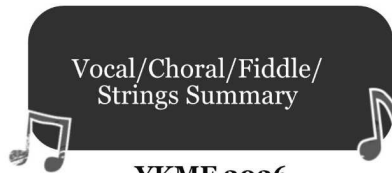


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Vocal, Choral,  
Fiddle and Strings  
Program

**February 26<sup>th</sup> - March 2<sup>nd</sup>**



Vocal/Choral/Fiddle/  
Strings Summary

**YKMF 2026**

**Northern United Place Auditorium**

**Adjudicators: Naomi Delafield & Tara M. Laberge**

**Thursday, February 26<sup>th</sup>**

**3:30 - 4:15**

**Vocal Solos**

Folk Song - 12 and under  
Folk Song - 16 and under  
CCM Vocal Solo - Own Choice - 17 and under

**4:30 - 6:00**

**Classical Vocal Solo**

Concert Group - 16 and under  
Recital - 17 and under

**7:00 - 8:30**

**Classical Vocal Solos**

Classical Vocal Solo - Own Choice - 18 and over  
Classical Vocal Solo - French Art Song - 16 and under  
Italian Art Song - 18 and over  
Classical Vocal Solo - Italian Art Song 17 and under  
Classical Vocal Solo - Italian Art Song 16 and under  
English Art Song - Great Britain 18 and over

**Friday, February 27<sup>th</sup>**

**9:30 - 11:00**

**School Choirs**

École Itlo  
N.J. MacPherson School  
Range Lake North School Jr. Choir  
Range Lake North School Sr. Choir

**1:00 - 2:45**

**School Choirs**

Mildred Hall School  
Weledeh Wolves Cubs  
Weledeh Wolves  
Sir John Franklin High School

**6:15 - 7:30**

**Community Ensembles**

Fireweed Children's Chorus  
Community Music Trio  
Yellowknife Youth Choir

**Saturday, February 28<sup>th</sup>**

**9:15 - 10:30**

**Musical Theatre**

Musical Theatre Solo - Ballad - 9 & under  
Musical Theatre Solo - Ballad - 10 & under  
Musical Theatre Solo - Up-Tempo - 14 & under  
Musical Theatre Solo - Up-Tempo - 10 & under  
Musical Theatre - Duet - 17 & under

**10:45 - 12:00**

**Musical Theatre**

Musical Theatre Solo - Ballad - 16 & under  
Musical Theatre Solo - Up-Tempo - 16 & under

**1:00 - 2:00**

**Musical Theatre**

Musical Theatre Solo - Ballad - 17 & under  
Musical Theatre Solo - Ballad 18 & over

**2:15 - 3:30**

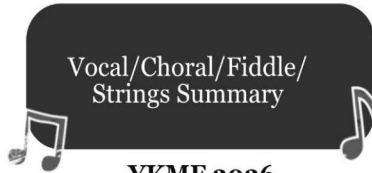
**Musical Theatre**

Musical Theatre Solo - Up-Tempo: 17 & under  
Musical Theatre Solo Concert - 17 & under

**3:45 - 4:45**

**Musical Theatre**

Musical Theatre Solo - Cabaret - 18 & over  
Musical Theatre Solo Contemporary Era- 17 & under



**YKMF 2026**

**Northern United Place Auditorium**

**Adjudicators: Naomi Delafield & Tara M. Laberge**

**Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup>**

**4:30 - 5:30**

**Fiddle Classes**

AFS Fiddle Cubs Level 2  
AFS Fiddle Cubs Level 3/4  
AFS Fiddle Cats  
AFS Adult Fiddle Class

**6:30 - 6:45**

**Classical Solo Strings**

String Concert Group - 13 & under

**6:45 - 8:00**

**Classical Solo Strings**

Violin - Graded String Solo - Intro - Grade 5  
Violin - String Concert Group - 13 & under  
Violin - String Concert Group - 17 & under  
Cello/Bass - Unaccompanied Bach or Telemann - 1  
or 2 Movements: 17 & under  
Cello/Bass - Romantic: 17 & under

