

2026
Kiwanis Music Festival



Highlights of the Festival
Concert & Awards Ceremony

Saturday, May 9th
7:00pm
Dublin Street
United Church

Message from the Chair

On behalf of the Kiwanis Club of Guelph and the Music Festival Committee, I would like to welcome you to the Highlights Concert & Awards Ceremony of the 45th annual Kiwanis Music Festival of Guelph. Special thanks to Festival Coordinator, Heather Fleming, a strong supporting cast of volunteers, and a group of talented and accomplished adjudicators for another very successful festival.

I'd also like to acknowledge all the participants who performed in the Festival this year, along with the teachers and parents who are instrumental in their continuing successes.

It is important to recognize the generous and kind support of the Guelph community. From the local venues that provided their facilities for Festival classes, to the many people and businesses that contribute valuable time and donate critical funding, we are grateful to all who contribute to the operation of the Festival.

Today's Highlights Concert is our regular showcase of some of the finest talent heard at this year's Festival. It is intended to give you a sense of the variety and quality of the music students who perform in our Festival. Trophies, plaques, medals, and scholarships will be awarded to those participants of the Festival who have been selected for special recognition by the adjudicators.

We on the Festival Committee and in the Kiwanis Club of Guelph are very proud of the fact that this Festival provides opportunities that are second to none for developing musicians in our area.

Thanks for your continued support; it means so much to the area's talented, young musicians. Thanks also to Dublin Street United Church for making their place available for this concert.

Thank you for attending this evening's concert. Enjoy the show!

Tom Watson, Chair of the 2026 Kiwanis Music Festival of Guelph.

Pre-Concert Entertainment by Guelph Youth Jazz Ensemble

Sullivan Falls – Alto Sax, Atom Grimes – Guitar, Lyle Fleras – Piano,
 Leo Stephens – Drums, Tyler Wagler – Bass *Tyler Wagler, director*

Welcome & Opening Remarks **Heather Fleming**

Emcee **Tom Watson**

PLAQUE PRESENTATIONS

\$200	Evie Mackintosh – <i>Soprano</i>	Alice Sloan Memorial Scholarship
\$200	Iris Fu – <i>Violin</i>	Alice Sloan Memorial Scholarship
\$200	Erica Wu – <i>Flute</i>	Alice Sloan Memorial Scholarship
\$200	Jacob Weng – <i>Intermediate Piano</i>	Alice Sloan Memorial Scholarship
\$200	Anna Mariya Kowalczyk – <i>Senior Piano</i>	Alice Sloan Memorial Scholarship
	..... donated by the Sloan Family: David & Erika, Ian & Cater, Paul & Doris, Steve & Tamara	
\$300	Giorgio Piscitelli – <i>Piano</i>	Clara Bookbinder Memorial Scholarship
	..... for the Most Promising Senior Piano Performer	
\$300	Leo Stephens – <i>Violin</i>	Doug & Joy Sloan Memorial Scholarship
 for the Most Promising Senior String Performer	
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\$300	Karleigh Martin – <i>Soprano</i>	Mabel Wingrove Memorial Scholarship
 for the Most Promising Senior Voice Performer	
\$250	Elaine Xu – <i>Cello</i>	Lillian Evenchick Memorial Scholarship
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\$250	Christopher Zhou – <i>Cello</i>	Lillian Evenchick Memorial Scholarship
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\$250	Zeben Girardi-Barrett – <i>Cello</i>	François Barsalou Memorial Scholarship
 for the Most Promising Junior String Performer	
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\$200	Erica Yeh – <i>Violin</i>	Virginia Gillham Memorial Scholarship
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PROGRAM**Johann Gomez-Goertz – Junior Piano**

Ballade, op. 100, no. 15 *J.F. Burgmüller*

~~Zeben~~ Girardi-Barrett – Cello *Ken Gee, accompanist*

Arioso from Cantata 156 *J.S. Bach*

Erica Wu – Flute *Haley Marie, accompanist*

Sonata in A Minor *J.-B. Loeillet*

Jacob Weng – Intermediate Piano

Sonatina in D Major, op. 36, no. 6, 1st mov. *M. Clementi*

Evie Mackintosh – Soprano

Big Yellow Taxi *Joni Mitchell*

Anna Mariya Kowalczyk – Pipe Organ

Elegy from Richard III *W. Walton*

Echo Fantasia *G. Scriabin*

Iris Fu – Violin *Kathleen Gong, accompanist*

Violin Concerto in E Minor, op. 64, 1st mov. *F. Mendelssohn*

1st INTERMISSION

PROGRAM CONTINUES...

