

# Ethnic Dance & Fiddle

HIGHLIGHTS CONCERT 2024

MONDAY APRIL 29 | 7:00 PM

Phillip T. Young Recital Hall, MacLaurin Building, UVIC

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## Letter from the President - Festival 2024

Very warm greetings from the 97th Greater Victoria Performing Arts Festival!

For those of you who have attended previously as performers, parents of performers or one of our many volunteers...welcome back! You know that Festival is a unique six week celebration of Dance, the Speech Arts and Music that brings our community together each year at this time to perform, learn and build friendships.

For those of you who are new to Festival please explore everything it has to offer ... from expert adjudication, dozens of trophies, tens of thousands of dollars in awards, and an opportunity to qualify for the provincial and national festivals. Enjoy the warmth and supportive atmosphere that we are renowned for, and that stays with our performers through their lifetime.

As a non-profit association we rely on grants, the generosity of hundreds of donors and sponsors, and your registration and entrance fees, to bring this vibrant Festival to life each year. We send sincere thanks to all of you for choosing to make a difference in the lives of so many creative local artists. Beyond money we also rely on the gift of time from hundreds of volunteers so please take a moment to thank the Festival people you meet at sessions and concerts for helping your young performer on their artistic journey.

Finally this is your Festival, and the GVPF Board of Directors strives to create an experience that reflects your artistic aspirations and needs. Please reach out to us through the Festival office with your suggestions and feedback to help us stay closely connected with you.

And now, please enjoy the creativity and passion on show and celebrate with us the thriving performing arts in our community!

Bill Devey,  
GVPF President

# Highlights Concerts 2024

Saturday, April 20 - Studio Dance - 2:00pm | Dave Dunnet Community Theatre, Oak Bay High School

Saturday, April 20 - Composition and Junior Piano - 6:30pm | Phillip T. Young Recital Hall, MacLaurin Building, UVIC

Thursday, April 25 - Choral - 7:00pm | St. Patrick's Parish, 2060 Haultain Street

Thursday, April 25 - Brass, Classical Guitar, Woodwinds - 7:00pm | Phillip T. Young Recital Hall, MacLaurin Building, UVIC

Monday, April 29 - Ethnic Dance and Fiddle - 7:00pm | Phillip T. Young Recital Hall, MacLaurin Building, UVIC

Wednesday, May 1 - Intermediate and Senior Piano - 7:00pm | Phillip T. Young Recital Hall, MacLaurin Building, UVIC

Thursday, May 2 - Speech - 7:00pm | Knox Presbyterian Church, 2964 Richmond Rd

Saturday, May 4 - Voice - 7:00pm | Phillip T. Young Recital Hall, MacLaurin Building, UVIC

Monday, May 6 - School Dance - 7:00pm | Farquhar Auditorium

Thursday, May 9 - Strings - 6:30pm | Phillip T. Young Recital Hall, MacLaurin Building, UVIC

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# Welcome to the 97th Greater Victoria Performing Arts Festival!

The Ethnic Dance and Fiddle Highlights Concert features many talented individuals. Tonight, we will hear performers at every stage of development, all sharing a love of performing. Each of these performers is being recognized for excellence in a certain area.

As you may know, the competitive aspect is not the Greater Victoria Performing Arts Festival's primary focus. Our adjudicators give on-the-spot suggestions for improvement suitable to the performer's level of musical maturity and work to increase confidence in skill and performance. However, occasionally, a generous music lover chooses to recognize some aspect of musical development by donating a special award. We are grateful to all of the donors, volunteers, and participants who make Festival possible

## Special thanks to:

Mike Gower, Fiddle Section Head  
Margaret Chapman, Ethnic Dance Section Head  
Susan Fraser, Ethnic Dance Section Head  
Elizabeth Willis, Volunteer Coordinator  
Gina Sinclair Davis, Ethnic Dance Adjudicator  
Kai Gronberg, Fiddle Adjudicator

Thank you to teachers, accompanists and parents who play such a vital part in the Festival.