**Monday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**1:00 - 3:00**

**Fiddle Classes**

St. Joe's Fiddle Club  
Weledeh Fiddlers  
Weledeh Advanced Fiddlers  
Sir John Franklin High School Fiddle Folk

## Vocal/Choral Adjudicator



### Tara M. Laberge

Tara is an arts educator, administrator, and performer with 25 years of experience in music, theatre, and interdisciplinary performance. She brings a unique combination of educational leadership and artistic expertise to the development of programs that support emerging artists.

Tara holds a Doctor of Musical Arts in Vocal Performance from the University of Minnesota, with secondary studies in theatre and dance. A certified K-12 teacher, her professional teaching career includes secondary and post-secondary education, including faculty appointments at Ambrose University and Rocky Mountain College, where she designed and taught courses in applied voice, vocal pedagogy, music history, musical theatre performance, and voice and speech. As a stage and music director, Tara has collaborated with a number of institutions including Storybook Theatre, Minnesota Opera, Opera BOB, and the University of Minnesota.

Dedicated to supporting the next generation of artists, Dr. Laberge is a frequent music festival adjudicator, and has delivered lectures and workshops on vocal health, pedagogy, and sustainable performance practice. She has also received multiple grants and awards including support from the Alberta Foundation for the Arts and Calgary Arts Development. Combining her extensive background as a performer with her proven educational and pedagogical expertise, Dr. Laberge is deeply committed to supporting artist development through ethical, sustainable, and collaborative arts education. She is currently the manager of the McPhee Artist Development Program at Calgary Opera.

# Classical Vocal Program



**Thursday, 26th February, 2026**  
**Northern United Place Auditorium**

**Adjudicator: Tara M. Laberge**

Accompanists: Jody Durling, Claire Singer, Alison Ryan & Kerry Wheler

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**3:30 – 4:15**

## Vocal Solo Classes

Vivi Scott	92512	Folk Song - 12 and under	Come by the Hills	arr. Christine Donkin	N C
Maya Fuentes	92516	Folk Song - 16 and under	Simple Gifts	arr. Mark Hayes	C
Scarlett Anderson	94017	CCM Vocal Solo - Own Choice - 17 and under	The Greatest Love of All	Michael Masser	C

**4:30 - 6:00**

## Classical Vocal Solo Classes

Sadee Mitchell	92616	Concert Group - 16 and under	1. Wie Melodien 2. Dans les ruines d'une abbaye 3. Still Wie die Nacht	1. Johannes Brahms 2. Gabriel Faure 3. Carl Bohm	C
Janelle Jordison	92717	Recital - 17 and under	1. Sea Wind 2. Steal Away 3. Come l'allodoletta	1. Maria Case 2. arr. Rosamund Johnson 3. Stefano Donaudy	C

**6:00 - 7:00**



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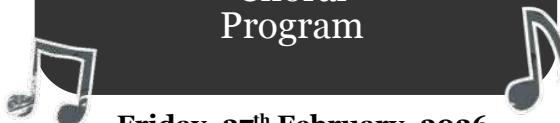
**7:00 - 8:30**

## Classical & Sacred Vocal Solo Classes

Marissa Martin	90118	Classical Vocal Solo - Own Choice - 18 and over	Sérénade	Charles Gounod	C
Sadee Mitchell	91316	Classical Vocal Solo - French Art Song - 16 & Under	Mai	Gabriel Fauré	C
Marissa Martin	91518	Italian Art Song - 18 and Over	Presto, Presto lo M'innannoro	Giovanni Mazzaferatta	C
Janelle Jordison	91517	Classical Vocal Solo - Italian Art Song - 17 & Under	Madonna Renzuola	Stefano Donaudy	C
Sadee Mitchell	91516	Classical Vocal Solo - Italian Art Song - 16 & Under	Se Florindo è Fedele	Domenico Scarlatti	C
Marissa Martin	91118	English Art Song - Great Britain - 18 & Over	The Cloths of Heaven	Thomas Dunhill	C



