



45th Anniversary - 2026

Kiwanis Music Festival of Guelph

Welcome to the 45th 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 9 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

Junior Strings Adjudicator

Elena Spanu

Elena Spanu started playing the violin at the age of three. She began her studies at the Royal Conservatory of Music in Toronto. She continued to develop her skills at Western University where she received a Bachelor of Musical Arts. It is there that she discovered her interest in Baroque violin performance and moved on to pursue an Artists Diploma in the subject while at the University of Toronto under the direction of Jeanne Lamon and other members of Tafelmusik.

Elena is a trained Suzuki violin instructor and Creative Ability Development coach. She directs the Toronto Suzuki Studio and is a faculty member in the MNjcc's Suzuki program and at the Royal Conservatory of Music. She received her training through the Southwestern Ontario Suzuki Institute (SOSI) and the Suzuki School of Guelph's 2-year pedagogy course affiliated with Laurier University.

Elena currently holds the chair of principal second violin with the North York Concert Orchestra and plays regularly with orchestras and chamber groups in and out of Toronto. In addition to classical music Elena enjoys the grooves and feels of folk music. She plays Appalachian old-time music and is active in the Balfolk French folk music dancing scene.

Within the past year and a half Elena has been exploring the world of storytelling. She became interested in telling folk tales when she attended a story telling event at Danu Social House in Toronto. Since then, Elena has been enrolled in the Masters in Story Telling Program at the University of Roma 3 in Italy.



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Saturday, April 11, 2026 - Afternoon

GUELPH YOUTH MUSIC CENTRE

Adjudicator - Elena Spanu

1:45 PM CLASS S473

String Orchestra - Junior - N/C

*Any combination of string instruments; 9 or more players, one or more players per part.
Time limit of 20 minutes.*

1. Tanglewood Beginning Orchestra

Lauren Taylor - Guelph

2. GYMC Junior String Orchestra

Joy Schuster - Guelph

3. Cambridge Youth Orchestra

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2:45 PM CLASS S472

String Orchestra - Intermediate - N/C

*Any combination of string instruments; 9 or more players, one or more players per part.
Time limit of 20 minutes.*

1. GYMC Intermediate String Orchestra

Joy Schuster - Guelph

3:15 PM CLASS S456

String Ensemble - Large Ensemble - Intermediate - N/C

*Minimum of 6 like string instruments.
Time limit of 10 minutes.*

1. Kanneh-Mason Cello Ensemble

Peggy Lin - Guelph

3:35 PM CLASS S415

String Duo - Elementary - Ages 11-12 - N/C

Any two string instruments. Time limit of 5 minutes.

1. Valerie Eckert & Moira Percy - Guelph

3:50 PM CLASS S119

Concert Piece - Cello/Double Bass - 12 & Under - N/C

*Own choice of one piece with accompaniment.
Time limit of 10 minutes.*

1. Oliver Greenlaw - Guelph

2. Nella VanderSteen - Guelph

3. Moira Percy - Guelph

4. Valerie Eckert - Guelph

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Saturday, April 11, 2026 - Evening

GUELPH YOUTH MUSIC CENTRE

Adjudicator - Elena Spanu

5:30 PM CLASS S511

Concert Piece - Violin/Viola - 6 & Under

Own choice of one piece with accompaniment.

Time limit of 5 minutes.

1. Ada Zhou - Oakville

5:40 PM CLASS S510

Concert Piece - Violin/Viola - 8 & Under

Own choice of one piece with accompaniment.

Time limit of 5 minutes.

1. Shuxuan (Sophia) Zhang - Oakville
2. Hannah Zhou - Oakville

6:00 PM CLASS S817

String Duo - Beginner - Ages 6-8

Any two string instruments. Time limit of 5 minutes.

1. Hannah & Ada Zhou - Oakville

6:10 PM CLASS S627

Concertos - Violin/Viola - Grade 5 or Equivalent

Own choice of one or two movements with accompaniment.

1. Shuxuan (Sophia) Zhang - Oakville

6:20 PM CLASS S626

Concertos - Violin/Viola - Grade 6 or Equivalent

Own choice of one or two movements with accompaniment.

1. Ada Zhou - Oakville

6:30 PM CLASS S624A

Concertos - Violin/Viola - Grade 8 or Equivalent

Own choice of one or two movements with accompaniment.

