



# 43<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary - 2024

## Kiwanis Music Festival of Guelph

Welcome to the 43<sup>rd</sup> annual Kiwanis Music Festival of Guelph.

Many thanks to our participants, adjudicators, visitors, donors and sponsors, organizers, volunteers, Board and Committee members, media guests, and venues. We look forward to another wonderful Festival and hope you enjoy this valuable contribution to the cultural life of Guelph and Wellington County.

Please remember that the performers need absolute silence and you must wait to enter or leave the hall until there is a break in the performance. Please turn off all cell phones and other electronic devices. Photos and videos of performances may be taken if the performer has given their permission, but no flash photography and absolutely no recording of the adjudication is permitted. Please remain in your seat and be discreet while recording.

Please join us for the Highlights of the Festival Concert & Awards Ceremony  
on Saturday, May 11 at St. George's Church at 7 pm.

It will feature some of the finest performances heard during the Festival,  
as well as the presentation of medals and scholarships.

Tickets: \$20/Adults, \$5/Students & Children – Visit [gkmf.ca/events](http://gkmf.ca/events)

## Digital Piano Adjudicator

### Mary Ficzer

At a young age, Mary Ficzer won the Silver Medal for a piano exam through the Royal Conservatory of Music achieving the highest mark in Ontario. Inspired by her accomplishment, she continued her music studies to complete an ARCT in Performance from the Royal Conservatory of Music as well as a Bachelor and Masters Degree in Piano Performance from the University of Western Ontario. Influential teachers in her training include John Paul Bracey, Jim Anagnoson, John Hess, and Edna Golandsky.



Currently Mary is the Head of School Programming and Development at the Merriam School of Music in Oakville where she also maintains a studio of talented piano students in the Enriched Studies Program. As a faculty member at Merriam, Mary has held the positions of Piano Department Head, Enriched Studies Department Head, and Director of Examinations for many years. Mary was integral in the development of the Keyfest Curriculum and Examination System for all instruments and levels. She co-wrote the Examination Syllabus for piano and implemented the Keyfest Examiner Training Program. As a teacher, Mary has taught both group and private lessons for all ages and levels. Teaching classical music is her passion, but she also enjoys exploring jazz and pop music with her students and incorporating technology into her lessons.

As a clinician, Mary runs seminars on Performance Technique and Injury Prevention. She studied at the Golandsky Institute in New York City where she acquired in depth training on piano technique and coordinate movement. Mary is active as an adjudicator for Music Festivals in Canada and can also be seen performing as a collaborative pianist for instrumentalists and singers throughout the GTA.

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Friday, April 12, 2024 - Morning  
THREE WILLOWS UNITED CHURCH  
Adjudicator - Mary Ficzero

## 9:00 AM CLASS K166

### Popular & Rock - 10 & Under

*Own choice of one piece or medley.*

*Registrations are required.*

*NO sequencing is permitted.*

1. **Dexter Boyd** - Guelph
2. **Ema Henriquez** - Guelph
3. **Sam Lee** - Guelph
4. **Farhaan Syed** - Guelph
5. **Alice Hohenadel** - Guelph
6. **Maggie Smith** - Guelph
7. **Ranumi Siriwanda** - Guelph

## 9:50 AM CLASS K165

### Popular & Rock - 12 & Under

*Own choice of one piece or medley.*

*Registrations are required.*

*NO sequencing is permitted.*

1. **Liman Essa** - Guelph
2. **Ayleen Quaid** - Guelph
3. **Jack Nguyen** - Guelph
4. **Macie Mervyn** - Guelph

## 10:25 AM CLASS K164

### Popular & Rock - 14 & Under

*Own choice of one piece or medley.*

*Registrations are required.*

*NO sequencing is permitted.*

1. **Kinley Tennant** - Guelph
2. **Charvini Abayakoon** - Guelph
3. **Petar Popovic** - Guelph
4. **Jonah Steinman** - Guelph
5. **Nathan Hardiman** - Guelph

## 11:10 AM CLASS K163

### Popular & Rock - 16 & Under

*Own choice of one piece or medley.*

*Registrations are required.*

*NO sequencing is permitted.*

1. **Layla Jerrett** - Guelph
2. **Jashina Kamal** - Guelph