# Choral Program



**Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> February, 2026**  
**Northern United Place Auditorium**  
**Adjudicator: Tara M. Laberge**

Accompanists: Élise Auld, Luke Bui, Brendan Callas, Robert Lynn, Claire Singer & Kerry Wheler

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## 9:30 - 11:00

### School Choral Classes

École Itlo Choir	Susan Shantora	2502	Elementary School Choir - Grades 4-6	1. Les Papillons 2. Child of the Universe	1. Lillian Smith 2. Craig Cassils	C
NJ MacPherson School Choir	Elizabeth Brace & Sarah Power	2502	Elementary School Choir - Grades 4-6	1. Green 2. Seven Feet of Snow	1. Teresa Jennings 2. Sally Albrecht	C
Range Lake North Rangers - Jr Choir	Robert Lynn	26506	School Chorus - Movie/TV/Pop - Grades 4-6	Edelweiss, from 'The Sound of Music'	Richard Rodgers	NC
Range Lake North Rangers - Jr Choir	Robert Lynn	99805	School Vocal - School Musical Theatre Group	I Just Can't Wait To Be King, from 'The Lion King'	Elton John & Tim Rice Arr: Galina	NC
Range Lake North Rangers - Sr Choir	Robert Lynn	25908	School Chorus - Folk Song - Grades 6-9	Scarborough Fair	Traditional. Arr: Simon	NC
Range Lake North Rangers - Sr Choir	Robert Lynn	99805	School Vocal - School Musical Theatre Group	My Favorite Things, from 'The Sound of Music'	Richard Rodgers, Arr: Huff	NC

## 1:00 - 2:45

### School Choral Classes

Mildred Hall Choir	Dana Merrigan	25106	School Chorus - Sampler Grades 4-6	1. Plain Cheeseburger 2. Amani Utupe	1. Phyllis Wolfe White 2. Patsy Ford Smith	C
Weledeh Wolves Cubs Choir	Kara Cherland	25103	School Chorus - Sampler Kindergarten - Grade 3	1. Chatter with the Angels 2. Feller From Fortune	1. Arr. Anna Laura Page 2. Arr. Craig Cassils	C
Weledeh Wolves Choir	Kara Cherland	25106	School Chorus - Sampler Grades 4-6	1. Skye Boat Song 2. Always Friends	1. Arr. Malcolm Lawson 2. Roger Emerson	C
Sir John Franklin High School Concert Choir	Susan Shantora	25112	School Chorus - Sampler Grades 9-12	1. Blow Away the Morning Dew 2. Carry Me Home	1. Arr. Dale Grotenhuis 2. Arr. J. A. Shafferman	C

## 6:15 - 7:30

### Community Chorus/Ensemble

Fireweed Children's Chorus	Dana Merrigan & Elizabeth Brace	20113	Community Chorus - Sampler - 13 & Under	1. Ubuntu 2. The Moon	1. Mark Hayes 2. Andy Beck	C
Janelle Jordison Kat Saunders Isabella Villegas		27205	Community Music - Trio	Red River Valley	Arr. Jack Zaino	NC
Yellowknife Youth Choir	Susan Shantora	20117	Community Chorus - Sampler - 17 & Under	1. She's Like the Swallow 2. Ton Thé	1. Arr. Eleanor Daly 2. Arr. Susan Brumfield	C

