Canada West Performing Arts Festival

PRESS RELEASE

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The Canada West Performing Arts Festival for 2026 was held in Allard Hall at Grant MacEwan University on July 24 & 25. This competition features competitors recommended from the Provincial Festivals of B.C., Alberta, and Saskatchewan. There were 134 live performances during the 2 days of competition with 20 recorded choral entries which is 154 entrants.

ADJUDICATORS:

Choirs – Joel Tranquilla (NB)
Piano – Edwin Gnandt (BC)
Voice – Eliabeth MacDonald (ON)
Musical Theatre – Dawn Sadoway (AB)
Speech – Mike Stack (BC)
Guitar – Patrick Roux (QC)
Strings / Chamber – Lynn Kuo (ON)
Woodwind / Brass – Michele Jacot (ON)

AWARDS:

Competitors from the Provincial Festivals in Alberta, Saskatchewan and British Columbia were recommended to the Canada West Performing Arts Festival where $29,300 in scholarship money was awarded.

13 & under classes 1st place $800
17 & under classes 1st place $1,000
22 & under classes 1st place $2,000
Choral Classes 1st place $500

CLASS WINNERS:

Class		1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place
Classical Voice	13 & under	Liné Linde (SK)	Zuri Ayuno (AB)	Klara Marchin (AB)
	17 & under	Sadie Gryba (SK)	Kai Yee Li (BC)	Keira Mahnke (SK)
	22 & under	Grayson MacKenzie (AB)	Joel van den Berg (AB)	Faith Kippenhuck (AB) Max Eyre-Wilkins (SK)
Piano	13 & under	Ian Quon (AB)	Leah Sun (AB)	Boacus Liu (SK) Emmanuel Fraser (AB)
	17 & under	Ethan Wang (BC)	Xueqing Li (AB)	Boaman Liu (SK) Oscar Hanqi Zhang (AB)
	22 & under	Ether Zhu (SK)	Miriam Monet (AB)	Chamaine Leung (BC)
Strings	13 & under	Adrian Zhang (BC)	Dongping Zhang (AB)	Christopher Snodgrass (BC) Sage Grey (SK)
	17 & under	Ryan Huang (AB)	Anthony Yue (AB)	Chloe Kam (BC)
	22 & under	Matthew Craig (AB)	Isidora Uhlman (BC)	Sofijia Dimitrijevic (BC)
Woodwind	17 & under	Yishan (Natalia) Xia (BC)	Maia Essien (SK)	Sabrina Feng (BC) Anya Delafield (AB)
	22 & under	Tazzio Zhang (BC)	Elliott Mendoza Yu (BC)	Abigail Bowles (SK)
Brass	17 & under	Daniel Karjala (SK)	Aliya Guay (AB)	Aydan Modi (BC) Cairo Haq (BC)
	22 & under	Mathis Chu (SK)		
Guitar	13 & under	Alice Huo (BC)	Ian Li (AB)	Emily Ma (AB)
	17 & under	Ken Ma (AB)	Kevin Chang (AB)	Sarah Bujana Arismendi (AB)

Speech	13 & under	India Penafiel (AB)	Clara Reiche (SK)	Andrea Mao (BC)
	17 & under	Aidan Tang (BC)	McKenna Fanning (AB)	Noa Paster (BC)
	22 & under	Victoria Sun (BC)	Kaline Tan (AB)	Erica Rogers (BC) Trevor Brossel (BC)
Musical Theatre	13 & under	Kadence Trachuk (SK)	Zuri Ayuno (AB)	Perla De Leon (BC) Trudy Hughes (AB)
	17 & under	Alex MacIsaac (BC)	Keegan McLaren (AB)	Jaeger Yee (BC)
	22 & under	Charlotte Gocher (BC)	Tula Sarsons (AB)	Max Eyre-Wilkins (SK) Ethan Anderson (AB)
Chamber	17 & under	Pi Trio (BC)	UofL Music Conservatory Liryev Trio (AB)	
Choir	13 & under	St. Thomas Moore Collegiate Gr. 8 Choir (BC)	Sylvia Fedoruk Grade 4/5 Choir (SK)	-Aurora Choir (AB) -Whispering Ridge School Choir (AB)
	16 & under	ECSD All City Junior High Choir (AB)	Luther College HS Treble Choir (SK)	-Peace Region Girls Choir – Viva Div. (AB) -St. Thomas Moore Collegiate Jr. Concert Choir (BC)
	22 & under	St. Thomas Moore Collegiate Chamber Singers (BC)	Lord Byng Senior Chamber Choir (BC)	-Archbishop MacDonald Sr. Chamber Choir (AB) -Parkview Adventist Academy Concert Choir (AB)

The Alberta Music Festival Association acknowledges all the volunteers as well as the donors. Thank you for a wonderful festival. Congratulations to all competitors. The next Canada West Performing Arts Festival will be held in Victoria, British Columbia on July 22 – 24, 2027.

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