



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

Voice & Speech Arts Adjudicator

Marnie Kersten

Marnie Kersten is a music director, performer, and voice educator with extensive experience in professional theatre, a Bachelor of Music in Voice Performance and a Triple-Threat Diploma in musical theatre. She maintains a thriving private voice studio and is currently on the voice faculty at Sheridan College's renowned Musical Theatre program and is a founding member of the Oakville Vocal Arts Festival. Marnie previously taught in the Randolph College's Triple-Threat program, where she worked closely with emerging professional performers. As an actor-musician, she has performed across Canada in shows such as Buddy: The Buddy Holly Story and has played in pit orchestras for numerous large-scale productions including Jersey Boys, Hairspray, Mary Poppins, and others. She brings both a strong emphasis on vocal health, musical storytelling, and stylistic versatility to her adjudicating. www.marniekersten.com



Kiwanis Music Festival of Guelph

Monday, April 6, 2026 - Morning

HARCOURT MEMORIAL UNITED CHURCH

Adjudicator - Marnie Kersten

9:00 AM CLASS V674

Musical Theatre - Pre-1985 - 12 & Under

Own choice from a staged musical theatre production.

1. Cara Parker - Guelph

9:10 AM CLASS V636

Animated Film/Movie Musical - 8 & Under

Own choice of any song from an animated film or movie musical.

1. Norah Ferguson - Guelph
2. Amelia Sinclair - Guelph

9:25 AM CLASS V643

Songs from the Screen & More - 14 & Under

Own choice of a song that was written for, or first appeared in, a movie or film.

1. Ava Murray - Guelph

9:35 AM CLASS V666

Musical Theatre - Up-Tempo - 8 & Under

Own choice from a staged musical theatre production.

1. Norah Ferguson - Guelph

9:45 AM CLASS V633

Animated Film/Movie Musical - 14 & Under

Own choice of any song from an animated film or movie musical.

1. Ava Murray - Guelph
2. Violet Swanson - Guelph
3. Zoey Papadedes - Guelph

10:15 AM CLASS V634

Animated Film/Movie Musical - 12 & Under

Own choice of any song from an animated film or movie musical.

1. Isaiah Houssa - Cambridge

10:25 AM CLASS V653

Musical Theatre - Ballad - 14 & Under

Own choice from a staged musical theatre production.

1. Jax MacNeil - Rockwood
2. Violet Swanson - Guelph

10:45 AM CLASS V530

Grade 4 - List B - After 1900

Own choice of one piece.

1. Ava Murray - Guelph

10:55 AM CLASS V663

Musical Theatre - Up-Tempo - 14 & Under

Own choice from a staged musical theatre production.

1. Jax MacNeil - Rockwood
2. Emily Edwards - Cambridge

11:10 AM CLASS V673

Musical Theatre - Pre-1985 - 14 & Under

Own choice from a staged musical theatre production.

1. Ashlyn Calaminici - Georgetown

11:20 AM CLASS V683A

Musical Theatre - Contemporary (1985 to Present) - 14 & Under

Own choice from a staged musical theatre production.

1. Ashlyn Calaminici - Georgetown
2. Emily Edwards - Cambridge

11:40 AM CLASS J124

Jazz Standards - 16 & Under

Own choice of any Jazz standard.

1. Sebastian Kok - Guelph

11:50 AM CLASS J123

Jazz Standards - 18 & Under

Own choice of any Jazz standard.

1. Rowan Veit - Belwood
2. Sebastian Kok - Guelph

12:05 PM CLASS V841

Adult - Opera, Oratorio, & Operetta

Own choice of any Opera aria, any aria from a standard Oratorio or Cantata, or a song from a standard Operetta.

1. David Micalef - Burlington

12:20 PM CLASS V406

Senior Voice - Age 19-28 - Italian Art Song - N/C

Own choice of any standard Italian Art song to be sung in the original language.

1. Benjamin McKenzie-Sutter - Guelph

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Monday, April 6, 2026 - Afternoon

HARCOURT MEMORIAL UNITED CHURCH

Adjudicator - Marnie Kersten

1:30 PM CLASS V588

English Art Song - 14 & Under

Own choice of any standard English Art song.

1. **Emily Edwards** - Cambridge

1:40 PM CLASS V672

Musical Theatre - Pre-1985 - 16 & Under

Own choice from a staged musical theatre production.

1. **Michaela Saunders** - Cambridge

1:50 PM CLASS V578

French Art Song - 14 & Under

Own choice of any French Art song to be sung in the original language.

1. **Emily Edwards** - Cambridge

2:00 PM CLASS V662

Musical Theatre - Up-Tempo - 16 & Under

Own choice from a staged musical theatre production.

1. **Michaela Saunders** - Cambridge

2:10 PM CLASS V623

Children's Song - 8 & Under

Own choice of one piece from any children's song book (excluding Disney and Broadway).

1. **Alejandra Cortes** - Kitchener

2:15 PM CLASS V645

Songs from the Screen & More - 10 & Under

Own choice of a song that was written for, or first appeared in, a movie or film.

