



# 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary - 2026

## Kiwanis Music Festival of Guelph

Welcome to the 45<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 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](http://gkmf.ca/events)

## Pipe Organ Adjudicator

### Michael Bloss

Michael Bloss has been described as an animated performer, sensitive collaborative musician and illuminative coach and who, during a career spanning almost half a century, has championed pastoral music ministry. Michael is thrilled to currently serve as Director of Music of St. Mark's, and has held respected tenures at Christ's Church Cathedral, Hamilton ON, The Cathedral Church of St. James, and Timothy Eaton Memorial Church, in Toronto. He has performed throughout North America, Europe and Japan, and appeared on the national networks of the CBC, American Public Radio and Swiss Radio. The most memorable experience would surely be becoming the first Canadian to be awarded the designation of *Preisträger* at the International Bach Competition in Leipzig, Germany playing in Bach's own church.



# **Kiwanis Music Festival of Guelph**

**Thursday, April 9, 2026 - Afternoon**

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**Adjudicator - Michael Bloss**

**4:15 PM CLASS PO116**

**Traditional - Grade 6 & Under**

*Own choice of two contrasting pieces.*

*Time limit of 10 minutes.*

**1. Anna Mariya Kowalczyk - Mississauga**