## Weledeh Wolves

Director - Kara Cherland  
Accompanist - Kerry Wheler

## Cubs Choir

Eyosias Abadi  
Renad Abdulreshid  
Brielle Allingham  
Bonnie Bekale  
Jeremiah Bekale  
Mia Bishop-Gill  
Trevin Bonnetrouge  
Breon Bourke  
Clarissa Chocolate  
Yuto Fukushima  
Destiny Giroux-Bloomstrand  
Nicole Kandenga  
Agamjot Kaur  
Nayla Mataruse  
Eshan Nair  
Daisy Ndhlovu  
Ellie Ongahak  
Zoey Rabesca-Camsell  
Leo Rybchinski  
Niko Sharpe  
Bryson Shu  
Quinn Torres  
Elishama Zadzi

## Wolves Choir

Zain Adlaon  
Shakeita Anderson-Balsillie  
Akena Angottitauruq  
Hyacinth Arnaiz  
Maddie Cunningham  
Kennedy Galipeau-Peters  
Edome Hassen  
Cayla Herrell  
Aaliyah Jairos  
Zyria Macusi  
Naetochi Ndubuisi-Ubendu  
Shekinah Nhengu  
Crisea Puspos  
Poppy Robinson  
Lexi Scott  
Ella Stanbridge  
Kelaiah Perez  
Brynn Williams

# The Choirs



## Yellowknife Youth Choir

Director - Susan Shantora  
Accompanist - Claire  
Singer

Ava Fuentes  
Janelle Jordison  
Aurora Lockhart  
Megan Macintyre  
Sadee Mitchell  
MacKaya Perry  
Isabella Villegas  
Jael Wright

## NJ Macpherson School Choir

Directors - Elizabeth Brace &  
Sarah Power  
Accompanist - Kerry Wheler

Jordan Reid Porter June Isla K Isla M Ingrid Brielle Layla Sawyer Tilly Isaiah Mirium Evan Meeka Zander	Ava Gabe Bennet Mahnoor Izy Kelsey Emad Esmae Mattias Nora Dash Mairi Emery Harper Elliot Zid	Elyza Annabelle Mila Jack Ethan Melody Madison Margo Olivia Rozzy Autumn Claudia Fatima Adelina Aria Elyza
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## Fireweed Children's Chorus

Director - Dana Merrigan &  
Elizabeth Brace  
Acc. Élise Auld

Elsa Alemayehu  
Jeremy Alemayehu  
Kathleen Andrews  
Red Argue  
Bridget Ball  
Sophie Beauchamp  
Vinh Bui-Nguyen  
Clare Dunbar  
Zarya Kocik  
Nora Magee  
Annalena Mantla  
Lilly Mantla  
Méïssa Nciri  
Israël Rocher Reid  
Xixi Sharpe  
Sam Slack

## École Itlo Choir

Director - Susan Shantora  
Accompanist - Kerry Wheler

Sarah Money  
Carys Lewis  
Abigail Decoste  
Anita Philipovsky  
Nori White  
Nora Magee  
Claira Wowk  
Xi Xi Sharpe  
Eloise Look  
Arlen Ondrack  
Lucy Penney  
Rielle Scott  
Jiyoo Moon  
Marin Rutherford-Simon  
Anvi Khan  
Ailaili Bint Abbas  
Quinnie Bourassa  
William Mansfield  
Samuel Sansfaçon

## École Sir John Franklin High School

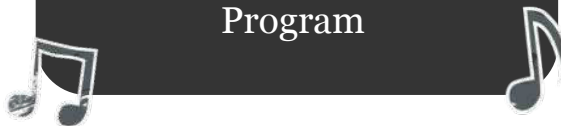
### Concert Choir

Director - Susan Shantora  
Accompanist - Luke Bui

Scarlett Anderson  
Connor Burns  
Anna Curran  
Niobe Clinton  
Brooke Durnford  
Ofira Duru  
Maya Fuentes  
Kira Harris  
Janelle Jordison  
Victor Lumacad  
Larah Peters  
Anica Majok-Gordon  
Sadee Mitchell  
Kat Saunders  
Isabella Villegas  
Cyrus Walton  
Alice Winkler



