



# **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)**

## **Harp Adjudicator**

### **Alyssa Michalsky**

Alyssa Michalsky BMus, BEd, MMus is a seasoned professional in the harp industry. Having started her company, Divine Harp in 1997, her accolades and awards span almost 30 years in the business and she continues to teach, perform and adjudicate all over Ontario.

A graduate of the Bachelor's and Master's Harp Performance program at the University of Toronto, and a Bachelor of Education from OISE, Alyssa had the privilege of studying with one of the world's most renowned harpists, Judy Loman. After winning the prestigious US National Harp Scholarship Competition in 2001, Alyssa went on to record four CD's: two classical harp and flute albums and two contemporary solo harp albums on her Lyon and Healy Concert Grand Electric Harp.

Ms. Michalsky has held several esteemed positions over her career including six years as the harp professor at the University of Western Ontario and 15 years as the head adjudicator of the harp examinations for The Royal Conservatory of Canada. She continues to be on panel for the Toronto Chapter of the American Harp Society competitions and adjudicates harp for the London, Guelph, and Ottawa and provincial Kiwanis Festivals.

Most recently, she was commissioned to personally write out a manuscript for her original jazz arrangement "Autum Leaves" which was performed on her debut CD.

Ms. Michalsky houses a large private music studio in Dundas where she has a full schedule of young as well as mature students. She is also well known for being one of the most active performing modern harpists, blending classical sounds and techniques on the electric harp with her uniquely stylized arrangements of contemporary music. [www.divineharp.com](http://www.divineharp.com)



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Saturday, April 12, 2025 - Afternoon

THREE WILLOWS UNITED CHURCH

Adjudicator - Alyssa Michalsky

## 1:00 PM CLASS HP133

**Novice - Beginner to Grade 2 or Equivalent - N/C**

*Own choice of two contrasting pieces.*

*Time limit of 8 minutes.*

1. David Rubinstein - Hamilton

## 1:20 PM CLASS HP109

**Suzuki - Book 1**

*Own choice of two contrasting pieces.*

*Time limit of 8 minutes.*

1. Max Briskin - Dundas

## 1:35 PM CLASS HP103

**Open - Novice**

*Own choice of one or two pieces.*

*Time limit of 8 minutes.*

1. Tara Maeve Chater Betsworth - Dundas

## 1:50 PM CLASS HP156

**Harp & Another Instrument - Novice**

*Own choice of one or two pieces.*

*Time limit of 12 minutes.*

1. Tara Chater Betsworth & Adella Donnelly - Dundas

## 2:05 PM CLASS HP155

**Harp & Another Instrument - Intermediate**

*Own choice of one or two pieces.*

*Time limit of 12 minutes.*

1. Zoey & Briella Yiu - Ancaster

## 2:25 PM CLASS HP160

**Harp Ensemble - N/C**

*Own choice of one or two pieces.*

*Time limit of 12 minutes.*

1. Kerr Harps Suzuki Group

Siobhan Kerr - Dundas

## 2:45 PM CLASS HP102

**Open - Intermediate**

*Own choice of one or two pieces.*

*Time limit of 12 minutes.*

1. Lochlan Gillespie - Flamborough

## 3:05 PM CLASS HP101

**Open - Advanced**

*Own choice of one or two pieces.*

*Time limit of 15 minutes.*

1. Chloe McIntosh - Dundas