



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

Senior Strings Adjudicator

Jeremy Bell

A native of Toronto, violinist Jeremy Bell earned a B. Mus degree from the University of Toronto, and from the State University of New York at Stony Brook, he received his Masters and Doctor of Music. Joining the Penderecki String Quartet in 1999, Dr. Bell is Artist in Residence at Wilfrid Laurier University where he teaches violin, chamber music, and is the author of "Beethoven String Quartets - Performance Perspectives". Described by the Toronto Star as a violinist who "agitates in the most intelligent and persuasive manner", Bell has recorded over 25 discs including the premiere Canadian recording of the Béla Bartók string quartet cycle, Marjan Mozetich's 'Lament in the Trampled Garden' (winner of the 2010 JUNO Award for composition), and the complete Grieg sonatas for violin and piano with pianist Shoshana Telner. From 2000-2007, Bell was the artistic director of NUMUS Concerts where he created several multi-media events at the Perimeter Institute. He has performed a wide range of music, performing baroque with Consortium Aurora Borealis and Les Violons du Roy, Cuban jazz with Hilario Duran, as well as collaborating with pipa virtuoso Ching Wong, NYC's DJ Spooky, and rap star Jay-Z. In addition, Bell has performed as concerto soloist with many orchestras in Canada, USA and Mexico, including the Toronto Symphony, the Kitchener-Waterloo Symphony, and the CBC Vancouver Orchestra. Currently he is the artistic director of QuartetFest and the Leith Summer Festival and has been on faculty at the Festival del Lago International Academy of Music in Mexico since 2018.



Kiwanis Music Festival of Guelph

Thursday, April 16, 2026 - Morning

GUELPH YOUTH MUSIC CENTRE

Adjudicator - Jeremy Bell

9:00 AM CLASS S541

Baroque Sonatas - Cello/Double Bass

- Grade 8 or Equivalent

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

1. Qihao Chen - Oakville

9:10 AM CLASS S504A

Concert Piece - Violin/Viola - Grade 8 or Equivalent

Own choice of one piece with accompaniment. Time limit of 12 minutes.

1. Taoyi Chen - Oakville

9:20 AM CLASS S633

Concertos - Cello/Double Bass

- Grade 8 or Equivalent

Own choice of one or two movements with accompaniment.

1. Qihao Chen - Oakville

9:30 AM CLASS S644

Sonatas/Partitas/Suites Unaccompanied

- Grade 8 or Equivalent

Own choice of one or two contrasting movements. Time limit of 12 minutes

1. Jessie Dong - Burlington

2. Taoyi Chen - Oakville

9:50 AM CLASS S515

Concert Piece - Cello/Double Bass

- Grade 8 or Equivalent

Own choice of one piece with accompaniment. Time limit of 12 minutes.

1. Qihao Chen - Oakville

10:00 AM CLASS S624B

Concertos - Violin/Viola - Grade 8 or Equivalent

Own choice of one or two movements with accompaniment.

1. Taoyi Chen - Oakville

2. Jessie Dong - Burlington

10:20 AM CLASS S835

String Quartet/Quintet - Elementary - Ages 11-12

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

1. Amethyst Quartet

Sofija Radovanovic, Jessie Gong, Abigail Yang & Amelia Wu

10:40 AM CLASS S641

Sonatas/Partitas/Suites Unaccompanied

- ARCT or Equivalent

Own choice of one or two contrasting movements. Time limit of 12 minutes

1. Mia Zhou - Oakville

2. Iris Fu - Oakville

11:05 AM CLASS S512

Concert Piece - Cello/Double Bass

- ARCT or Equivalent

Own choice of one piece with accompaniment. Time limit of 16 minutes.

1. Mia Zhou - Oakville

11:15 AM CLASS S621

Concertos - Violin/Viola - ARCT or Equivalent

Own choice of one or two movements with accompaniment.

1. Iris Fu - Oakville

11:35 AM CLASS S503

Concert Piece - Violin/Viola - Grade 9 or Equivalent

Own choice of one piece with accompaniment. Time limit of 12 minutes.

1. Alice Wang - Cambridge

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Adjudicator - Jeremy Bell

1:30 PM CLASS S623

Concertos - Violin/Viola - Grade 9 or Equivalent

Own choice of one or two movements with accompaniment.

1. Kevin Wang - Guelph
2. Alice Wang - Cambridge

2:10 PM CLASS S513

Concert Piece - Cello/Double Bass

- Grade 10 or Equivalent

Own choice of one piece with accompaniment.