1. Hannah Zhou - Oakville

6:45 PM CLASS S509

Concert Piece - Violin/Viola - 10 & Under

Own choice of one piece with accompaniment.

Time limit of 10 minutes.

1. Coco Zhu - Guelph
2. Angela Kong - Guelph

7:00 PM CLASS S678

Etudes - Grade 4 - 2 Etudes

Own choice of stated number of etudes appropriate to Grade level being studied. Time limit of 6 minutes.

1. Otis Brown - Oakville

7:10 PM CLASS S681

Etudes - Grade 1 - 2 Etudes

Own choice of stated number of etudes appropriate to Grade level being studied. Time limit of 4 minutes.

1. Coco Zhu - Guelph

7:20 PM CLASS S730

Fiddling - 6 & Under

Own choice of one piece or medley.

Time limit of 5 minutes.

1. Hudson Brown - Oakville

7:30 PM CLASS S658

Canadian Composers - Violin/Viola - 10 & Under

Own choice of one or two movements from a complete work OR an individual piece with accompaniment written by a Canadian composer. Time limit of 10 minutes.

1. Coco Zhu - Guelph

7:40 PM CLASS S729

Fiddling - 8 & Under

Own choice of one piece or medley.

Time limit of 5 minutes.

1. Otis Brown - Oakville

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Sunday, April 12, 2026 - Morning

GUELPH YOUTH MUSIC CENTRE

Adjudicator - Elena Spanu

9:00 AM CLASS P738

Composition - Junior - N/C

*An original composition was adjudicated in March.
If deemed appropriate for performance, the
composition will be heard at this time.*

1. Mildred Saliwonchyk - Guelph

9:10 AM CLASS S121A

Concert Piece - Cello/Double Bass - 8 & Under - N/C

*Own choice of one piece with accompaniment.
Time limit of 5 minutes.*

1. Navid Esmaeilsabzali - Guelph
2. Malik Sarkis-Skinner - Rockwood

9:25 AM CLASS S345

Quick Study - Grade 6 - N/C

*Music will be provided by the adjudicator
approximately 48 hours in advance. Music will be
two Grade levels easier than level entered.*

1. Mildred Saliwonchyk - Guelph

9:35 AM CLASS S127A

Concert Group - Junior - 10 & Over - N/C

*Own choice of two or three contrasting pieces with
accompaniment. Time limit of 10 minutes.*

1. Sihwan Kim - Guelph
2. Pardis Esmaeilsabzali - Guelph

9:55 AM CLASS S134

Baroque Sonatas - Violin/Viola - Grade 8 or Equivalent - N/C

*Own choice of one or two movements with
accompaniment. Time limit of 12 minutes.*

1. Mildred Saliwonchyk - Guelph

10:10 AM CLASS S110

Concert Piece - Violin/Viola - 8 & Under - N/C

*Own choice of one piece with accompaniment.
Time limit of 5 minutes.*

1. Lochlan McAlister - Guelph
2. Sophia Maroukis-St Amour - Guelph
3. Jemma Beucler - Guelph
4. Saralyn Ni - Guelph
5. Hudson Maloney - Guelph
6. Rosalie Botelho - Georgetown
7. Isla Botelho - Georgetown

11:05 AM CLASS S109A

Concert Piece - Violin/Viola - 10 & Under - N/C

*Own choice of one piece with accompaniment.
Time limit of 10 minutes.*

1. Aurora Miller - Guelph
2. Yejin Kim - Guelph
3. Finn Maloney - Guelph

11:25 AM CLASS S227A

Concertos - Violin/Viola - Grade 5 or Equivalent - N/C

*Own choice of one or two movements with
accompaniment.*

1. Natalia Christofides - Guelph
2. Yeeun Kim - Guelph
3. Saralyn Ni - Guelph
4. Owen Percy - Guelph

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Sunday, April 12, 2026 - Afternoon

GUELPH YOUTH MUSIC CENTRE

Adjudicator - Elena Spanu

1:30 PM CLASS S226

Concertos - Violin/Viola - Grade 6 or Equivalent - N/C

Own choice of one or two movements with accompaniment.