Harry Ji – Guitar

River Flows in You..... *Jikuma*

Karleigh Martin – Soprano *Irene Gregorio, accompanist*

Christmas Lullaby from Songs for a New World..... *J. R. Brown*

Natasha Cook – Cello *Ken Gee, accompanist*

Cello Sonata in D Minor, 1st movt...... *C. Debussy*

John F. Ross Saxophone Quartet

Jiayu Kolapo, Shaun Nguyen, Jaydn John, Adam Sabbagh

Marzanilla Mambo..... *A. Robertson*

Giorgio Piscitelli – Senior Piano

Sonata Sr. 80..... *B. Bartók*

Guelph CVI Chamber Choir *Lane Osborne, director*

Richard Burrows, percussion

Pakkanen..... *S. Saxola*

2nd INTERMISSION

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

Choirs	Senior Piano	Senior Strings &
Voice & Speech Arts	Guitar	Sr. String Ensembles
Junior Piano	Junior Strings &	Brass & Woodwinds
Intermediate Piano	Jr. String Ensembles	Bands & Percussion

50/50 DRAW

One lucky person will take home half of the total amount raised.

Closing Remarks **Tom Watson**

AWARDS

On behalf of over 50 individual and corporate donors and the Kiwanis Club of Guelph, we are pleased to present \$12,850 in scholarships to the following 150 solo performers and ensembles as recommended by the adjudicators.

CHOIRS

\$ 200	Guelph CVI	Lane Osborne, director
	.....	Trophy - Best School Choral Program
	.....	Guelph Wellington Men's Club <i>in Memory of Ken Greenaway</i>
\$ 150	Pamati Children's Choir of Guelph	Irene Gregorio, director
	.....	Trophy - Best Community Choral Program
	.....	Guelph Wellington Men's Club <i>in Memory of Ken Greenaway</i>
\$ 100	Guelph Youth Singers	Emily Petrenko & Mariys Neufeldt, directors
	.....	Mike & Andrea Manera
\$ 100	John F. Ross CVI	Jordyn Lundy, director
	.....	Robert McMillan & Family
\$ 75	Centennial CVI	Melodie Downton, director
	.....	David & Carrie Vert
\$ 50	Elora Children's Choir	Kate Wright, director
	.....	Robert McMillan & Family
\$ 50	King George Public School	Emily Petrenko, director
	.....	Steve Bond & Sharon Cousens-Bond
\$ 50	Sacred Heart of Jesus School	Michelle Bender & Valerie McElroy, directors
	.....	Tom Watson

VOICE & SPEECH ARTS

\$ 250	Karleigh Martin	Mabel Wingrove Memorial Scholarship
\$ 200	Evie Mackintosh	Alice Sloan Memorial Scholarship
\$ 150	Meera Sontam	Joan Heels Vocal Award Fund
\$ 125	Aibhinn Macken-Luyt	David & Carrie Vert
\$ 125	Diana Valliant	Robert McMillan & Family
\$ 100	Stella Holdenmeyer	Mike & Andrea Manera
\$ 100	Arx Nicholls	Tessa Manera
\$ 75	Charlotte Arnold	Steve Bond & Sharon Cousens-Bond
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\$ 50	Alejandra Cortes	Mike & Andrea Manera
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\$ 50	Zoey Papadedes	Mike & Andrea Manera
\$ 50	Cara Parker	David & Carrie Vert
\$ 50	Rowan Veit	Tessa Manera

JUNIOR PIANO

\$ 150	Johann Gomez-Goertz	Guelph Wellington Men's Club <i>in Memory of Ken Greenaway</i>
\$ 100	Dexter Boyd	Kwame Badoe
\$ 100	Olivia Jin	Mike & Andrea Manera
\$ 75	Jingyi Chen	Nightingale Piano Studio
\$ 75	Pieter Greenwood	Tessa Manera
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\$ 200	Jacob Weng	Alice Sloan Memorial Scholarship
\$ 100	Michael Gu	The Oh Family
\$ 100	Jason Hao	Nightingale Piano Studio
\$ 75	Jayden He	Steve Bond & Sharon Cousens-Bond
\$ 75	Sophia Huang	Tessa Manera
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\$ 300	Giorgio Piscitelli.....	Clara Bookbinder Memorial Scholarship
\$ 250	Arya Nuthupati.....	Oleg Golubitsky
\$ 200	Anna Mariya Kowalczyk.....	Alice Sloan Memorial Scholarship
\$ 150	Xinyi (Sophia) Ran.....	Barbara & Donald McKay
\$ 125	Derek Cheng.....	Tessa Manera
\$ 125	Alden Li.....	Guelph Wellington Men's Club <i>in Memory of Ken Greenaway</i>
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\$ 50	Holt Briden.....	Barbara & Donald McKay
\$ 50	Kingston Groen.....	Mario Di Renzo <i>in Memory of Nives Di Renzo</i>