Time limit of 12 minutes.

1. Christopher Zhou - Oakville

2:20 PM CLASS S534

Baroque Sonatas - Violin/Viola

- Grade 8 or Equivalent

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

1. Alice Wang - Cambridge

2:30 PM CLASS S631

Concertos - Cello/Double Bass

- Grade 10 or Equivalent

Own choice of one or two movements with accompaniment.

1. Theodore (Teddy) Mao - Oakville
2. Christopher Zhou - Oakville

3:10 PM CLASS S609

20th & 21st Century - Cello/Double Bass

- Grade 10 or Equivalent

Own choice of one or two movements from a complete work OR an individual piece with or without accompaniment from the 20th or 21st Century. Time limit of 16 minutes.

1. Theodore (Teddy) Mao - Oakville

3:20 PM CLASS S643

Sonatas/Partitas/Suites Unaccompanied

- Grade 9 or Equivalent

Own choice of one or two contrasting movements.

Time limit of 12 minutes

1. Christopher Zhou - Oakville

3:30 PM CLASS S104

Concert Piece - Violin/Viola

- Grade 8 or Equivalent - N/C

Own choice of one piece with accompaniment.

Time limit of 12 minutes.

1. Julian Stephens - Guelph

3:40 PM CLASS S133

Baroque Sonatas - Violin/Viola

- Grade 9 or Equivalent - N/C

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

1. Jason Yu - Guelph

3:55 PM CLASS S224

Concertos - Violin/Viola

- Grade 8 or Equivalent - N/C

Own choice of one or two movements with accompaniment.

1. Julian Stephens - Guelph

4:05 PM CLASS S103

Concert Piece - Violin/Viola

- Grade 9 or Equivalent - N/C

Own choice of one piece with accompaniment.

Time limit of 12 minutes.

1. Jason Yu - Guelph
2. Leo Stephens - Guelph

4:25 PM CLASS S125

Concert Group - Senior - N/C

Own choice of two or three contrasting pieces with accompaniment. Time limit of 20 minutes.

1. Roy Chang - Guelph

4:40 PM CLASS S153

Classical Sonatas/Sonatinas - Violin/Viola

- Grade 9 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. Leo Stephens - Guelph

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6:00 PM CLASS S552

Classical Sonatas/Sonatinas - Violin/Viola
- Grade 10 or Equivalent

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

1. **Amelia Jiang** - Oakville

6:20 PM CLASS S502

Concert Piece - Violin/Viola - Grade 10 or Equivalent
- Grade 10 or Equivalent

Own choice of one piece with accompaniment. Time limit of 12 minutes.

1. **Kerry Zixin Chen** - Oakville

2. **Amelia Jiang** - Oakville

6:50 PM CLASS S504B

Concert Piece - Violin/Viola - Grade 8 or Equivalent
- Grade 8 or Equivalent

Own choice of one piece with accompaniment. Time limit of 12 minutes.

1. **Louis Li** - Oakville

7:00 PM CLASS S622

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

Own choice of one or two movements with accompaniment.

1. **Kerry Zixin Chen** - Oakville

7:25 PM CLASS S624C

Concertos - Violin/Viola - Grade 8 or Equivalent

Own choice of one or two movements with accompaniment.

1. **Louis Li** - Oakville

7:35 PM CLASS S642

Sonatas/Partitas/Suites Unaccompanied
- Grade 10 or Equivalent

Own choice of one or two contrasting movements. Time limit of 12 minutes

1. **Kerry Zixin Chen** - Oakville

7:45 PM CLASS S644B

Sonatas/Partitas/Suites Unaccompanied
- Grade 8 or Equivalent

Own choice of one or two contrasting movements. Time limit of 12 minutes

1. **Louis Li** - Oakville

7:55 PM CLASS S672

Etudes - Grade 10 - 1 Etude

Own choice of stated number of etudes appropriate to Grade level being studied. Time limit of 10 minutes.

1. **Kerry Zixin Chen** - Oakville

8:05 PM CLASS S765

String/Piano Duo - Elementary - Ages 11-12

Any string instrument and piano. Time limit of 5 minutes.

1. **Nova Duet**

Kerry Zixin Chen & Frederick Li - Oakville

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GUELPH YOUTH MUSIC CENTRE
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9:00 AM CLASS S221

Concertos - Violin/Viola - ARCT or Equivalent - N/C

Own choice of one or two movements with accompaniment.

