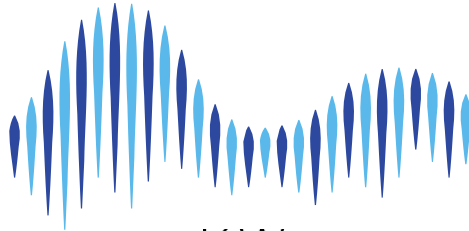


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KIWANIS MUSIC FESTIVAL

78th Annual Finale Concert

Friday May 8th, 7:00 pm
Knox Presbyterian Church
50 Erb St W, Waterloo



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Finale Concert Program



Master of Ceremonies:

Joan Walker & Vanessa Yundt

FIDDLE (PRE-SHOW):

Eastwood Fiddlers

Traditional Fiddle Tunes



STRING ENSEMBLES:

Suzuki Talent Education of Waterloo ION Ensemble

Hungarian Dance No. 5, J. Brahms

PIANO ENSEMBLES:

Robbie Parkinson & Caden Thammasouk Reid

The Phantom, M. Bober



SENIOR VIOLIN:

Marion Cha-Kang

Recitative and Scherzo caprice, op. 6, F. Kreisler

PIANO ENSEMBLES:

Annie Zeng, Behrod Sadjad, Reid Finch & Kristina Kam

Champagne Toccata, W. Gillock

TROPHY PRESENTATIONS:

Composition Trophy – Maria Truta

Elementary Piano Trophy – Stephen Chen

Violin Trophy – Marion Cha-Kang & Joy Cha-Kang

School Strings Trophy – WCI Senior Chamber Orchestra

Ursula Yundt Trophy for Piano Quartets –

Annie Zeng, Behrod Sadjad, Reid Finch & Kristina Kam

GROUP 1 AWARDS PHOTO

JUNIOR PIANO:

Leo Gu

Sonatina in F Major, II. Rondo, L. van Beethoven



CHINESE INSTRUMENTS:

Emily Pavlin, Dulcimer Accompaniment: Kelsey Cai

Galloping on the Vast Grassland, X. Li & G. Wang

INTERMEDIATE PIANO:

Forrest Yuanchi Ai

Prelude In B Minor, F. Chopin



COMPOSITION:

Jordan Jones

Duality, J. Jones

INTERMEDIATE VIOLIN:

Austin Li, Collaborative Pianist: Catherine Freitag

Coraggio (no. 10), H. Birston

TROPHY PRESENTATIONS:

Chinese Instruments Trophy – Emily Pavlin

Junior Piano – Austin Li

Intermediate Piano – Forrest Yuanchi Ai

Guitar – Brayden Rak

Choir Trophy – Eastwood Chamber Choir

GROUP 2 AWARDS PHOTO

MUSICAL THEATRE:

Ariadne Deziel, Collaborative Pianist: Sonia Kagolovskaya
Killer Instinct, from Bring It On, T. Kitts

SENIOR PIANO:

Mason Lei

Prelude No. 1, from Three Preludes, G. Gershwin

CELLO:

Yisong Wan, Collaborative Pianist: Elizabeth Norris

Tarantelle, op. 33, D. Popper

SENIOR VIOLIN:

Joy Cha-Kang

24 Caprices, No. 20, N. Paganini



TROPHY PRESENTATIONS:

Musical Theatre Trophy - Ariadne Deziel
Chopin Trophy – Mason Lei & Leah Kuepfer
Cello Trophy – Yisong Wan
Popular Voice Trophy – Leah Bakker
Brass Trophy – Emile Grimes

GROUP 3 AWARDS PHOTO

CHINESE INSTRUMENTS:

Bailee Bai

Water Splashing, Z. Shude

CLASSICAL VOICE:

Sean Mendes, Collaborative Pianist: Becky Verdun

Mattinata, R. Leoncavallo

SENIOR PIANO:

Sophia Lin

Nocturne in C Minor op.48 no.1, F. Chopin

POP, ROCK & JAZZ BANDS:

“7/11” (Laurel Heights Secondary School)

Caravan, D. Ellington & J. Tizol



TROPHY PRESENTATIONS:

Classical Voice Trophy – Sean Mendes

Violin Concerto Trophy – Vincent Marrufo

School Band Trophy – Laurel Heights Concert Band

Jim Walker Memorial Trophy (Level 10 Piano) – Alicia Liu

Senior Piano Trophy – Sophia Lin

Woodwinds Trophy – Alexander Zan

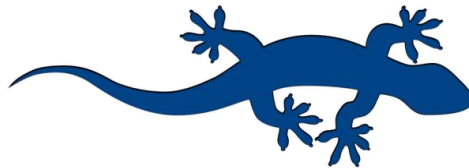


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2026 Festival Award Winners

Brass

Emile Grimes - \$50
Nathan Greenwood - \$25

Cello & Double Bass

Yisong Wan - \$250
Ziyu (Catherine) Ke - \$125
Xandre Schirm - \$75

Chinese Instruments

Emily Pavlin - \$100
Bailee Bai - \$50
Johnson Zhang - \$50

Composition

Jordan Jones - \$50
Maria Truta - \$50

Fiddle

William Koperqualuk - \$50
Hugh Pace - \$25

Guitar

Brayden Rak - \$100
Alison Ballard - \$50
Hagyun Lee - \$50

Elementary Piano

Stephen Chen - \$200
Jonah Roach - \$100
Theodore Dona - \$100
Valentina Jandu - \$100
Borislava Avramova - \$75
Charles Fernandes - \$75
Dean Balls - \$75
Alexander Dona - \$50
Dolapo Olaatanda - \$50
Ethan Tang - \$50
Ezra Hincks - \$50
Libby Koenemann - \$50
Nivruth Ashwanth - \$50

Junior Piano

Austin Li - \$250
Leo Gu - \$125
Lukas Happe - \$125
Robbie Parkinson - \$125
Hanna Jedrocha - \$100
Marianna Sutherland - \$100
Son Mai - \$100
Caden Thammasouk Reid - \$75
Mwine Ahimbisibwe - \$75
Reid Finch - \$75
Alannah Xu - \$50
Asya Isik - \$50
Elliot Genest - \$50
Vivian Bai - \$50

Intermediate Piano

Forrest Yuanchi Ai - \$300
Julia Harms - \$150
Maya Karim - \$150
Minh Nguyen - \$150
Arno Genest - \$100
Joshua VanderBurgh - \$100
Katelyn Gong - \$100
Annie Zeng - \$50
Grace Thompson - \$50
Holly Hu - \$50
Jack Fabbian - \$50
Maya Karim - \$50
Qianjing Patrick Qiao - \$50
Rylee Chang - \$50

Senior Piano

Sophia Lin - \$400
Alicia Liu - \$300
Timothy Denau - \$150
Annie Cao - \$100
Sara Aizawa - \$100
Leah Kuepfer - \$75
Mason Lei - \$75



Contemporary & Popular

Piano

Clayton Chan - \$50
David Emmanuel Ocol - \$50
Holly Hu - \$50
Jane Ye - \$50



Piano Ensembles

Annie Zeng & Amy Zeng - \$200
Annie Zeng, Behrod Sadjad,
Reid Finch & Kristina Kam -
\$200
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Reid Finch & Kristina Kam -
\$200
Devin Huang, Jerry Li, Richard
Mao & Yuanchi Ai - \$100
Iris Li, Sylvia Lei, Jayden Chen
& Kenneth Wu - \$100
Robbie Parkinson & Caden
Thammasouk Reid - \$100
Thomas Brannan, Ashton Ma,
Amaya Ismail & May Tran -
\$100

Classical Voice

Sean Mendes - \$150
Margaux Azenith Barlaan - \$100
Shanaya Mukherjee - \$50

Musical Theatre

Ariadne Deziel - \$400
Avanee Kamble - \$100
Hannah Crawford - \$50
Margaux Azenith Barlaan - \$50