Special thanks to all the Festival Volunteers!

# Highlights Concert Lineup

| Performer   | Selection   | Composer/Studio   |
|---|---|---|
| <b>Sampaguita Dancers</b>                         | Silong sa Ganding   | Victoria Filipino-Canadian Association                          |
| <b>Kennedy Bahan, Addison Faulkner</b>            | Two-hand Reel   | O'Brien School of Irish Dance                                   |
| <b>Clementine Troy</b><br>Accompanist: Jamie Troy | John MacColl's Farewell<br>December 2nd<br>The Silver Spear<br>American Rifle Team        | John MacColl<br>Ward MacDonald<br>Traditional<br>Edwin Christie |
| <b>Noa Paster</b>                                 | az tantsn ( <i>that dance</i> )   | Own Composition   |
| <b>Tia Greenwood</b><br>Pianist: Nateo Thompson   | Neil Gow's Lament for the Death<br>of His Second Wife<br>Persian Omelette<br>Unnamed reel | Neil Gow<br><br>Juliette Lemoine<br>Tia Greenwood               |
| <b>Haimavathy Saibish</b>                         | Kuchipudi   | Nupura School of Music and<br>Dance                             |
| <b>BC Fiddle Orchestra</b>                        | Libertango<br>Piney Woods Gals  | Astor Piazzolla<br>Doc Harris                                   |

## Interlude: Recognition of Award Recipients

|  |                                     |   |
|--|-------------------------------------|---|
| <b>Furusato Dancers</b>                    | Sawayaka Ondo                       | Furusato Dancers                          |
| <b>Max Francis and Tia Greenwood</b>       | Boxing reels                        | Jeremy Kittel                             |
| <b>Max Francis</b><br>Pianist: Daniel Lapp | Gold Fiddle Waltz<br>Waylon Special | Frankie Rodgers<br>Daniel Lapp            |
| <b>Sampaguita Dancers</b>                  | Tinkling                            | Victoria Filipino-Canadian<br>Association |

# 2024 Ethnic Dance Awards

## Award & Donor

**Choreography/Stage Presence Certificate**

**Grace of Movement Certificate**

**Technical Merit Certificate**

**Story of Dance Certificate**

**Award of Excellence Certificate**

**Adjudicator's Award Certificate**

**Stars of Tomorrow Certificate**

**An Outstanding Solo Performance** - Carol Brown

**An Outstanding Duo Performance** - Joan Axford

**A Memorable Performance by an Open Group** - Susan Gage

**Adjudicator's Award**

**Stars of Tomorrow Award**

## Recipient

VFCA Sampaguita Dance Group

Furusato Dancers

Yashvi Shah and Janhavi Dudhat

VFCA Sampaguita Kids

Haimavathy Saibish

O'Brien School of Irish Dance

Isla Garde and Taylor Rollins

Haimavathy Saibish

Kennedy Bahan and Addison Faulkner

VFCA Sampaguita Dance Group

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**Congratulations to all award recipients!**