1. Erica Yeh - Guelph
2. Vera Golubitsky - Guelph

9:40 AM CLASS S241

Sonatas/Partitas/Suites Unaccompanied

- ARCT or Equivalent - N/C

Own choice of one or two contrasting movements. Time limit of 12 minutes

1. Erica Yeh - Guelph

9:55 AM CLASS S222

Concertos - Violin/Viola

- Grade 10 or Equivalent - N/C

Own choice of one or two movements with accompaniment.

1. Antonio Utrera-Paciulan - Guelph
2. Vera Golubitsky - Guelph

10:30 AM CLASS S356

Adult - Senior - Grade 8 & Above/Suzuki Book 7 & Above - N/C

Own choice of one or two pieces at specified Grade level. Time limit of 10 minutes.

1. Oleg Golubitsky - Guelph

10:40 AM CLASS S412

String Duo - Senior - Ages 17-18 - N/C

Any two string instruments. Time limit of 10 minutes.

1. Antonio Utrera-Paciulan & Natasha Cook - Guelph

10:55 AM CLASS S359

Adult - String/Piano Duo or Trio

Any string instrument(s) and piano. Own choice of one or two pieces. Time limit of 10 minutes.

1. Oleg Golubitsky & Eriko Seto
- Guelph & Cambridge

11:10 AM CLASS S159

Classical Sonatas/Sonatinas - Cello/Double Bass

- Grade 10 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. Charlotte Ting - Guelph

11:25 AM CLASS S188

20th & 21st Century Sonatas/Sonatinas

- Cello/Double Bass - ARCT 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. Natasha Cook - Guelph

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Friday, April 17, 2026 - Afternoon

GUELPH YOUTH MUSIC CENTRE

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1:30 PM CLASS S177

Romantic Sonatas/Sonatinas - Cello/Double Bass
- Grade 10 or Equivalent - N/C

Own choice or one or two movements of a Sonata or Sonatina from the Romantic period with accompaniment. Time limit of 16 minutes.

1. Elaine Xu - Guelph

1:50 PM CLASS S113

Concert Piece - Cello/Double Bass
- Grade 10 or Equivalent - N/C

Own choice of one piece with accompaniment. Time limit of 12 minutes.

1. Mio Chan - Guelph

2. Elaine Xu - Guelph

2:25 PM CLASS S231

Concertos - Cello/Double Bass
- Grade 10 or Equivalent - N/C

Own choice of one or two movements with accompaniment.

1. Mio Chan - Guelph

2:45 PM CLASS S432

String Quartet/Quintet - Senior - Ages 17-18 - N/C

Any combination or four or five string instruments. Time limit of 25 minutes.

1. **Glazunov Chamber Quartet**

Eli Eckert, Leo Stephens, Oriana Stocco-Guia
& Mio Chan - Guelph

3:15 PM CLASS S243

Sonatas/Partitas/Suites Unaccompanied
- Grade 9 or Equivalent - N/C

Own choice of one or two contrasting movements. Time limit of 12 minutes

1. Leo Stephens - Guelph

2. Eli Eckert - Guelph

3:40 PM CLASS S152

Classical Sonatas/Sonatinas - Violin/Viola
- Grade 10 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. Oriana Stocco-Guia - Guelph

4:00 PM CLASS S223

Concertos - Violin/Viola - Grade 9 or Equivalent - N/C

Own choice of one or two movements with accompaniment.

1. Eli Eckert - Guelph

2. Leo Stephens - Guelph

4:25 PM CLASS S244

Sonatas/Partitas/Suites Unaccompanied
- Grade 8 or Equivalent - N/C

Own choice of one or two contrasting movements. Time limit of 12 minutes

1. Callum Durward - Guelph

4:35 PM CLASS S141

Baroque Sonatas - Cello/Double Bass
- Grade 8 or Equivalent - N/C

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

1. Massimo Costanzo Miners - Guelph

2. Callum Durward - Guelph

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6:00 PM CLASS S455

String Ensemble - Large Ensemble - Senior - N/C

Minimum of 6 like string instruments.

Time limit of 12 minutes.

1. Hadelich & Ehnes Group

Elspeth Durward & Paule Barsalou - Guelph

2. Tertis Viola Choir

Joy Schuster - Guelph

3. Ehnes Group

Elspeth Durward - Guelph

4. Gerhardt Cello Ensemble

Andrea Cook - Guelph

7:15 PM CLASS S471

String Orchestra - Senior - N/C

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

Time limit of 20 minutes.

1. Concorde

Jeremy Cook - Guelph