



# **44<sup>th</sup> Anniversary - 2025**

## **Kiwanis Music Festival of Guelph**

Welcome to the 44<sup>th</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 10 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)**

## **Bands Adjudicator**

### **Dr. Leah McGray**

Growing up in Nova Scotia, music was a huge part of daily life, learning and performing on clarinet, violin and piano. Finding my voice and space in the music of the wind ensemble, I am delighted to continue my professional work and studies as a conductor of wind and orchestral groups. I am the director of the Wind Orchestra at Wilfrid Laurier University and am also teaching classes in conducting and community music. Previously, I was the director of Instrumental Studies for the State University of New York at Geneseo, and Rhodes College in Memphis TN, conducting orchestra, wind ensemble, and teaching classes in conducting and theory.



Guest conducting has taken me around the world, including the Memphis Symphony Orchestra, Memphis Youth Symphony Orchestra, Rochester Philharmonic Youth Orchestra, Penfield Symphony Orchestra, the 2023 National Youth Band of Canada, and for International Schools, honour bands, and music camps as far ranging as South Korea, California, and Alaska.

I started my professional path in the Bachelor of Music and Bachelor of Education degrees from Acadia University, and taught in Ontario, New Brunswick, and Nova Scotia school music programs before earning my Master of Music from University of Toronto, and DMA in conducting at Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois.

**Kiwanis Music Festival of Guelph**  
**Wednesday, April 23, 2025 - Morning/Afternoon**  
*E.L. FOX AUDITORIUM*  
**Adjudicator - Leah McGray**

**10:30 AM CLASS B118**

**School Bands - E - A/S**

*Restricted to students in Grades 9 - 12 who are first year players on their instruments. Own choice of two contrasting pieces. Time limit of 15 minutes.*

**1. St. James Junior Band**

Jennifer Dunnett - Guelph

**10:50 AM CLASS B115**

**School Bands - C - A/S**

*Restricted to students in Grades 8 - 10. Own choice of two contrasting pieces at a C level: Band Level 2, neither of which was performed last year. Time limit of 15 minutes.*

**1. John F. Ross Grade 9 Instrumental Music Class**

Dorothy Vreeswyk-Kidd - Guelph

**2. St. James Concert Band**

Jennifer Dunnett - Guelph

**11:40 AM CLASS B113**

**School Bands - B - A/S**

*Restricted to students in Grades 9 - 12. Own choice of two contrasting pieces at a B Level: Band Level 2.5 or 3.5 or equivalent, neither of which was performed last year. Time limit of 20 minutes.*

**1. spARTanS Concert Band**

Emily Peterman - Guelph

**2. Westside Secondary School Honour Band**

Sam Bibby - Orangeville

**3. John F. Ross Concert Band**

Christa Davison & Jordyn Lundy - Guelph

**4. Centre Wellington DHS Band**

Brett Girvin - Fergus

**5. GCVI Jr. Symphonic Band**

Dan Austin - Guelph

**2:05 PM CLASS J142**

**Stage Bands - G - A/S**

*Stage Bands - Restricted to students in grades 6 - 9. Own choice of two or three contrasting pieces. Time limit of 20 minutes.*

**1. Ross Royals Junior Jazz**

Dorothy Vreeswyk-Kidd & Mike Buswell - Guelph

**Kiwanis Music Festival of Guelph**  
**Thursday, April 24, 2025 - Morning/Afternoon**  
*E.L. FOX AUDITORIUM*  
**Adjudicator - Leah McGray**

**9:45 AM CLASS B117A**

**School Bands - D - A/S**

*Restricted to students in Grades 6 - 8. Own choice of two contrasting pieces as prescribed by the Syllabus. Time limit of 15 minutes.*

**1. Rockwood Centennial PS Grade 6-8 Band**

Morgan Rafalowski - Rockwood

**2. Stewart Avenue Wildcat Band**

Joshua Crouch - Cambridge

**3. Mitchell Woods Senior Band**

Kelly Stronach - Guelph

**4. Jean Little Public School Grade 7/8 Band**

Lisa Yack - Guelph

**11:45 AM CLASS B120**

**School Bands - Rock Bands**

*Restricted to students in Grades 5-8. Own choice of two or three contrasting selections, neither of which was performed last year. Time limit of 15 minutes.*

**1. Elora PS School of Rock**

Scott Keane - Elora

**2. The Ken Danby Diamonds**

Lauren Carruthers - Guelph

**12:30 AM CLASS B117B**

**School Bands - D - N/C**

*Restricted to students in Grades 6 - 8. Own choice of two contrasting pieces as prescribed by the Syllabus. Time limit of 15 minutes.*

**1. Elora PS Intermediate Band**

Scott Keane - Elora

**2. Rickson Ridge Symphonic Band**

Aaron Duncan - Guelph

**3. Kortright Hills Cobras**

Matty Cooper - Guelph

**Kiwanis Music Festival of Guelph**  
**Friday, April 25, 2025 - Morning/Afternoon**  
*E.L. FOX AUDITORIUM*  
**Adjudicator - Leah McGray**

**9:45 AM CLASS B111**

**School Bands - A - A/S**

*Restricted to students in Grades 9 - 12. Own choice of two contrasting pieces at an A level: Band Level 4-5 or equivalent, neither of which was performed last year. Time limit of 20 minutes.*

**1. John F. Ross Symphonic Band**

Dorothy Vreeswyk-Kidd - Guelph

**2. GCVI Sr. Symphonic Band**

Dan Austin - Guelph

**3. spARTanS Symphonic Ensemble**

Eric Froats - Guelph

**11:15 AM CLASS J143**

**Jazz Ensemble - A/S**

*Jazz Ensemble, any grade, 4 - 10 players of any instrumentation or voicing. Score or lead sheets, if used by performers, must be provided for the adjudicator. Time limit of 20 minutes.*

**1. Royal Jazz Combo**

Dorothy Vreeswyk-Kidd - Guelph

**11:45 – 12:30 BREAK**

**12:30 PM CLASS J141**

**Stage Bands - F - A/S**

*Stage Bands - any grade. Own choice of two or three contrasting pieces. Time limit of 20 minutes.*

**1. Royal Jazz**

Dorothy Vreeswyk-Kidd - Guelph

**2. GCVI Gael Force**

Dan Austin - Guelph

**3. spARTanS Stage Band**

Eric Froats - Guelph

**2:00 PM CLASS J132**

**Jazz Combos - A/S**

*3-9 players of any combination of instrumentation or voicing. Own choice of two or three contrasting pieces. Time limit of 20 minutes.*

**1. Guelph Youth Jazz Ensemble**

Tyler Wagler - Guelph

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**6:00 PM CLASS J131**

**Jazz/Stage Bands - A/S**

*10-20 players of any combination of instrumentation or voicing. Own choice of two or three contrasting pieces, at least one in a "swing" style. Time limit of 20 minutes.*

**1. CCB Big Band**

Dorothy Vreeswyk-Kidd - Cambridge

**6:30 PM CLASS B101**

**Community Bands - Open - A/S**

*Open to any Community Concert Band. Own choice of two contrasting pieces. Open Level; Band Level 5 - 6 or equivalent. Time limit of 30 minutes (including set up and warm up).*

**1. Cambridge Concert Band**

Dorothy Vreeswyk-Kidd - Cambridge

**2. Galt Kiltie Band**

Martin Lacoste - Cambridge

**3. Kitchener Musical Society Band**

Joshua Crouch - Kitchener

**4. King Street Brass**

Allan Hicks - Breslau