# Musical Theatre Program



**Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> February, 2026**  
**Northern United Place Auditorium**

**Adjudicator: Tara M. Laberge**

Accompanists: Shaelah Buckley, Susan Shantora, Claire Singer and Kerry Wheler

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**9:15 - 10:30**

## Musical Theatre Classes

Ruby Fequet	97009	Musical Theatre Solo - Ballad - 9 & Under	Castle on a Cloud from 'Les Misérables'	C.M. Schönberg, Alain Boublil & Herbert Kretzmer	C
Margo Warburton	97010	Musical Theatre Solo - Ballad - 10 & Under	Do You Want to Build a Snowman, from 'Frozen'	K. & R. Anderson-Lopez	C
Elodie Scott	97114	Musical Theatre Solo - Up-Tempo - 14 & Under	Let's Go Fly a Kite, from 'Mary Poppins'	Robert B. Sherman & Richard M. Sherman	NC
Margo Warburton	97110	Musical Theatre Solo - Up-Tempo - 10 & Under	Little People, from 'Les Misérables'	C-M Schönberg, A.Boublil & H.Kretzmer	C
Rowyn Hamlin-Cobb & Elodie Scott	98217	Musical Theatre - Duet - 17 & Under	What is this Feeling? From 'Wicked'	Schwarz	NC

**10:45 - 12:00**

## Musical Theatre Classes

Maya Fuentes	97016	Musical Theatre Solo - Ballad - 16 & Under	On My Own, from 'Les Misérables'	C-M Schönberg, A.Boublil & H.Kretzmer	C
Sadee Mitchell	97016	Musical Theatre Solo - Ballad - 16 & Under	If I Loved You, from 'Carousel'	Rodgers & Hammerstein	C
Scarlett Anderson	97016	Musical Theatre Solo - Ballad - 16 & Under	God Help the Outcasts, from 'The Hunchback of Notre Dame'	Menken & Schwartz	C
Maya Fuentes	97116	Musical Theatre Solo - Up-Tempo - 16 & Under	Don't Rain on My Parade, from 'Funny Girl'	Jule Styne & Bob Merrill	C



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**1:00 - 2:00**

Connor Burns	97017	Musical Theatre Solo - Ballad - 17 & Under	Some Enchanted Evening, from 'South Pacific'	Rodgers & Hammerstein	C
Rielle Naveed	97017	Musical Theatre Solo - Ballad - 17 & Under	Over the Rainbow, from 'The Wizard of Oz'	Harold Arlen & E.Y.Harburg	C
Nicole Haywood	97018	Musical Theatre Solo - Ballad 18 & Over	Memory, from 'Cats'	Andrew Lloyd Webber	N C

**2:15 - 3:30**

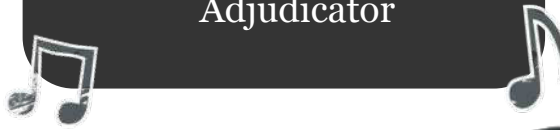
Connor Burns	97117	Musical Theatre Solo Up-Tempo - 17 & Under	Almost Like Being in Love, from 'Brigadoon'	Lerner & Loewe	C
Janelle Jordison	97117	Musical Theatre Solo Up-Tempo - 17 & Under	Gimme Gimme, from 'Thoroughly Modern Millie'	Jeanine Tesori & Dick Scanlan	C
Connor Burns	97817	Musical Theatre Solo-Concert - 17 & Under	1. Maria, 'from West Side Story' 2. Comedy Tonight, from 'A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum'	1. Bernstein & Sondheim 2. Sondheim	C

**3:45 - 4:45**

**Musical Theatre Classes**

Nicole Haywood	97618	Musical Theatre Solo - Cabaret - 18 & Over	If You Hadn't But You Did, from 'Two on the Aisle' (Revue)	Jule Styne, Betty Comden & Adolph Green	NC
Maya Fuentes	97517	Musical Theatre Solo - Contemporary Era - 17 & Under	Good Morning Baltimore, from 'Hairspray'	Marc Shaiman & Scott Wittman	C
Rielle Naveed	97517	Musical Theatre Solo - Contemporary Era - 17 & Under	Popular, from 'Wicked'	Stephen Schwartz	C