# 2024 Fiddle Awards

## Award & Donor

## Recipient

**Promising Junior Fiddler** - Long & McQuade

Clementine Troy

**Outstanding Intermediate or Senior Fiddler** -  
The Quail Rock Foundation

Jakob Pavon

**Own Composition** - Victoria Fiddle Society -  
*In Memory of Frankie Rodgers*

Noa Paster

**Oliver Schroer Spirit Award** - Victoria Fiddle  
Society

Tia Greenwood

**BC Fiddle Composer** - Award: The Quail Rock  
Foundation; Trophy: Daniel Lapp - *In Memory  
of Leonard T. Sexsmith*

Max Francis

**Senior or Open Twin Fiddle** - Carol Brown  
and Janet Komars

Max Francis and Tia Greenwood

**An Outstanding Performance by a Small or  
Large Ensemble** - Janet Komars

BC Fiddle Orchestra

**Congratulations to all award recipients!**



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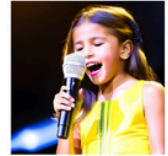
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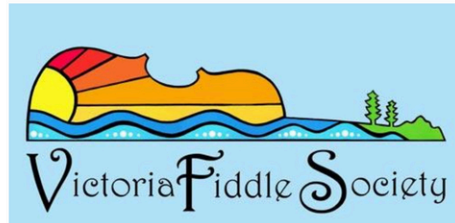
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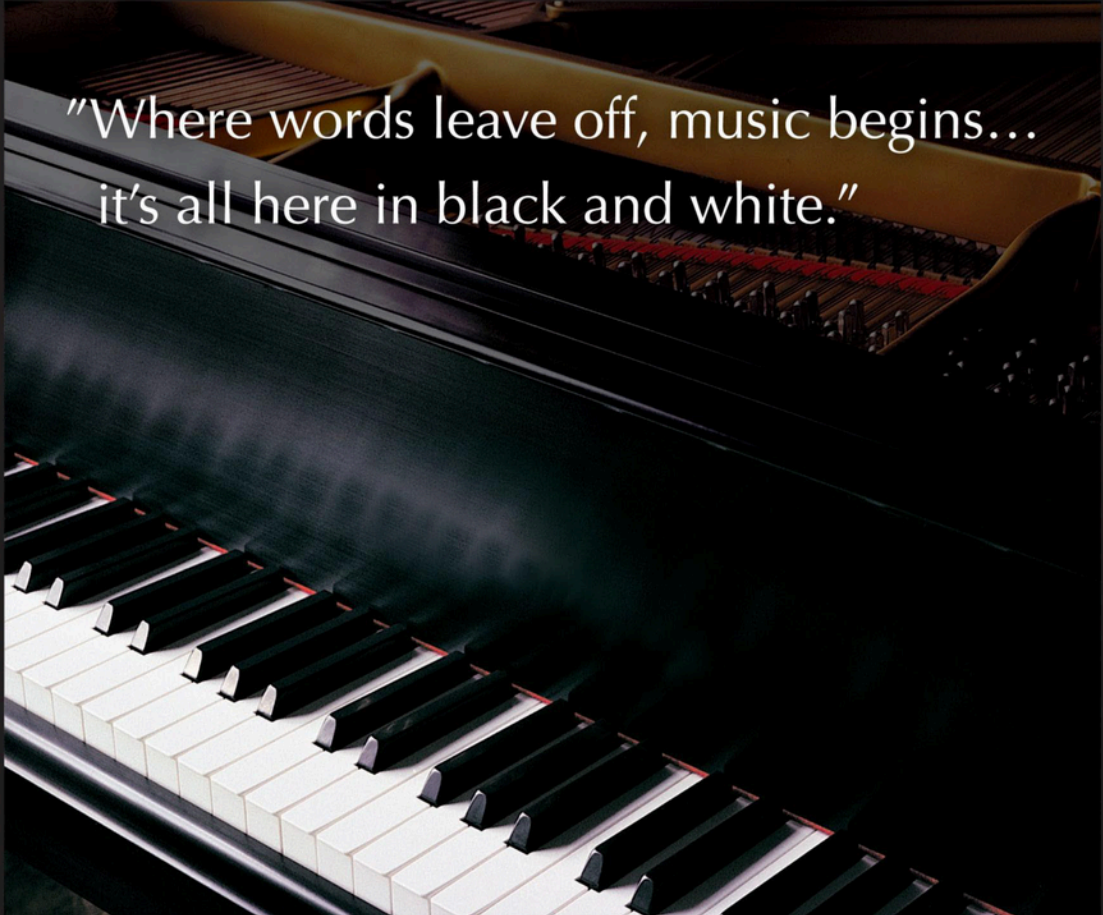
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