

# Classical Voice & Musical Theatre

HIGHLIGHTS CONCERT 2024

Saturday, May 4 | 7:00pm

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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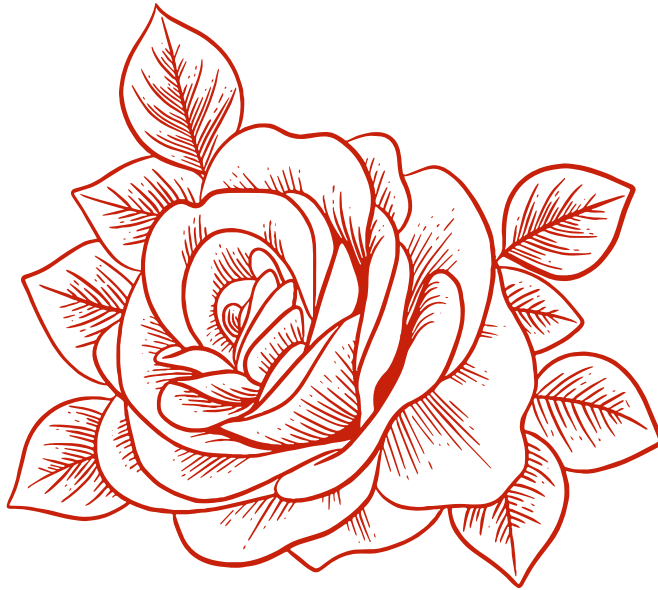


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**Welcome to the  
GVPAF Classical  
Voice & Musical  
Theatre Highlights  
Concert 2024!**



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

The Classical Voice and Musical Theatre 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:**

Stephanie Forbes, Classical Voice Section Head  
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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

Miss Mame's Melody Makers	"You will Be Found" from Dear Evan Hansen <i>Pianist: Kim Bartczak</i>	Pasek & Paul
Callum Spivack	"I've Got a Golden Ticket" from Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory <i>Pianist: Alex Chen</i>	Bricusse & Newley
Namrata Vinod	Computer Cat <i>Pianist: Kim Bartczak</i>	Rhodenizer
Noa Paster	L'abeille et le papillon <i>Pianist: Monica Pfau</i>	Salvador
Elizabeth Hudson	Vittoria, mio core <i>Pianist: Alex Chen</i>	Carissimi
Lauren Abhirosh	In Sherwood Lived Stout Robin Hood <i>Pianist: William Wang</i>	Jones
Liuchina Huang	"In My Dreams" from Anastasia <i>Pianist: Jing Wang</i>	Flaherty
Genevieve Roszmann	"Born to Entertain" from Ruthless <i>Pianist: Kim Bartczak</i>	Laird & Paley
Liberté Bailey Vaundandaine	"Storybook" from The Scarlet Pimpernel <i>Pianist: Kim Bartczak</i>	Wildhorn

## Short Intermission

*Photos may only be taken during this break and at the end of the concert*

# Highlights Concert Lineup (cont.)

Aya Laforme	“I Dreamed a Dream” from Les Misérables <i>Pianist: Alex Chen</i>	Schönberg
Shelly Ben Dor	“I Know It’s Today” from Shrek The Musical <i>Pianist: Alex Chen</i>	Lindsay-Abaire & Tesori
Natasha Castro	Amarilli, mia bella <i>Pianist: Nancy Curry</i>	Caccini
Iris Thompson-Chang	O Mistress Mine <i>Pianist: Kim Bartczak</i>	Quilter
Maisha Klette	Alma Del Core <i>Pianist: Alex Chen</i>	Caldara
Carter Martin	Ich trage meine Minne <i>Pianist: Robert Holliston</i>	R. Strauss
Clayton Butler	The Choirmaster’s Burial <i>Pianist: Robert Holliston</i>	Britten

