawa - $150
Side Liao - $50
Yisang Cheng - $50

Musical Theatre
Grace Morton - $100
Liam Blevins - $500
Margaux Azenith Barlaan - $50
Valentina Dixon-Scirgalea - $50

Junior Piano

Alena Zhang - $75
Annie Zeng - $50
Arno Genest - $250
David Levine - $100
Elliot Genest - $150
Kelly Lu - $50
Luca Angod - $50
Marina Tykhonov - $50
Maya Karim - $50
Qianjing (Patrick) Qiao - $100
Reid Finch - $150
Robbie Parkinson - $75
Suya Borjigin - $75
Thomas Moosa - $150
Vivian Bai - $100

Junior Violin & Viola

Byul Han - $100
Jiade Liao - $50
Shannon Urrutia - $50

Senior Violin & Viola

Alice Wang - $100
Cara Huang - $150
Emma Cesario - $150
Joy Shiyu He - $50
Marion & Joy Cha-Kang - $500
Michael Kitaev - $100
Sarah Lian - $200
Sofija Radovanovic - $100
Vincent Marrufo - $300

Popular Voice

Kinza McAuliffe - $50
Nash Scharlach - $50
Penelope Sandoval - $100
Rebecca Faerman - $300

Woodwinds

Alexander Zan - $50
Jasmine Powell - $100
Nathaniel Nahrgang - $200

Piano Ensembles

Amy & Annie Zeng - $150
Rachel Gao & Bryan Gong - $150
Edward Xiong, Ryan Liu, Samuel Wang & Yifan Chen - $200

Choirs

SMS Senior Choir, Director Neil Murray - $250

School Bands

Eastwood Concert Winds, Director Lauren Helmer - $300
LHSS Senior Jazz Band, Director Matt Bruzzese - $200

Orchestras

LHSS Strings Ensemble, Director Effie Zimms - $250

KWCO Concerto Competition Winners

Yisong Wan Serena Kuang Olivier Joyce

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Rylee Chang

Classical Voice
Annabelle He
Arshida Khanjani
Dana Koshulko
Kiki Beniston
Lindsay Kerton
Margaux Azenith Barlaan
Natalie Huang
Sullivan Thompson
Zander Li

Composition
Celeste De Vito
Milly Saliwonchyk
Shuborno Biswas

Contemporary & Popular Piano
Adwita Thirumurugan
Alexa McMurachy
Arya Nuthulapati
Asya Ucler
Hannah Jiao
Isla Miller
Marianna Sutherland
Marina Tykhonov
Sofia Rodriguez
Vedanth Reddy

Elementary Piano
Alexander Dona
Austin Li
Holly Fritz
Jonathan Chen
Lukas Happe
Stephen Chen

Guitar
Barzin Vazifedoost
Brayden Rak
Hagyun Lee
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Intermediate Piano
Annie Cao
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Jane Ye
Julia Harms
Kevin Tong
Liam Thammasouk Reid
Samuel Liu
Sara Aizawa
Side Liao

Jazz Bands
David-Saint-Jaques
Jazz Band 7-8
Jacob Hespeler Jazz Band

Junior Piano
David Levine
Devin Sum
Quanjing (Patrick) Qiao
Reid Finch
Robbie Parkinson
Suya Borjigin
Vivian Bai

Junior Upper Strings
Byul Han
Jiade Liao
Josephine Lee
Lucie Gorie
Lukas Happe

Lower Strings
Alexandre Schirm
Callum Lawler-Cull
Emily Pavlin
Ivy Savigny
Junpei Ariizumi
Maxim Tikhonov
Olivier Joyce
Rylee Chang
Skylar Bible
Wesley Halton
Winston Miao
Yisong Wan
Zachary Anderson

Woodwinds
Alexander Zan
Hannah Kohut
Jacob Blais
Jasmine Powell
Nathaniel Nahrgang
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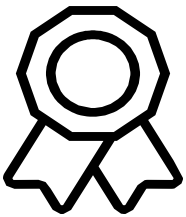
Shaoen Tang
Won jong Song



Choirs
German Language Association Kindechor
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SMS Senior Choir

Concert Bands
Huron Heights Concert Band 10-12
Kitchener Musical Society Band
LHCS Grade 8 Concert Band
Rockway Wind Ensembles
WCI Concert Band