Popular Voice

Leah Bakker - \$400
Brydon Keithlin - \$100
Savannah Winker - \$50
Valentina Dixon-Scirgalea - \$50

School & Community

Ensembles

Eastwood Chamber Choir -
\$200
Laurel Heights Senior Concert
Band - \$200
WCI Senior Chamber Orchestra
- \$200

Junior Violin & Viola

Doheon Lee - \$150
Lucy Gorrie - \$100
Sophia Miao - \$50

Senior Violin & Viola

Joy Cha-Kang - \$200
Marion Cha-Kang - \$200
Annie Cao - \$150
Vincent Marrufo - \$150
Austin Li - \$100
Maiya Flatt - \$100
Cara Huang - \$75
Aydin Apperson - \$50

Woodwinds

Alexander Zan - \$100
Hannah Kohut - \$50
ShaoEn Tang - \$50

Bandology Tuition

Scholarships

Ayman Rabi
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Won Jong Soon

KW Youth Concert Band

Tuition Scholarship

Harper Persaud

KWCO Concerto Competition Winners

Annie Cao Maiya Flatt Wachiyo Cho

(Performing with the KW Community Orchestra on May 30th, 2026)

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Chinese Instruments

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Lauren Zhu-Hua
Bailee Bai
Claire Qiu
Vivian Bai
Charlotte Woo
Rylee Chang
Galen Zhu
Emily Pavlin
Johnson Zhang
GRCS Erhu Ensemble

Classical Guitar

Novak Pajic
Anandswarup Ashwin
Alison Ballard
WCI Senior Guitar
Ensemble
Jarek Shaffer

Fiddle Solo

Hugh Pace
William Koperqualuk

Original Composition

Vincent Marrufo
Shuborno Biswas
Aden Spekkens
Jordan Jones

Contemporary/

Popular Piano

Keith Kam
Theodore Lam
Lara Gavrilas
Asya Ucler
Borislava Avramova
Remi Angod
Holly Hu
Alexandra Avramova
Aurelia Bretz
Olivia Padfield
Ryan Chang
Alexa McMurachy

Classical Piano

Concertos

Sara Aizawa
Katelyn Gong
Christian Forbes

Classical Piano

Theodore Dona
Nivruth Ashwanth
Ezra Hincks
Borislava Avramova
Alexander Dona
Stephen Chen
Austin Li
Lukas Happe
Hanna Jedrocha
Robbie Parkinson
Caden Thammasouk Reid
Arunya Agarwal
Leo Gu
Son Mai
Reid Finch
Arno Genest
Annie Zeng
Patrick Qiao
Maya Karim
Side Liao
Rylee Chang
Forrest Yuanchi Ai
Julia Harms
Katelyn Gong
Lana Korsheed
Sara Aizawa
Annie Cao
Alicia Liu
Timothy Denau
Jessie DONG
Sophia Lin
Michael Kitaev
Isaac Kenny
Nicholas Tan

Piano - Duets and Trios

Annie Zeng
& Amy Zeng
Audrey Le
& Jessica Tan
Annabelle He
& Katelyn Gong
Theodore Lam
& Iris Xu
Robbie Parkinson
& Caden Thammasouk
Reid
Madison Surnoskie &
Pearl Saba
Danielle Forbes, Taylor
Renee Forbes & Christian
Forbes

Classical Piano - 8 Hands, 2 Pianos

Catherine Hickey, Sophia
Miao, Rosie Brannan &
Maple Wang
Annie Zeng, Behrod
Sadjad, Reid Finch &
Kristina Kam
Devin Huang, Jerry Li,
Richard Mao & Yuanchi Ai
Thomas Brannan, Ashton
Ma, Amaya Ismail & May
Tran
Iris Li, Sylvia Lei, Jayden
Chen & Kenneth Wu