1. **Oliver Utrera-Paciulan** - Guelph
2. **Lila Stoup** - Guelph
3. **Lucas Ni** - Guelph
4. **Olivia Gomes** - Guelph

2:05 PM CLASS S109B

Concert Piece - Violin/Viola - 10 & Under - N/C

*Own choice of one piece with accompaniment.
Time limit of 10 minutes.*

1. **Lila Stoup** - Guelph
2. **Sejun Han** - Guelph
3. **Madeleine Pierre** - Guelph

2:25 PM CLASS S108A

Concert Piece - Violin/Viola - 12 & Under - N/C

*Own choice of one piece with accompaniment.
Time limit of 10 minutes.*

1. **Isabella Bistrivoda** - Cambridge
2. **Seah Han** - Guelph

2:40 PM CLASS S185

**20th & 21st Century Sonatas/Sonatinas
- Violin/Viola - Grade 7 or Equivalent - N/C**

*Own choice of one or two movements of a Sonata
or Sonatina from the 20th or 21st Century with
accompaniment. Time limit of 16 minutes.*

1. **Lucas Jin** - Guelph

2:50 PM CLASS S155

**Classical Sonatas/Sonatinas - Violin/Viola
- Grade 7 or Equivalent - N/C**

*Own choice of one or two movements of a Sonata
or Sonatina from the Classical period with
accompaniment. Time limit of 12 minutes.*

1. **Sreenivas Pillai** - Guelph

3:00 PM CLASS S225A

Concertos - Violin/Viola - Grade 7 or Equivalent - N/C

Own choice of one or two movements with accompaniment.

1. **Lucas Jin** - Guelph
2. **Sreenivas Pillai** - Guelph
3. **Isabella Bistrivoda** - Cambridge
4. **Sreedhar Pillai** - Guelph

3:40 PM CLASS S107

Concert Piece - Violin/Viola - 14 & Under - N/C

*Own choice of one piece with accompaniment.
Time limit of 10 minutes.*

1. **Lucas Jin** - Guelph
2. **Kira Mulholland** - Guelph

4:00 PM CLASS S413

String Duo - Intermediate - Ages 15-16 - N/C

Any two string instruments. Time limit of 8 minutes.

1. **Kira Mulholland & Ella Landy** - Guelph

4:10 PM CLASS S360

Adult - String Duo or Trio - N/C

*Two or three string instruments. Own choice of
one or two pieces. Time limit of 10 minutes.*

1. **Rebecca Landy & Gillian Hewson** - Guelph

4:20 PM CLASS S126

Concert Group - Intermediate - N/C

*Own choice of two or three contrasting pieces with
accompaniment. Time limit of 15 minutes.*

1. **Ella Landy** - Guelph

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GUELPH YOUTH MUSIC CENTRE

Adjudicator - Elena Spanu

5:30 PM CLASS S128

Concert Group - Junior - 9 & Under - N/C

Own choice of two or three contrasting pieces with accompaniment. Time limit of 10 minutes.

1. Sam Wright - Fergus
2. Summer Xu - Guelph

5:45 PM CLASS S111

Concert Piece - Violin/Viola - 6 & Under - N/C

Own choice of one piece with accompaniment. Time limit of 5 minutes.

1. Margaret (Maggie) Wright - Fergus
2. Sloane Kiggins - Guelph
3. Matthew An - Guelph

6:05 PM CLASS S406

Chamber Ensemble - 10 & Under - N/C

Any combination of string and wind instruments with piano. Up to 8 players. Time limit of 20 minutes.

1. Sloane & Georgia Kiggins - Guelph

6:15 PM CLASS S163

Classical Sonatas/Sonatinas - Cello/Double Bass - Grade 6 or Equivalent - N/C

Own choice of one or two movements of a Sonata or Sonatina from the Classical period with accompaniment. Time limit of 12 minutes.

1. Theo An - Guelph

6:25 PM CLASS S106

Concert Piece - Violin/Viola - 16 & Under - N/C

Own choice of one piece with accompaniment. Time limit of 10 minutes.

1. Megan An - Guelph

6:35 PM CLASS S121B

Concert Piece - Cello/Double Bass - 8 & Under - N/C

Own choice of one piece with accompaniment. Time limit of 5 minutes.

1. Iroh Landy - Guelph

6:45 PM CLASS S120A

Concert Piece - Cello/Double Bass - 10 & Under - N/C

Own choice of one piece with accompaniment. Time limit of 10 minutes.