Musical Theatre & SSAM
Annie Dear
Ariadne Deziel
Brooklyn deBoer
Elizabeth Christopher
Ella Fuller
Emily Buchanan
Grace Morton
Leah Bakker
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Liam Blevins
Margaux Azenith Barlaan
Natalie Golod
Poppy Butchart-Ray
Sullivan Thompson
Valentina Dixon-Scirgalea

Popular Voice
Brooklyn deBoer
Elizabeth Christopher
Grace Carson
Grace Morton & Liam Blevins
Jack Inoque
Julianna Sunga
Leah Bakker
Macy Keithlin
Margaux Azenith Barlaan
Nash Scharlach
Penelope Sandoval
Rebecca Faerman
Rex Thompson
Rowena Bennesch
Tracey Szarka
Valentina Dixon-Scirgalea

Piano Concertos
Daniel Zhang
Jane Ye
Serena Kuang

Senior Piano
Aarushan Shankarganesh
Bailee Bai
Edward Xiong
Jaelen Chen
Jesse Jiexi He
Michael Kitaev
Neve Finn
Timothy Denau
Yisong Wan
Yufei Gao

Senior Upper Strings
Joy Cha-kang
Joy Shiyu He
Kelly Lu
Marc Joyce
Marion Cha-kang
Matilda Pavlin
Samuel Molina
Sofija Radovanovic
Vincent Marrufo

String Ensembles
Hannie Hipel & Maja Markovic
Lily Baty & Maiya Flatt

Piano Ensembles
Amaya Ismail and May Tran
Amy and Annie Zeng
Charlotte Fry and River Nguyen
Edward Xiong, Ryan Liu, Samuel Wang & Yifan Chen
Kristina Kam and Sophia Miao
Rachel Gao and Bryan Gong
Richard Mao and Jerry Li

Senior Upper Strings
Adrian Golab
Alice Wang
Angelina Young
Annie Cao
Austin Li
Aydin Apperson
Caitlin Cull
Cara Huang
Emma Cesario
Gabrielle Joyce
Jane Ye
Jesse Jiexi He

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KW Community String School
KWBS Trio
LHSS Strings Ensemble
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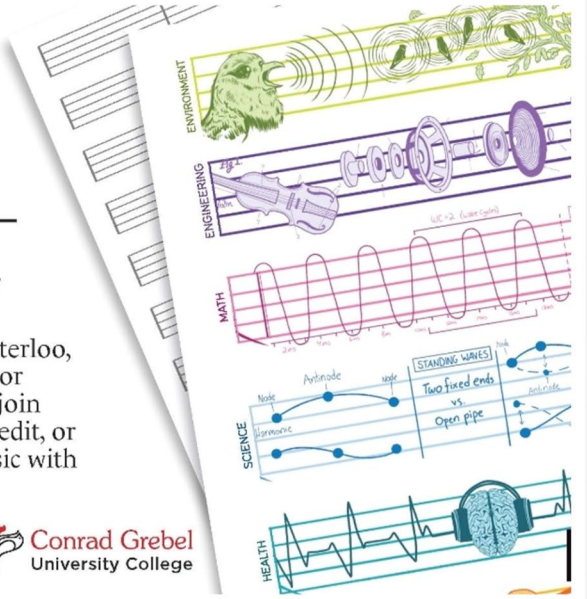

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Join us in making a difference by donating to our music education fund.

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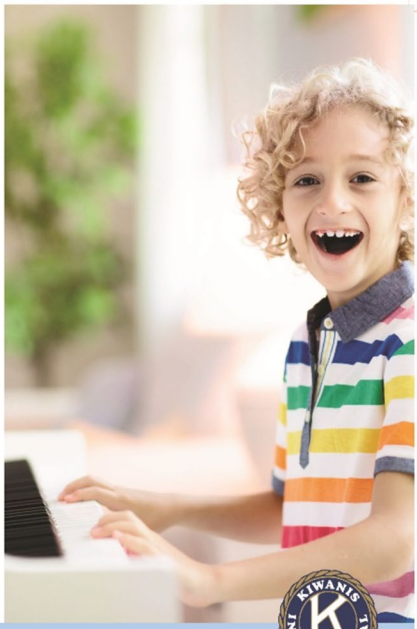

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The Finale Concert Committee

Joanne Bender, Joan Walker, Vanessa Yundt, Raymond Yundt, and Danielle Beck. Thank you for putting together all the pieces for this fantastic Finale Concert!

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