



Choral

March 25, 2025

Adjudicator: Justin Odwak

Crossview Church, 345 Loewen Blvd, Steinbach
semf.ca

A NOTE TO AUDIENCE MEMBERS AND PARTICIPANTS:

To provide a respectful environment for all participants and adjudicators, we ask that you maintain a quiet atmosphere. Enter or leave a venue only between performances, or after the adjudicator has completed their comments.



Please turn off cell phones. We would appreciate if you would not text during performances. It is distracting to those around you and it is not respectful to the performers.

NO PERSONAL PHOTOGRAPHY, VIDEO or AUDIO RECORDING will be allowed while the adjudicator is speaking. DO NOT post any photograph, video, or audio recording on public or private social media if any other person is in the photo.

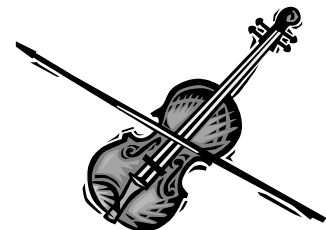


Photocopies handed in to adjudicator secretaries will lead to disqualification for scholarships. Exceptions to this are listed in the SEMF 2024-2025 Addendum.

Piano & Strings competitors: Please number the first measure of each line in your music to hand in to the adjudicator secretary.

SEMF strongly encourages competitors to hand in their music at least 15 minutes before their time of performance.

It is never appropriate to discuss grievances with the adjudicator. Please contact a Festival committee member in writing.



Please note that SEMF follows the 2023 online Provincial Syllabus, available at amaf.mb.ca.

The AMAF Provincial Music & Arts Festival will be held May 23-25, 2025 at Brandon University.

www.semf.ca

SEMF Grading System

SEMF follows the grading system below for all competitive entries:

Grade	Mark	Performance Standard
A +	90 to 100	signifies superior performance
A	85 to 89	signifies distinction
A -	80 to 84	signifies definite merit
B	75 to 79	signifies adequate
C	70 to 74	signifies fair standard

The decision of the adjudicator regarding ranking of participants must be accepted as final. At no time must anyone approach the adjudicator to discuss any matter.

NEW since 2024: AMAF has introduced a 6th participation level eligible for Provincial recommendations in the new online syllabus:

- Primary (P) - vocalists 12 years & under and instrumentalists grades/levels 1-2
- Elementary (E) (previously known as Preliminary) - vocalists 14 years & under and instrumentalists grades/levels 3-4
- Junior (J) - vocalists 16 years & under and instrumentalists grades/levels 5-6
- Intermediate (I) - vocalists 18 years & under and instrumentalists grades/levels 7-8
- Advanced (A) - vocalists grades C (new) & B and instrumentalists grades/levels 9-10
- Senior (S) - vocalists grade A & Honours and instrumentalists diploma/honours levels

Provincial eligible classes begin with the letter "P".

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Admission Pricing:

\$3 per session (all ages) - \$5 awards night per person
\$20 individual festival season pass - \$20 limit per family per session

Volunteers

There are many ways to be involved with SEMF! If you'd like to consider volunteering your time, please contact semf@steinbacharts.ca.

SEMF Gala

Presented in partnership with Dr. Sheila Harms and Warren Trimble
March 26th, 7:00 p.m. at the SRSS
Featuring trophy winners from Vocal, Strings, Piano & Musical Theatre

Discipline Contact Information:

If there are any questions regarding Choral programming or procedures, please contact:
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Adjudicator: Justin Odwak

Justin Odwak is an in-demand choral conductor, tenor and vocal instructor. Justin serves as co-artistic director and co-founder of NUOVOCE Chamber Choir, founded in 2019.

He currently teaches choir, vocal jazz, and musical theatre at Dakota Collegiate, and directs the Louis Riel Divisional Treble Choir and Divisional Senior Concert Choir. Justin is past director of the Winnipeg Jewish Chorus and the Shaarey Zedek Quartet at Congregation Shaarey Zedek, the St. James-Assiniboia Divisional Junior Concert Choir and Divisional Senior Concert Choir. He has also directed the Louis Riel School Division Senior

Choir (Choral Celebration, 2019) Rainbow Harmony Project, Kolot Choir, and Interlake Youth Choir. He is in demand as a choral clinician and adjudicator, and also maintains a studio of private voice students.

Justin holds a Bachelor of Music (Voice) and Bachelor of Education (Choral) from the University of Manitoba.

TUESDAY, MARCH 25

9:30 a.m.

SCH 8252 School Choir, Own Choice, Grades 9-12: PART 1

1. Steinbach Christian School Chamber Choir
2. Steinbach Regional Secondary School Chamber Choir

10:15 a.m.