1. Mayzie Landy - Guelph
2. Emily An - Guelph
3. Zeben Girardi-Barrett - Guelph

7:10 PM CLASS S108B

Concert Piece - Violin/Viola - 12 & Under - N/C

Own choice of one piece with accompaniment. Time limit of 10 minutes.

1. Sreedhar Pillai - Guelph
2. Calista An - Guelph

7:25 PM CLASS S416

String Duo - Primary - Ages 9-10 - N/C

Any two string instruments. Time limit of 5 minutes.

1. Mayzie Landy & Georgia White - Guelph

7:35 PM CLASS S435

String Quartet/Quintet - Elementary - Ages 11-12 - N/C

Any combination of four or five string instruments. Time limit of 20 minutes.

1. Haydn Chamber Quartet
- Julian Stephens, Sreenivas Pillai, Sreedhar Pillai, Zeben Girardi-Barrett - Guelph

7:50 PM CLASS S234

Concertos - Cello/Double Bass - Grade 7 or Equivalent - N/C

Own choice of one or two movements with accompaniment.

1. Zeben Girardi-Barrett - Guelph

8:00 PM CLASS S222

Concertos - Violin/Viola - Grade 10 or Equivalent - N/C

Own choice of one or two movements with accompaniment.

1. Amelia Ting

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Monday, April 13, 2026 - Morning

GUELPH YOUTH MUSIC CENTRE

Adjudicator - Elena Spanu

9:00 AM CLASS S365

String/Piano Duo - Elementary - Ages 11-12 - N/C

Any string instrument and piano.

Time limit of 5 minutes.

1. Julian Stephens & Amelia Han - Guelph

9:15 AM CLASS S109C

Concert Piece - Violin/Viola - 10 & Under - N/C

Own choice of one piece with accompaniment.

Time limit of 10 minutes.

1. Leo Braganza - Guelph
2. Amelia Han - Guelph
3. Mildred Saliwonchuk - Guelph

9:40 AM CLASS S227B

Concertos - Violin/Viola - Grade 5 or Equivalent - N/C

Own choice of one or two movements with accompaniment.

1. Nellie Oh - Guelph
2. Melody Binkley - Guleph

10:00 AM CLASS S416

String Duo - Primary - Ages 9-10 - N/C

Any two string instruments. Time limit of 5 minutes.

1. Mildred Saliwonchuk & Willa Lootens - Guelph
2. Jasmine & Melody Binkley - Guleph

10:25 AM CLASS S225B

Concertos - Violin/Viola - Grade 7 or Equivalent - N/C

Own choice of one or two movements with accompaniment.

1. Willa Lootens - Guelph
2. Remi Lootens - Guelph

10:45 AM CLASS S120B

Concert Piece - Cello/Double Bass - 10 & Under - N/C

Own choice of one piece with accompaniment.

Time limit of 10 minutes.

1. Kasia Lipkowski - Guelph
2. Tomek Lipkowski - Guelph

11:05 AM CLASS S118

Concert Piece - Cello/Double Bass - 14 & Under - N/C

Own choice of one piece with accompaniment.

Time limit of 10 minutes.

1. Jozio Lipkowski - Guelph

11:15 AM CLASS S127B

Concert Group - Junior - 10 & Over - N/C

Own choice of two or three contrasting pieces with accompaniment. Time limit of 10 minutes.

1. Theo Samarasekera - Guelph

11:30 AM CLASS S119B

Concert Piece - Cello/Double Bass - 12 & Under - N/C

Own choice of one piece with accompaniment.

Time limit of 10 minutes.

1. Aaron Samarasekera - Guelph

11:40 AM CLASS S645

Sonatas/Partitas/Suites Unaccompanied

- Intermediate - Grades 5 - 7/Suzuki Book 5 - 6

Own choice of one or two contrasting movements.

Time limit of 12 minutes.

1. Ethan Lai - Mississauga

11:50 AM CLASS S117

Concert Piece - Cello/Double Bass - 16 & Under - N/C

Own choice of one piece with accompaniment.

Time limit of 10 minutes.

1. Eli Woof - Puslinch

12:00 PM CLASS S526

Concert Group - Intermediate

Own choice of two or three contrasting pieces with accompaniment. Time limit of 15 minutes.

1. Ethan Lai - Mississauga