



KIWANIS MUSIC FESTIVAL of GUELPH

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The Kiwanis Music Festival of Guelph is pleased to announce a brand new Composition Competition in honour of Oscar Bookbinder. Oscar was a dedicated musicologist and composer who immigrated to Canada from Hungary in 1957. He and his wife, Klara, lead active and fascinating lives including teaching piano students of the highest calibre for many decades.

The **Oscar Bookbinder Composition Competition** is open to young musicians aged 28 and under who self-identify as emerging composers. Advanced knowledge and level of musicianship and understanding is expected.

There is a solo/duet class and an ensemble class. Each submission must include printed sheet music (neatly handwritten scores will be accepted, but computer generated scores are preferred) along with a recording of either a live performance or a computer generated (MIDI) performance. The printed music must include dynamics, tempo, and any other pertinent musical markings. The composition must not have been published.

Solo or Duet Class:

Vocal or Instrumental plus optional accompaniment

Winner will receive \$500 and a plaque as well as an opportunity for a future performance at a Festival event and possible publication

Ensemble Class:

Vocal or Instrumental plus optional accompaniment

Minimum of 3 parts

Winner will receive \$1,000 and a plaque as well as an opportunity for a future performance at a Festival event and possible publication

Important Dates:

Submission Deadline March 30, 2022

Winners will be announced at the Highlights of the Festival Concert & Awards Ceremony on May 14, 2022.

A panel of three diverse adjudicators will provide written feedback for each composition and will select the winning submissions. It is expected that a wide variety of styles and genres of compositions will be received. The adjudicators will rank the submissions according to the level of excellence within their specific style and genre and will then choose the best overall submission in each class. The Festival reserves the right to refrain from choosing a winner in either class if the required quality/calibre of composition is not met.

For clarification or further information, please reach out to Festival Coordinator, Heather Fleming.

Visit <https://gkmf.ca> for further details.

Online Registration - <https://gkmf.ca/compositioncompetition/>