## Fiddles & Strings Adjudicator



### Naomi Delafield

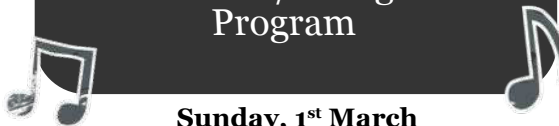
Born and raised in Australia, Naomi began lessons at age 3 with the Suzuki method and has been performing and teaching the violin for over 30 years. Naomi holds the Masters in Violin from the University of Calgary and has held the Concertmaster position of Red Deer Symphony Orchestra since 2006.

From 1994 - 2001, Naomi had the opportunity to travel the world as Concertmaster and soloist with the New England Symphonic Ensemble, solo highlights including the Sydney Opera House, St. Martin in the Fields, Carnegie Hall, Cape Town City Hall and the Winspear. After moving to Canada with her husband, Naomi founded a community string orchestra in 2002; 'Rosedale Valley String Orchestra.' Her concerts with RVSO have now raised \$120,000 for humanitarian projects around the world.

Naomi is often called upon to adjudicate at festivals and teach at workshops and clinics. She has produced four CDs, one classical, one Celtic and two Orchestral with RVSO. On the side, Naomi runs a small string shop 'Prairie Violins,' servicing the needs of string students in Central Alberta. In the summer and fall, her husband, David and three children are developing their small farm - 'Aspen Acres,' growing several varieties of garlic and haskap berries.

Naomi is passionate about playing baroque violin and enjoys collaborating with several organizations, including Rosa Barocca and Early Music Alberta, as interest in period instruments continues to blossom in Alberta. In March 2023, Rosa Barocca was awarded a JUNO for their album 'Early Italian Cello Concertos' with soloist Elinor Frey. This was indeed a joyous moment for the new group, only 6 years old!

# Fiddles/Strings Program



**Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> March**

**Northern United Place Auditorium**

**Fiddles/Strings Adjudicator: Naomi Delafield**

Accompanists: Brendan MacIntosh, Andrea Bettger, Ben Russo & Kerry Wheler

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**4:30 - 5:30**

## Fiddle Classes

AFS Fiddle Cubs Level 2	4461	Fiddle - Small Ensemble - 13 & Under	Liza Jane	Traditional arr. Bettger	C
AFS Fiddle Cubs Level 3/4	4462	Fiddle - Small Ensemble - 15 & Under	Skittles	Zavallennahh Huscroft	C
AFS Fiddle Cats	4463	Fiddle - Small Ensemble - 17 & Under	Rasputin	Farian, Reyam & Jay arr. The Calgary Fiddlers	C
AFS Adult Fiddle Class	4474	Fiddle - Large Ensemble - Any Combination of Ages	Old Joe Clark	Folk Song arr. Bettger	C

**6:30 - 6:45**

## Classical Solo Strings

Sophie Aiston-Schoichet	4005	String Concert Group - 13 & Under	1.Go Tell Aunt Rhody 2.May Song	1.Trad. Arr.Suzuki 2.Arr. Suzuki	C
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**6:45 - 8:00**

Harriet Aiston-Schoichet	4003	Violin - Graded String Solo - Intro - Grade 5	Pancake Peak	Christine Donkin	C
Harriet Aiston-Schoichet	4005	Violin - String Concert Group - 13 & Under	1.Andantino in F Major 2.Motorcycles	1.Nicolas Laoureux arr. Donkin 2.David Gordon Duke	C
Soloman Young	4007	Violin - String Concert Group - 17 & Under	1.Concertino No. 4 in C Major, op. 22 - III: Finale 2.Joyeuse from Petits Morceaux, op.16, no.2	1.Jean-Baptiste Bréval 2.William Henry Squire	C