Classical Woodwinds

Harper Persaud
Lilly Coskun
Jasmine Sadhu
Andrew Kobets
Hannah Kohut
ShaoEn Tang
Alexander Zan
Breathless

Classical Lower Strings

Aiden Lei
Llewelyn Lawler-Cull
Berkleigh Ellis
Eleanor Woo
Oliver Nespoli
Winston Miao
Kijun Park
Ezra Hincks
Uriel Petruk Flores
Alexandre (Xandre)
Schirm
Mason Lei
Edward Zhen
Ziyu (Catherine) Ke
Lana Korsheed
Devin Sum
Emily Pavlin
Rylee Chang
Maxim Tykhonov
Yisong Wan
Junpei Ariizumi
Olivier Joyce



Popular Strings - Duets and Trios

Ava Eby, Carla Babi & Rachel Gough
Jacob Hespeler
Secondary School String Trio, Emy Burca, Leah Fontes & Alice Wang

Classical Upper Strings

Sophia Bouwers
Natan Tsurinova
Xavier Schirm
Danielle Lee
Étienne Joyce
Tattva Sindhav
Jiade Liao
Joohee Park
Aravindaksha Ashwin
Lucy Gorrie
Sophia Miao
Doheon Lee
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Joy Shiyu He
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Vincent Marrufo
Cara Huang
Annie Cao
Marion Cha-Kang
Joy Cha-Kang
Sarah Lian
Oreoluwa Adesegun
Marc Joyce



Classical Voice

Margaux Azenith Barlaan
Shubhika Agarwal
Dana Koshulko
Shanaya Mukherjee
Ella Chanthalya
Annabelle He
Natalie Huang
Rachel Belliveau

Popular Voice - Self Accompanied

Arya Muller
Penelope Sandoval

Popular Voice

Margaux Azenith Barlaan
Savannah Winker
Arietta Thompson
Isla Litwin
Penelope Sandoval
Sophie Biswas
Hadley Pearson
Valentina Dixon-Scirgalea
Lilia Biswas
Brooklyn deBoer
Leah Bakker
Sophie Karigiannis
Clara Hanian
Elizabeth Bechtel
Emily Bechtel
Tracey Szarka
Shuborno Biswas

Musical Theatre

Margaux Azenith Barlaan
Joohee Park
Lola McKee
Hannah Crawford
Olivia Bell
Millie Purkis
Evelyn Manlow
Ariadne Deziel
Valentina Dixon-Scirgalea
Natalie Huang
Leah Bakker
Avanee Kamble
Clara Hanian
Danny Eagle
Valentina Dixon-Scirgalea & Natalie Huang

Songs from the Screen and More

Margaux Azenith Barlaan
Elyse Hamac
Lola McKee
Serene Robertson
Hannah Crawford
Savannah Winker
Annie Dear
Ariadne Deziel
Ella Fuller
Clara Hanian
Aishee Roychowdhury
Keith Ward

Rock Bands

KW Bilingual School Rock Band
DSJS Intermediate Band
DSJS Senior Band

School & Community Bands

Jacob Hespeler
Percussion
Stewart Ave Wildcat Band
Laurentian Hills Band
Rockway Jr Winds
Huron Heights Jr Band
Rockway Sr Winds
Laurel Heights Sr Band
Huron Heights Band
Kitchener Musical Society Band

School Jazz Bands

SJK Gr. 5/6 Band
SJK Gr. 7/8 Band
Laurel Heights Sr Jazz
SJK Sr. Band
"7/11" (LHSS Combo)

School & Community Choirs

SMS Junior Choir
St Kateri School Choir
SMS Senior Choir
Rockway Grade 10 Choir
Rockway Senior Choir
Concordia Kinderchor
Grand River Chinese School Choir

School & Community String Ensembles

KWBS Orchestra
WCI Inter. Orchestra
WCI Senior Orchestra
WCI Chamber Orchestra
Rockway String Ensemble
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