1. **Isabelle Goze** - Guelph

2:25 PM CLASS V646

Songs from the Screen & More - 8 & Under

Own choice of a song that was written for, or first appeared in, a movie or film.

1. **Alejandra Cortes** - Kitchener

2:35 PM CLASS V324

Popular Music - Indie - 12 & Under - N/C

Own choice of any Indie selection from any era.

1. **Gwendolyn Siber** - Guelph

2:45 PM CLASS V676

Musical Theatre - Pre-1985 - 8 & Under

Own choice from a staged musical theatre production.

1. **Alejandra Cortes** - Kitchener

2:55 PM CLASS V446

Adult - Age 29 & Over - Popular Music - Any Era - N/C

Own choice of any popular selection from any era. Accompaniment may be pre-recorded or live. A microphone, stand, and amplifier will be provided.

1. **Stephen Best** - Guelph

3:05 PM CLASS V846

Adult - Age 29 & Over - Popular Music - Any Era

Own choice of any popular selection from any era. Accompaniment may be pre-recorded or live. A microphone, stand, and amplifier will be provided.

1. **Alpha Montemayor** - Kitchener East
2. **Rachel Kuiper** - Guelph

3:25 PM CLASS V444

Adult - Age 29 & Over - Broadway - N/C

Own choice of any selection from live musical theatre or Broadway (including Disney Musicals or Movies).

1. **Stephen Best** - Guelph

3:35 PM CLASS V844

Adult - Age 29 & Over - Broadway

Own choice of any selection from live musical theatre or Broadway (including Disney Musicals or Movies).

1. **Rachel Kuiper** - Guelph

3:45 PM CLASS V851

Adult - Age 29 & Over - Concert Group - Pop

Own choice of 2 or 3 popular selections from any era. NO Classical or Broadway/Musical Theatre. Time limit of 12 minutes. No pause between songs.

1. **Alpha Montemayor** - Kitchener East

4:00 PM CLASS V850

Adult - Age 29 & Over - Concert Group - Broadway

Own choice of 2 or 3 Broadway or Musical Theatre songs. NO Classical or Pop. Time limit of 12 minutes. No pause between songs.

1. **Kristien Wolmarans** - Elora

4:20 PM CLASS V849

Adult - Age 29 & Over - Concert Group - Classical

Own choice of 2 or 3 art songs or arias, language optional. NO Musical Theatre or Broadway. Time limit of 12 minutes. No pause between songs.

1. **Tamara Finlay** - Cambridge

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HARCOURT MEMORIAL UNITED CHURCH

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6:00 PM CLASS V695A

Popular Music - Pop - 10 & Under

Own choice of any Pop selection from any era.

1. Sadie Butler - Erin

6:10 PM CLASS V804

Senior Voice - Age 19-28 - Romantic Song/Aria

Own choice of any Romantic song or aria.

Language optional.

1. Laura Fleming - Guelph

6:20 PM CLASS V824

Senior Voice - Age 19-28 - Opera - Female

Own choice of any Opera aria (any period) in the original key and language, with recitative where applicable.

1. Meera Sontam - Oakville

6:30 PM CLASS V822

Senior Voice - Age 19-28 - Singer/Songwriter

Own choice of any song written by the performer.

Accompanist may be the singer or other musician(s).

1. Crystal Strachan

6:40 PM CLASS V820

Senior Voice - Age 19-28 - Popular Music

- Pop, Pop/Folk, R & B / Soul

Own choice of a popular selection from any era.

Accompaniment may be pre-recorded or live.

1. Laura Fleming - Guelph

6:50 PM CLASS V830

Senior Voice - Age 19-28 - Duet

Own choice of one or two duets from any genre.

Time limit of 10 minutes.

1. Crystal Strachan & Meera Sontam - Oakville

7:00 PM CLASS V818

Senior Voice - Age 19-28 - Musical Theatre

- Pre-1985

Own choice from staged musical theatre.

1. Diana Valliant - Ancaster
2. Karleigh Martin - Guelph
3. Meera Sontam - Oakville

7:25 PM CLASS V816

Senior Voice - Age 19-28 - Musical Theatre

- Ballad

Own choice from staged musical theatre.

1. Diana Valliant - Ancaster
2. Laura Fleming - Guelph
3. Karleigh Martin - Guelph
4. Aoibhinn Macken-Luyt - Rockwood

8:00 PM CLASS V815

Senior Voice - Age 19-28

- Songs from the Screen & More

Songs that were written for, or first appeared in, a movie or film.

1. Ally Mahony - Campbellville

8:10 PM CLASS V819

Senior Voice - Age 19-28 - Musical Theatre

- Contemporary (1985 to Present)

Own choice from staged musical theatre.

1. Georgia Rutter - Guelph
2. Ally Mahony - Campbellville

8:30 PM CLASS V817

Senior Voice - Age 19-28 - Musical Theatre

- Up-Tempo

Own choice from staged musical theatre.

