



Speech & Dramatic Arts

HIGHLIGHTS CONCERT 2024

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

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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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We acknowledge, with respect, the Lək̓wəŋən and W̱SÁNEĆ peoples on whose traditional territories the Greater Victoria Performing Arts Festival is presented and whose historical relationships with the land continue to this day.

Welcome to the 97th Greater Victoria Performing Arts Festival!

The Speech and Dramatic Arts 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, and work to increase confidence in skill and performance.

However, we have many generous supporters of Speech and Dramatic Arts who help recognize our young performers by donating a special award. We are grateful to all of the donors, volunteers, and participants who make Festival possible.

Special thanks to:

Christy Hill, Speech Section Head
Souzann McMillan, Speech Section Head
Elizabeth Willis, Volunteer Coordinator
Jonathan Love, Speech 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

Noa Paster	13 years and under	Solo Scene
Mary Jinn	17 years and under	Prose
Christopher Butler	10 years and under	Poetry – Own Choice
Will Demetriooff	8 years and under	Original Poetry
Eryn Gage	13 years and under	Prose
Espen Moore	17 years and under	Solo Scene – Recital Class
Audrey Warder	8 years and under	Lyric Poetry
Liam Kingsbury	13 years and under	Prose
Cora Simpson	10 years and under	Solo Scene
Tallis Kazemi	8 years and under	Narrative Dramatic Poetry
Burt Bao	17 years and under	Prose
Lee Porteous	Adult	Canadian Poetry
Ewan Kingsbury	8 years and under	Prose

Highlights Concert Lineup (cont.)

Lois Delaney Harnett-Shaw	17 years and under	Solo Scene Shakespeare
Hana Wang	10 years and under	Solo Scene
Victoria Luo	17 years and under	Prose
Kate Parisé-Sterling	13 years and under	Poetry – Own Choice
Liv Contreras McLennan	17 years and under	Solo Scene
Tim Wang	17 years and under	Poetry – Own Choice
Alaa Ibrahim	17 years and under	Solo Scene

Presentation of Awards

Announcement of Provincial Festival Representative Nominees

Junior Speech Arts - **Noa Paster**
Junior Speech Arts - **Kate Parise-Sterling**
Intermediate Speech Arts - **Liv Contreras McLennan**
Intermediate Speech Arts - **Victoria Luo**
Senior Speech Arts - **Alaa Ibrahim**

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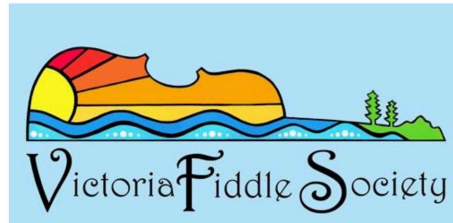
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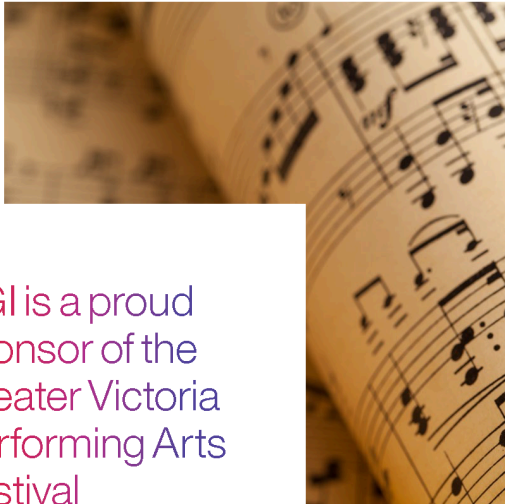
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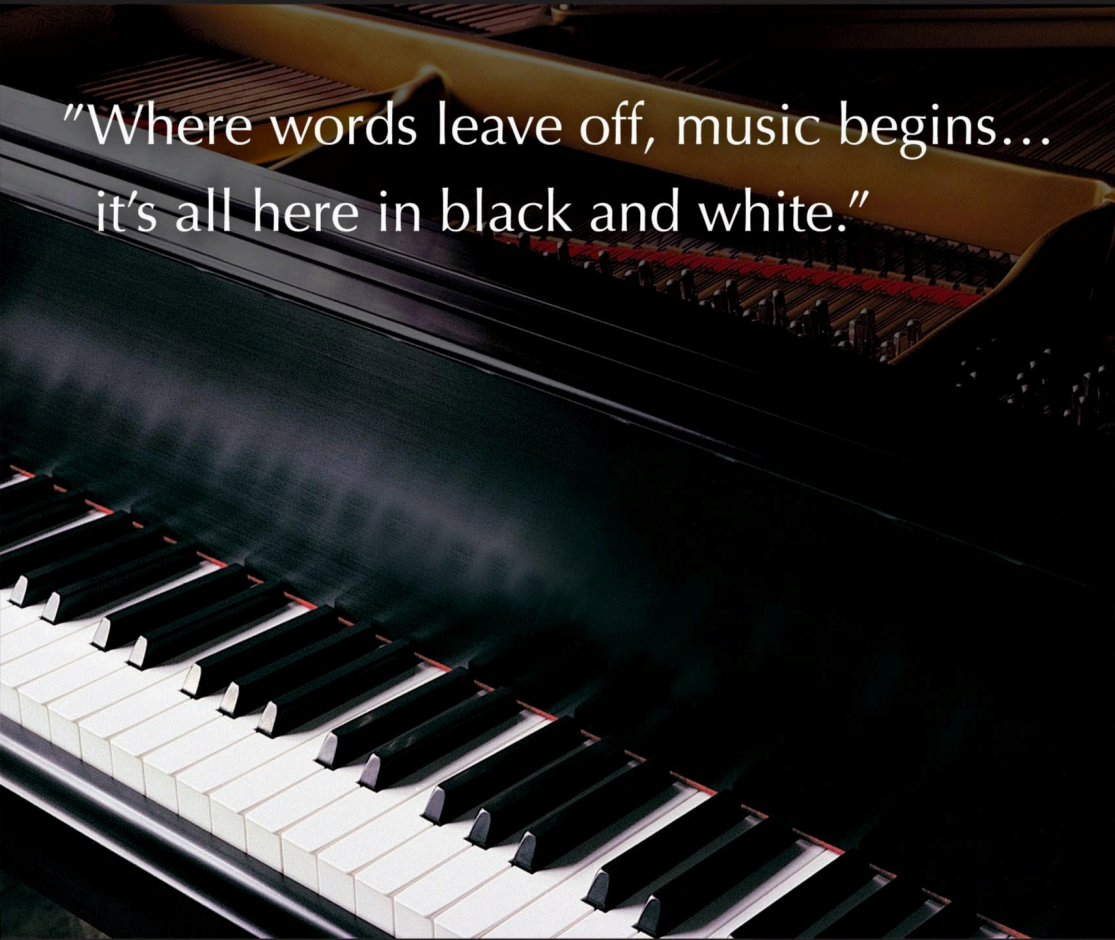
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