

HIGHLIGHTS CONCERT 2024

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





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 GVPAF 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, GVPAF 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 GVPAF Strings Highlights Concert 2024!



Welcome to the 97th Greater Victoria Performing Arts Festival!

The Strings 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:

Guyonne Le Louarn, Strings Section Head Elizabeth Willis, Volunteer Coordinator Ann Elliott-Goldschmid, Junior Strings Adjudicator Jonathan Der, Intermediate/Senior Strings Adjudicator Pamela Highbaugh Aloni, Chamber Music Adjudicator

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

Special thanks to all the Festival Volunteers!

Highlights Concert Lineup

The Sonata Duo Malak El Ouadghiri, Violin Patrick Cao, Piano	Spring Sonata op24 #5 in F Major i. Allegro	Beethoven
Amy Schwartz Pianist: Monica Pfau	Concerto in A minor i. Allegro	Vivaldi
Talia Zilber-Shlensky Pianist: Monica Pfau	Country Dance	Heins
Troy Rees Pianist: Jany Lu	Gavotte	Rameau
Adrian Zhang Pianist: Jennifer Mitchell	Tarantella op.23	Squire
Theodore Kim Pianist: Yoomi Kim	Cinema Paradiso	Morricone
Cascadia Trio Justine Zhou: Violin, Lorna Shen: Oboe, Adam Li: cello	London Trio #1 i. Allegro Moderato	Haydn

Introduction of Junior Award Recipients

Short Intermission 10 minutes

Highlights Concert Lineup (cont.)

Josephine Quon Pianist: Monica Pfau	Vocalise op34 #14	Rachmaninoff
Max Francis	Caprice #13 in Bb Major	Paganini
Malak El Ouadghiri Pianist: Monica Pfau	Hoe-Down from Rodeo	Copland
Michael Luo Pianist: Jany Lu	Variation on a theme by Corelli In the style of Tartini	Kreisler
Elana Lin	Caprice #14 in Eb Major	Paganini
Andrew Loe	Cello Suite No. 1 in G Major BWV1007 Viola. Courante and Gigue	Bach
Joanne Jiang Pianist: Jany Lu	Sonata in E Major i. Allegro Vivo	Francœur/Trowell

Introduction of Award Recipients

RMW Scholarship Candidates

Elana Lin

Provincial Candidates

Junior A Strings - Adrian Zhang Junior A Strings - Theodore Kim Junior B Strings - Joanne Jiang Junior B Strings - Rafferty Chen

Intermediate Strings - **Elijah Kim** Intermediate Strings - **George Steinbach**

> Senior Strings - Luke Kim Senior Strings - Elana Lin

Provincial Excellence - Andrew Loe

Provincial Duett Junior - **The Sonata Duo** Provincial Duett Senior - **KimBros Duo** Chamber Music Junior - **Cascadia trio** Chamber Music Junior - **The CANT ensemble** Chamber Music Intermediate - **KimBros string quartet** Chamber Music Intermediate - **Trio Con Vivo** Chamber Music Intermediate - **Judy Garland trio**

National Candidates

Junior Non-Competitive Education Stream -**Theodore Kim** Junior Non-Competitive Education Stream - **Adrian Zhang** Developing Artist Stream - **Janou Boutilier** Developing Artist Stream - **Michaela Yee** Emerging Artist Stream - **Max Francis** Emerging Artist Stream - **Luke Kim** Chamber Ensembles Stream - **KimBros string Quartet**

2024 Junior Strings Awards

Award & Donor

Recipient

Baroque - Long & McQuade Musical Instruments	Viviana Xin
Romantic - John and Betty Ann Knappett	Melisa Guliyeva
Romantic - Janet Komars	Amy Schwartz
20th/21st Century (not Canadian) - The Holland Family: In Memory of Frona Colquhoun	Theodore Kim
Canadian Composers - The Holland Family: In Memory of Frona Colquhoun	Taiki Moquin
Solo Concerto - Janet Komars	Talia Zilber-Shlensky
Solo Concerto - The Holland Family: In Memory of Frona Colquhoun	Amy Schwartz
Adjudicator's Choice - The Holland Family: In Memory of Frona Colquhoun	Amy Schwartz
In Recognition of a Promising Viola Player - Anonymous: In Memory of General R. Plessix	William Rees
In Recognition of a Promising Cello Player - BC Registered Teachers' Association – Victoria Branch: In Memory of Elise Le Gresley	Joanne Jiang
Adjudicator's Choice	Adrian Zhang
Romantic - Jr. B - Long & McQuade Musical Instruments	Max Francis
Unaccompanied Bach Jr. B - BC Registered Teachers' Association – Victoria Branch: <i>In</i> <i>Memory of Elise Le Gresley</i>	Malak El Ouadghiri
Adjudicator's Choice Jr. B - Anonymous: In memory of Trudi Conrad-Prelypchan	Malak El Ouadghiri
Adjudicator's Choice Jr. B - Ann Elliott-Goldschmid	Malak El Ouadghiri
Solo Concerto Jr. B - Ann Elliott-Goldschmid	Joanne Jiang
Sonata with Piano Jr B - BC Registered Teachers' Association – <i>Victoria Branch: In Memory of Elise Le Gresley</i>	Rafferty Chen
Adjudicator's Choice Jr B, Outstanding Performer - Anonymous	Janou Boutilier
Adjudicator's Choice Jr B - John and Betty Ann Knappett	Rafferty Chen
Adjudicator's Choice Jr B - Quail Rock Foundation	Michaela Yee
Adjudicator's Choice Jr B - Quail Rock Foundation	Deniz Guliyeva

2024 Chamber Music Awards

Award & Donor

String Duet - Elizabeth Litton: on behalf of Joshua Litton and Andrew Montgomery
Junior Chamber Ensemble - John and Betty Ann Knappett
Intermediate Chamber Ensemble - BC Registered Teachers' Association – Victoria Branch: In Memory of Elise Le Gresley
Provincial Rep , Jr Ensemble - Ann Elliott-Goldschmid and Elizabeth Litton
Chamber Ensemble - Lafayette String Quartet and Quail Rock Foundation
Adjudicator's Choice in encouragement of a dedicated student performer

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Provincial Reps, Intermediate Chamber ensemble - Victoria Chamber Orchestra

Recipient

The Sonata Duo

the CANT Ensemble

Slinky Trio

Cascadia Trio

KimBros String Quartet

Quinn Sheehan, Audrey(Yimeng) Zha, Augustus Pereira, Anna Oshkai

Troy Rees, Eva Sospedra, Lucina Huang, Victoria Xin, Justine Zhou, Gary Wang, Aurora Carruthers

Trio con Vivo and Judy Garland trio

2024 Intermediate + Senior Strings Awards

Award & Donor Provincial Rep, Intermediate - Anonymous	Recipient Elijah Kim
Adjudicator's Choice - Anonymous	Walter Rees
Solo Concerto - BC Registered Teachers' Association – Victoria Branch: <i>In</i> <i>Memory of Elise Le Gresley</i>	George Steinbach
Unaccompanied Bach - The Quail Rock Foundation	Michael Luo
Adjudicator's Choice - Victoria Chamber Orchestra	Josephine Quon
Adjudicator's Choice - John and Betty Ann Knappett	Andrew Loe
Adjudicator's Choice, Outstanding Performer, Intermediate Sr. Rep	Elana Lin and Luke Kim

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