Élise Auld	32217	Cello/Bass - Unaccompanied Bach or Telemann - 1 or 2 Movements: 17 & under	Suite No. 1 in G Major, BWV 1007 - Prelude	Johann Sebastian Bach	C
Élise Auld	32717	Cello/Bass - Romantic: 17 & under	Élégie, Op. 24	Gabriel Fauré	C

**Monday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> 2026**

**Northern United Place Auditorium**

**1:00 - 3:00**

## Fiddle Classes

St. Joe's Fiddle Club	4073	Fiddle - Small Ensemble - Any Combination of Ages	Cajun 2 Step	Traditional arr. Bettger	C
Weledah Fiddlers	4474	Fiddle - Large Ensemble - Any Combination of Ages	Rubber Dolly	arr. Zavallennahh Huscroft	C
Weledah Advanced Fiddlers	4073	Fiddle - Small Ensemble - Any Combination of Ages	Old Joe Clark	arr. Andrea Bettger	C
Sir John Franklin High School Fiddle Folk	4073	Fiddle - Small Ensemble - Any Combination of Ages	Waltz Quadrille	Traditional arr. Bettger	C



# The Fiddlers



**St. Joe's Fiddle Club**  
Director - Andrea Bettger  
Assistant - Art Durkee

Aliyah Yoo  
Hanna Yoo  
Bridget Ball  
Jordan Nyamhuno  
Zacharia Tesfamichael  
Koharu Otsuka  
Nathaniel Gordon

**Sir John Franklin Fiddle Club**  
Director: Andrea Bettger  
Assistant: Art Durkee  
Accompanist: Andrea Bettger

Vy Tram  
Euma-Mae Maisog  
Yasmin Mohammed  
Alexa Senkow  
Sophia Shen  
Dawnelle Valdriz  
Logan Doll  
Amanda Decoste

## **AFS Fiddle Cubs Level 2**

Director: Andrea Bettger  
Accompanist: Andrea Bettger

Sarah Money  
Finnley Mackenzie  
Felix Coop

## **AFS Fiddle Cubs Level 3/4**

Director: Andrea Bettger  
Accompanist: Andrea Bettger

Hugo Tremblay  
Oscar Kirkham  
Shino Koyanagi  
Wyatt Bromley  
Fraser Cook  
Ezrah Moslehi

**AFS Fiddle Cats**  
Director: Andrea Bettger  
Accompanist: Ben Russo

Alexa Senkow  
Mairin Campbell  
Dawnelle Valdriz  
Harriet Aiston-Shoichet  
Logan Doll  
Penny Kirkham  
Amanda Decoste  
Sophia Shen  
Paige Hawthorn

**Adult Fiddle Class**  
Directors – Alice Twa &  
Andrea Bettger  
Accompanist – Ben Russo

Robert O'Rourke  
Liney Lambrink  
Rosalie Tarleton  
Yewon Kang  
Shayna Kelly  
Hiromi Koyanagi  
Molly Gillard  
Lisa Worthington  
Bonnie Forsbloom  
Amy Curran  
Vy Tram  
Angele Cano

**Weledeh Fiddlers - Small Ensemble**  
Director – Andrea Bettger  
Accompanist – Brendan MacIntosh

Maddie Cunningham  
Ayaan Dhiman  
Kennedy Galipeau-Peters  
Aaliyah Jairos  
Aria Kenny-Ekenda  
Shekinah Nhengu  
William Tran

**Weledeh Fiddlers**  
Director - Andrea Bettger  
Accompanist - Brendan MacIntosh

Akena Angottitauruq  
Angus Angottitauruq  
Esene Bey  
Myla Charlo-McLeod  
Maddie Cunningham  
Ayaan Dhiman  
Anna Fukushima  
Kennedy Galipeau-Peters  
Xavier Goulet  
Elena Hernandez-Melin