SCH 8252 School Choir, Own Choice, Grades 9-12: PART 2

1. Steinbach Christian School Grade 9/10 Choir
2. Landmark Collegiate Senior Choir
3. Steinbach Regional Secondary School Grade 9/10 Choir
4. Steinbach Christian School Grade 11/12 Choir
5. Green Valley School Choir
6. Steinbach Regional Secondary School Grade 11/12 Choir

1:30 p.m.

SCH 8272 School Choir, Own Choice, Any Other Grade Combination

1. Arborgate School Choir

SCH 8211, School Choir, Grades 5-8

1. Mitchell Middle School Choir

SCH 8103 School Vocal Ensemble, Own Choice, Grades 5-8

1. Blumenort School Noon Choir

2:30 p.m.

SCH 8172 School Choir, Own Choice, Kindergarten - Grade 6

1. Elmdale Grade 2 Choir
2. Elmdale Grade 3 Choir
3. Elmdale Grade 4 Choir

6:30 p.m.

COM 8621 Community Children's Choir, Own Choice, 12 years and under

1. Steinbach Children's Chorus

COM 8641 Community Youth Choir, Own Choice, 16 years and under

1. Steinbach Youth Chorus

COM 8681 Community Adult Choir, Own Choice, Adult

1. Eastman Male Choir
2. Accent Singers
3. "Then and Now" Eastman Youth Choir: Past & Present

SEMF Awards 2024

Vocal:

Medal (Vocal Duet, Trio or Ensemble - 12 years and over): Crescendo Girls Group
Kelvin Goertzen Trophy (Vocal Duet, Trio or Ensemble - 12 years and over): Reese Morales & Victoria Penner

Medal (Vocal Solo - Primary [11 & 12 years]): Henry Messner
Medal (Vocal Solo - Elementary [13 & 14 years]): Kaylee Gross
Medal (Vocal Solo - Junior [15 & 16 years]): Benjamin Hiebert
Medal (Vocal Solo - Intermediate [17 & 18 years]): N/A
Medal (Vocal Solo - Grade C): Jasmine Waldner

Smith, Neufeld, Jodoin Trophy (Vocal Solo - Primary [11 & 12 years]): Sawyer Schmidtke
Loewen Windows Trophy (Vocal Solo - Elementary [13 & 14 years]): Chryshell Quives
Dr. Paul Peters Trophy (Vocal Solo - Junior [15 & 16 years]): Jadyn Plett
AM 1250 Radio Trophy (Vocal Solo - Intermediate [17 & 18 years]): Amaris Gross

\$50 Vocal Coordinator's Scholarship (Vocal Solo - Elementary [13 & 14 years]): Layla Doerksen
\$75 Vocal Scholarship (Vocal Solo - Junior [15 & 16 years]): Anaya Hildebrandt
\$100 Ruth Oommen Memorial Scholarship (Vocal Solo - Intermediate [17 & 18 years] and Grade C):
Amaris Gross

Strings:

Medal (Grades 1 & 2): Jesse Loepky
Medal (Grades 3 to 6): Sarah Friesen
Medal (Grades 7 to Honours): David Bergen

Lillian Toews Trophy (Strings - Grades 3 to 6): Katelyn Lysak
Wes & Charlotte Reimer Trophy (Concerto - Grades 7 to Honours): Julianna Esau
Loewen Body Shop Trophy (Strings - Grades 7 to Honours): Rachel Brand

\$75 Strings Scholarship (Strings Solo - Grades 3 to 6, except Suzuki): Callia Barkman
\$100 Strings Scholarship (Strings Solo - Grade 7 to Honours): Dalia Loewen

Junior Piano:

Medal (Grade 1): Romy Friesen
Medal (Grade 2): Kayla Doerksen
Medal (Grade 3): Christian Acosta
Medal (Grade 4): Hyunwoo Lee

Medal (Piano Duet, Trio, and Ensemble - Grades 1 & 2): Naomi Goertzen & Avery Penner
SMMTA Trophy (Piano Duet, Trio, and Ensemble - Grades 3 & 4): Owen & Griffen Poettcker

\$50 Guenther Family Scholarship (Piano Solo - Grade 3): Keziah Honsberger

\$75 SMMTA Scholarship (Piano Solo - Grade 3 & 4): Jouleen Kasper

Southeastern Manitoba Festival Trophy (Piano Solo - Grades 1 & 2): Hadassah Duerksen

Iris Dirks Memorial Trophy (Piano Solo - Grade 3): Emma Sophia Harder

Brian Kliewer Family Memorial Trophy (Piano Solo - Grade 4): Hannah Dyck

Musical Theatre:

Medal - Primary (12 years & under): Victoria Penner

Medal - Elementary (14 years & under): Leah Neufeld

Medal - Junior (16 years & under): Anaya Hildebrandt

Medal - Intermediate (18 years & under): No recipient

Three Way Builders Trophy (Musical Theatre Performance - Primary [12 years and under]): Sawyer Schmidtke