JUNIOR STRINGS

\$ 250	Zebao Girardi-Barrett.....	François Barsalou Memorial Scholarship
\$ 100	Isabella Bistrivoda.....	The Oh Family
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\$ 75	Saralyn Ni.....	Oleg Golubitsky
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\$ 75	Coco Zhu.....	The Oh Family
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\$ 50	Ella Landy.....	Oleg Golubitsky
\$ 50	Willa Lootens.....	Andy & Nancy Watson
\$ 50	Sreedhar Pillai.....	Sally Gross
\$ 50	Sreenivas Pillai.....	Barbara & Donald McKay
\$ 50	Lila Stoup.....	Geetha Pillai
\$ 50	Ada Zhou.....	Cheryl Ruddock
\$ 50	Hannah Zhou.....	Tessa Manera

JUNIOR STRING ENSEMBLES

\$ 100	GYMC Intermediate String Orchestra.....	Joy Schuster, director
	.....	Mike & Andrea Manera
\$ 100	GYMC Junior String Orchestra.....	Joy Schuster, director
	.....	Guelph Wellington Men's Club
\$ 100	Haydn Chamber Quartet	
	Julian Stephens, Sreedhar & Sreenivas Pillai & Zebao Girardi-Barrett	
	.....	June & Nick Kaethler Scholarship Fund
\$ 75	Cambridge Youth Orchestra.....	Joy Schuster, director
	John Barnum
\$ 50	Kanneh-Mason Cello Ensemble.....	Peggy Lin, director
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SENIOR STRINGS

\$ 300	Leo Stephens.....	Doug & Joy Sloan Memorial Scholarship
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\$ 250	Christopher Zhou.....	Lillian Evenchick Memorial Scholarship
\$ 200	Iris Fu.....	Alice Sloan Memorial Scholarship
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\$ 150	Vera Galubitsky.....	Sally Gross
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\$ 75	Amethyst String Quartet Sofija Radovanovic, Jessie Gong, Abigail Yang & Amelia Wu Barbara & Donald McKay
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\$ 50	Nova Duet – Kerry Zixin Chen & Frederick Li David & Carrie Vert
\$ 50	SSSG Tertis Viola Ensemble <i>Joy Schuster, director</i> Cheryl Ruddock

BRASS & WOODWINDS

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\$ 100	Lilja Armstrong Rosanne Warren in Honour of Mr. and Mrs. Spirazza
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\$ 75	Amaryllis Ensemble <i>Kelly Williamson, director</i> Laurel Clegg, Alice Wang & Jadyen Mensah Robert McMillan & Family
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BANDS & PERCUSSION

\$ 200	John F. Ross CVI <i>Dorothy Vreeswyk-Kidd, Jordyn Lundy & Mike Buswell, directors</i> Trophy - Best School Band Program Guelph Wellington Men's Club in Memory of Ken Greenaway
\$ 150	Centennial CVI <i>Eric Froats & Melodie Downton, directors</i> Mike & Andrea Manera
\$ 125	Guelph CVI <i>Dan Austin & Emily Peterman, directors</i> Steve Bond & Sharon Cousins-Bond
\$ 100	Guelph Youth Jazz Ensemble <i>Tyler Wagler, director</i> Tessa Manera
\$ 100	King George Public School <i>Emily Petrenko, director</i> Corporation of the Township of Guelph Eramosa
\$ 75	John Galt Public School <i>Peter Schroeder, director</i> Mike & Andrea Manera
\$ 75	Rockwood Centennial Public School <i>Morgan Rafolowski, directors</i> Steve Bond & Sharon Cousins-Bond
\$ 75	Sacred Heart of Jesus School <i>Michelle Bender, director</i> Tessa Manera
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