## Presentation of Awards

## Announcement of Provincial and National Nominees



# Provincial Candidates

## Musical Theatre

**Junior Provincial Nominee** - Callum Spivack

**Alternate** - Genevieve Roszmann

**Merited Participants** - Liuchina Huang, Brielle Sharpe, Oliver Shaw, Amara Apa, Ava Biederman

**Intermediate Provincial Nominee** - Shelly Ben Dor

**Alternate** - Aya Laforme

**Merited Participant** - Liberté Bailey Vaundandaine

**Senior Provincial Nominee** - Maya Fischer

**Merited Participant** - Natasha Castro

**National Festival Developing Artist Local Stream Qualifying Round Nominee**

Shelly Ben Dor

## Classical Voice

**Junior Provincial Nominee** - Callum Spivack

**Alternates** - Lauren Abhirosh, Tanis Cortens

**Intermediate Provincial Nominee** - Maisha Klette

**Alternate** - Iris Thompson-Chang

**Senior Provincial Nominee** - Carter Martin

**Provincial Excellence Nominee** - Clayton Butler

**National Festival Emerging Artist Local Stream Qualifying Round Nominees**

Clayton Butler

Carter Martin

**Roberto and Mary Wood Scholarship Nominees**

Clayton Butler

Carter Martin

# 2024 Classical Voice Awards

## JUNIOR 14 & UNDER

### Award & Donor

### Recipient

**Adjudicator's Choice** - Bruce Duncan and the NRS Foundation through the Victoria Foundation: *In Memory of Marjorie O. Nelson*

**Namrata Vinod**

**Art Song** - Kevin Pryer and the NRS Foundation through the Victoria Foundation: *In Honour of June Pryer, In Memory of Norman J. Short*

**Noa Paster**

**English Language Art Song** - Jennifer Coy: *In Memory of Juliet Coy*

**Callum Spivack**

**English Language Art Song** - NRS Foundation through the Victoria Foundation: *In Memory of Norman J. Short*

**Michelle George**

**Folk Song** - Jennifer Coy: *In Memory of Juliet Coy*

**Hrithika Sompriti**

**Outstanding Performance of Sacred/Spiritual** - David & Pep Groos Fund: *in Memorium for Gladys Pearcy*

**Callum Spivack**

**Canadian Composer** - NRS Foundation through the Victoria Foundation: *In Memory of Norman J. Short*

**Thea Picardi**

**A Very Promising Singer** - NRS Foundation through the Victoria Foundation: *In Memory of Norman J. Short*

**Lauren Abhirosh**

**Most Outstanding Junior Singer** - NRS Foundation through the Victoria Foundation: *In Memory of Norman J. Short*

**Callum Spivack**

## INTERMEDIATE 18 years & under

**Art Song** - Anonymous and Janet Komars: *In Memory of Inez St. Dennis*

**Aya Laforme**

**Folk Song** - NRS Foundation through the Victoria Foundation: *In Memory of Norman J. Short*

**Maisha Klette**

# 2024 Classical Voice Awards (cont.)

## Award & Donor

**English Language Art Song** - NRS Foundation through the Victoria Foundation: *In Memory of Norman J. Short*

**French Art Song** - NRS Foundation through the Victoria Foundation: In Memory of Norman J. Short

**Adjudicator's Choice** - Ruth Kyle Fund

**Most Outstanding Intermediate Singer** - NRS Foundation through the Victoria Foundation: *In Memory of Norman J. Short*

## Recipient

**Abhiram Vinod**

**Rhys Adams**

**Elizabeth Hudson**

**Maisha Klette**

## SENIOR 30 years & under

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**French or Italian Language Art Song** - NRS Foundation through the Victoria Foundation: *In Memory of Norman J. Short*

**Leider** - NRS Foundation through the Victoria Foundation: In Memory of Norman J. Short

**Operatic** - Janet Komars

**Adjudicator's Choice** - Anonymous: *In Memory of Inez St. Dennis*

**Adjudicator's Choice** - Anonymous and NRS Foundation through the Victoria Foundation: In Memory of Norman J. Short

**Adjudicator's Choice for Concert Group/Song Cycle** - NRS Foundation through the Victoria Foundation: *In Memory of Norman J. Short*

**An Outstanding Senior Singer** - The Norma Douglas Fund: *In Memory of Norma Douglas*

**Most Outstanding Senior Singer** - The Ethel James Fund / The Victoria Musical Arts Society and The Selena James Designated Fund: *In Memory of Ethel James and Selena James*

## Recipient

**Natasha Castro**

**Carter Martin**

**Clayton Butler**

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# 2024 Musical Theatre Awards