Heier Designs Florist Trophy (Musical Theatre Performance - Elementary [14 years and under]): Chryshell Quives

Marie Reimer Memorial Trophy (Musical Theatre Performance - Junior [16 years and under]): Jayden Plett

J. H. Rempel Memorial Trophy (Musical Theatre Performance - Intermediate [18 years and under]): Piper Friesen

\$50 Musical Theatre Scholarship (Solo - Elementary [14 years and under]): Chryshell Quives

\$75 Musical Theatre Scholarship (Solo - Junior [16 years and under]): Anaya Hildebrandt

\$100 RK Electric Musical Theatre Scholarship (Solo - Intermediate [17-18 years]): Piper Friesen

Senior Piano:

GRADES 5 & 6 AWARDS:

Medal (Piano Solo - Grade 5): Tennyson Bergen

Medal (Piano Solo - Grade 6): Joana Schmidt

\$100 J. H. Rempel Memorial Scholarship - (Piano Solo - Grade 5): Timothy Bergen

\$100 Chez Koop Scholarship (Piano Solo - Grade 6): Jessy Friesen

Judy Doerksen Trophy (Piano Solo - Grade 5): Lucas Holowka

Glenn Loewen Trophy (Piano Solo - Grade 6): Biljana Miladinoska

GRADES 7 & 8 AWARDS:

Medal (Piano Solo - Grade 7): Evgeniya Pushkar

Medal (Piano Solo - Grade 8): Hugo Wiebe

\$100 Piano Scholarship (Piano Solo - Grade 7): Elias Helm

\$100 Piano Scholarship (Piano Solo - Grade 8): Celina Janzen

Dr. Dennis Giesbrecht Trophy (Piano Solo - Grades 7 & 8): Niko Funk

Maureen Aubry Trophy (Piano Duet, Duo or Ensemble - Grade 7 to Honours): Jessie Wolfe and Eleanor Schellenberg

GRADES 9, 10 & DIPLOMA AWARDS:

Medal (Piano Solo - Grades 9 & 10): Coralee Schmidt

Medal (Piano Solo - Grades 9 & 10): Aaron Thiessen

\$125 Kenneth Braun Memorial Scholarship (Piano Solo Grades 9 & 10): Bella Bergen

\$125 Kenneth Braun Memorial Scholarship (Piano Solo Grades 9 & 10): Alexandra Neufeld

Elsie Harms Trophy & \$100 Scholarship (Piano Solo - Grades 9 & 10): William Theurer

\$200 Eva M. Krueger Memorial Scholarship (to the winner of the Dr. Karl H. Krueger Trophy for Piano Solo - Diploma and Honours): Klara Theurer

Dr. Karl Hugo Krueger Trophy (Piano Solo - Diploma and Honours): Klara Theurer

\$200 Frances Funk Memorial Scholarship for Most Promising Performer (Adjudicator's Choice, Grade 5 - Honours): Hugo Wiebe

2024 Provincial Music & Arts Festival Results

Elementary Vocal, First Place: Layla Doerksen (Mitchell, MB) - Shirley Penner Scholarship

Primary Piano, First Place: Olivia Roienko (Steinbach, MB) - Carberry Music and Arts Festival Scholarship

Intermediate Piano J.S. Bach: Celina Hirsekorn Janzen (Steinbach, MB) - Jean & Lorne Chapple Memorial Scholarship

Advanced Piano, First Place: William Carroll Theurer (Lac du Bonnet, MB) - James G. McFee Memorial Scholarship

Senior Piano, First Place: Klara Theurer (Lac du Bonnet, MB) - Manitoba Arts Council Career Development Awards

Intermediate Strings, Second Place: Dalia Loewen (La Broquerie West, MB) - Associated Manitoba Arts Festivals Scholarship

Senior Strings, Second Place: Julianna Esau (Steinbach, MB) - Manitoba Arts Council Career Development Awards

Elementary Canadian Composers, First Place: Chloe Czarnecki (Lorette, MB) - Rolling River Festival of the Arts Scholarship

Intermediate Canadian Composers, Second Place: Hugo Wiebe (Anola, MB) - Dr. Lorne Watson Memorial Scholarship

Advanced Canadian Composers, First Place: William Carroll Theurer (Lac du Bonnet, MB) - Dr. Lorne Watson Memorial Scholarship

Primary Popular/Contemporary, First Place: Victoria Penner (Steinbach, MB) - Associated Manitoba Arts Festivals Scholarship

Elementary W.A. Mozart, Second Place: Hyunwoo Lee (Steinbach, MB) - Raleigh Family Scholarship

Advanced W.A. Mozart, First Place: Bethany Gross (Rosewood, MB) - Raleigh Family Scholarship

Elementary Musical Theatre, First Place: Chryshell Quives (Steinbach, MB) - Rolling River Festival of the Arts Scholarship