Aaliyah Jairos  
Nicole Kandenga  
Aria Kenny-Ekenda  
Avi King  
Aaliyah Mandeville  
Nayla Mataruse  
Shekinah Nhengu  
Fadlu Ninicola  
Ellie Ongahak  
Beyla Ouelette-Landry  
Poppy Robinson  
William Tran  
Noma Tshuma  
Brynn Williams  
Rachelle Zacarias  
Elishama Zadzi



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# Canada West Performing Arts Festival

**July 24-25, 2026**  
**MacEwan University -**  
**Allard Hall (Edmonton, AB)**

*Performing Arts BC (PABC), Alberta Music Festival Association (AMFA), and the Saskatchewan Music Festival Association (SMFA), are pleased to announce the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Canada West Performing Arts Festival (CWPAF). The CWPAF provides a unique performance and educational opportunity to music and speech students. To learn more about the CWPAF go to [www.canadawestfestival.ca](http://www.canadawestfestival.ca) or contact the administrator in your participating province:*

- **British Columbia:** [festival@bcprovincials.com](mailto:festival@bcprovincials.com)
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## The Music Teachers' Association – NWT (MTA)

is a not-for-profit organization whose objectives are:

- 1 To foster and encourage the study of music and music theory in the NWT
- 2 To provide professional contact and support to NWT music teachers
- 3 To maintain an established examination centre in the NWT to allow music students to progress through standardized examinations (both performance/practical and theory)
- 4 To encourage opportunities for students to have educational performance opportunities in various music disciplines

We support music teachers in all disciplines, including piano, voice, violin, and woodwinds, as well as music theory and history. Ages and abilities taught range from the very young, through music and movement style teaching, to the guiding of semi-professional musicians. We support school music teachers at all levels. Beyond being involved with their own students, Music Teachers' Association members are involved in fostering music excellence and appreciation amongst their pupils and themselves.

The Yellowknife Music Festival was started by Classics On Stage Yellowknife (COSY), lead by Susan Shantora, who organized the first festival in 2009. COSY would continue to produce it for the next six years until MTA-NWT took over in 2015.

### Find us here:

[www.musicteachersnwt.com](http://www.musicteachersnwt.com)

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## Festival Showcase CONCERT



### This is the final event in the 2026 Yellowknife Music Festival.

It will feature performances by the top performers as chosen by the adjudicators, scholarship winners and Alberta Provincial Festival Candidates.

This is a family event and will feature performers of all ages. Come out and see Yellowknife's brightest stars!

### Awards

Scholarships for outstanding performers and support to the Alberta Provincial Festival candidates will be awarded at the discretion of the adjudicators. Winners to be announced at the Festival Showcase Concert.

### Donations

are welcome and will be used to support scholarships for outstanding performers and support for those recommended to the Provincial Festival. Donations will be gratefully accepted at the door at all sessions of the Festival.

# Alberta Music Festival Association



## Choral Festival / Musical Theatre Duets

May 25–26, 2026

All Saints' Anglican Cathedral  
1035–103 St. NW Edmonton

## Solo / Chamber / Piano Duets

May 27–30, 2026

Allard Hall at MacEwan University  
104 Ave. NW Edmonton

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# Acknowledgements



Many people and organizations have been instrumental in making our Festival a success:

# Thank you!

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**Thank you** to the many volunteers who help at the adjudicated sessions as announcers, secretaries to the adjudicators, give instructions to participants, act as door men or women, move furniture and equipment, assisted back stage and front of house at the Showcase and many other tasks.

**Thank you** to all the music teachers who have taken extra time to prepare the Festival participants, the parents who support their young people in the pursuit of music education and participants of all ages who will perform to the very best of their ability throughout the Festival.

**Last but not least, a special thank you goes to our sponsors:**



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