## Award & Donor

## Recipient

**Junior Solo Ballad** - June Pryer: *In Memory of David Pryer*

**Liuchina Huang**

**Junior Solo Ballad** - Jennifer Coy: *In Memory of Juliet Coy*

**Brielle Sharpe**

**Junior Up Tempo** - John and Betty Ann Knappett

**Ava Biederman**

**Junior Up Tempo** - Jennifer Coy: *In Memory of Juliet Coy*

**Amara Apa**

**Junior Up Tempo** - Carol Brown and Joan Russell

**Genevieve Roszmann**

**Most Outstanding Junior Performance** - Crystal Doughty: *In Memory of Lynda Simms McCliggott*

**Callum Spivack**

**Intermediate Vocal Variety** - Crystal Doughty: *In Memory of Lynda Simms McCliggott*

**Liberte Bailey  
Vaudandaine**

**Intermediate Solo Ballad** - Cheryl Osborne

**Aya Laforme**

**Intermediate Adjudicator's Choice Award** - Crystal Doughty: *In Memory of Lynda Simms McCliggott*

**Oliver Shaw**

**Intermediate Up Tempo** - John and Betty Ann Knappett

**Iris Thompson-Chang**

**Most Outstanding Intermediate Performance** - Eileen Thurbide

**Shelly Ben Dor**

**Most Outstanding Senior Performance** - Janet Komars and Anonymous

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**Outstanding Musican Theatre Ensemble**

**Miss Mame's Melody  
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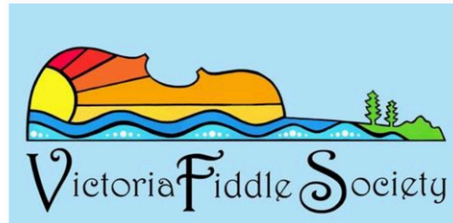
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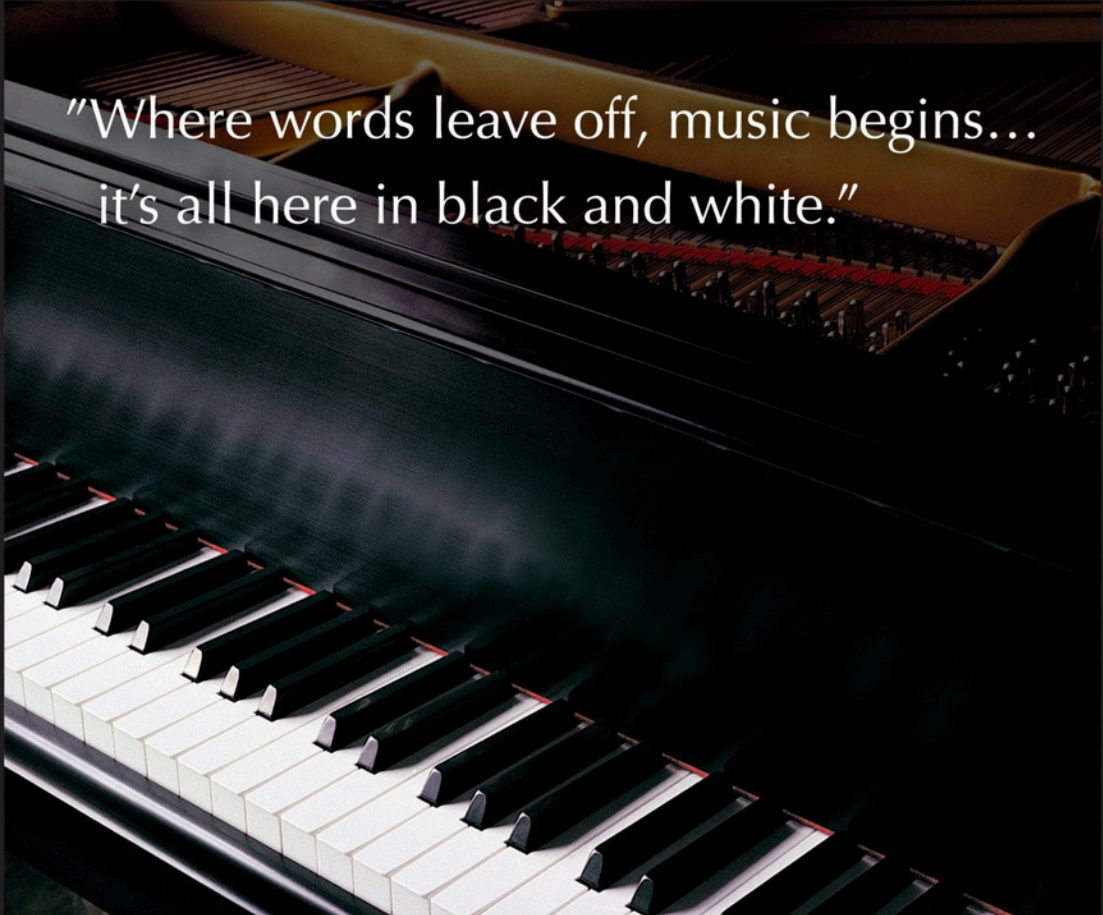
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