1. Ally Mahony - Campbellville
2. Laura Fleming - Guelph
3. Aoibhinn Macken-Luyt - Rockwood
4. Karleigh Martin - Guelph
5. Georgia Rutter - Guelph

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Tuesday, April 7, 2026 - Morning

HARCOURT MEMORIAL UNITED CHURCH

Adjudicator - Marnie Kersten

9:00 AM CLASS V695B

Popular Music - Pop - 10 & Under

Own choice of any Pop selection from any era.

1. Claire Leblanc - Burlington
2. Olivia Rost - Guelph

9:20 AM CLASS V685

**Musical Theatre - Contemporary (1985 to Present)
- 10 & Under**

Own choice from a staged musical theatre production.

1. Emmelyn Barton - Guelph
2. Olivia Rost - Guelph
3. Claire Leblanc - Burlington

9:45 AM CLASS V285

**Musical Theatre - Contemporary (1985 to Present)
- 10 & Under - N/C**

Own choice from a staged musical theatre production.

1. Nia Williams - Burlington

9:55 AM CLASS V665

Musical Theatre - Up-Tempo - 10 & Under

Own choice from a staged musical theatre production.

1. Claire Leblanc - Burlington

10:05 AM CLASS V752

Singer/Songwriter - 16 & Under

Own choice of any song written by the performer.

1. Charlotte Arnold - Guelph

10:15 AM CLASS V448

Adult - Age 29 & Over - Duet - N/C

*Own choice of one or two duets from any genre.
Time limit of 10 minutes.*

1. Teresa Bain & Tracey Szarka - Waterloo

10:25 AM CLASS V724

Popular Music - Indie - 12 & Under

Own choice of any Indie selection from any era.

1. Yeva Sarmazian - Guelph

10:35 AM CLASS V664

Musical Theatre - Up-Tempo - 12 & Under

Own choice from a staged musical theatre production.

1. Ella Chanthalya - Guelph

10:45 AM CLASS V694

Popular Music - Pop - 12 & Under

Own choice of any Pop selection from any era.

1. Dinaree Hirunya Sooriyabandara - Guelph
2. Ella Chanthalya - Guelph
3. Ruby Lal - Guelph
4. Luvey Panneton - Guelph
5. Sophia Holdenmeyer - Guelph

11:30 AM CLASS V644

Songs from the Screen & More - 12 & Under

Own choice of a song that was written for, or first appeared in, a movie or film.

1. Ella Chanthalya - Guelph

11:40 AM CLASS V684

**Musical Theatre - Contemporary (1985 to Present)
- 12 & Under**

Own choice from a staged musical theatre production.

1. Sophia Holdenmeyer - Guelph

11:50 AM CLASS V132

Grade 3 - List A - Prior to 1900 - N/C

Own choice of one piece.

1. Ella Chanthalya - Guelph

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Tuesday, April 7, 2026 - Afternoon
HARCOURT MEMORIAL UNITED CHURCH
Adjudicator - Marnie Kersten

1:30 PM CLASS V681

**Musical Theatre - Contemporary (1985 to Present)
- 18 & Under**

Own choice from a staged musical theatre production.

1. Arx Nicholls - Guelph

1:45 PM CLASS V661

Musical Theatre - Up-Tempo - 18 & Under

Own choice from a staged musical theatre production.

1. Tayo Thomas - Rockwood
2. Arx Nicholls - Guelph

2:05 PM CLASS V692

Popular Music - Pop - 16 & Under (A)

Own choice of any Pop selection from any era.

1. Isis Steel - kitchener

2:15 PM CLASS V711

Popular Music - R & B / Soul - 18 & Under

Own choice of any R & B / Soul selection from any era.

1. Tayo Thomas - Rockwood

2:25 PM CLASS V651

Musical Theatre - Ballad - 18 & Under

Own choice from a staged musical theatre production.

1. Arx Nicholls - Guelph

2:40 PM CLASS V693

Popular Music - Pop - 14 & Under

Own choice of any Pop selection from any era.

1. Sofia Osadchuk-Chavarrria - Rockwood
2. Alexia Bakker - Cambridge
3. Evie Mackintosh - Guelph
4. Ayleen Quaid - Guelph
5. Stella Holdenmeyer - Guelph

3:25 PM CLASS V683B

**Musical Theatre - Contemporary (1985 to Present)
- 14 & Under**

Own choice from a staged musical theatre production.

1. Stella Holdenmeyer - Guelph

3:35 PM CLASS V703

Popular Music - Pop/Folk - 14 & Under

Own choice of any Pop/Folk selection from any era.

1. Evie Mackintosh - Guelph

3:45 PM CLASS J125

Jazz Standards - 14 & Under

Own choice of any Jazz standard.

1. Gabriele Lesmoras - Guelph

3:55 PM CLASS SP124

Prose - 14 & Under

A recitation of an excerpt from a published novel.

1. Rukmini Chari - Oakville

4:10 PM CLASS SP174

Solo Scene - Shakespeare - 14 & Under

Own choice of a solo scene from any play by Shakespeare. Time limit of 5 minutes.

1. Rukmini Chari - Oakville