



# Choral

March 10 - 11, 2026

Adjudicator: Elroy Friesen

Blumenort Community Church, 59 Center Ave, Blumenort  
[semf.ca](http://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.

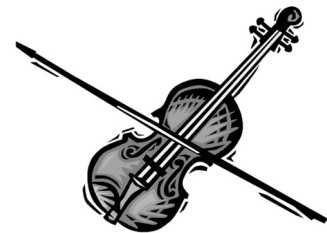


Photocopies handed in to adjudicator secretaries will lead to disqualification for scholarships. Exceptions to this are listed in the SEMF 2025-2026 Addendum.

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](http://amaf.mb.ca).

**The AMAF Provincial Music & Arts Festival will be held June 5-7, 2026 in Winnipeg.**

[www.semf.ca](http://www.semf.ca)

## **SEMF Grading System**

SEMF follows the grading system below for all competitive entries:

<b>Grade</b>	<b>Mark</b>	<b>Performance Standard</b>
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".

### **Reminder:**

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**2025 - 2026 SEMF COMMITTEE**

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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](mailto:semf@steinbacharts.ca).

**SEMF Gala**

**Presented in partnership with Dr. Sheila Harms and Warren Trimble**  
 March 25th, 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:  
 Gabriela Gallo: 431-777-8760  
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### **Adjudicator: Elroy Friesen**

Elroy Friesen is Director of Choral Studies at the University of Manitoba, where he conducts multiple choirs, and teaches graduate conducting. His award-winning ensembles have toured extensively, garnered national and international acclaim, and been featured on CBC Radio.

Friesen enjoys fostering artistic collaborations, partnering with organizations such as the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra, the Royal Canadian College of Organists, and the Manitoba Chamber Orchestra. He is the former Artistic Director of Canzona and the former Artistic Director and Founder of Prairie Voices, a renowned Winnipeg-based youth choir.

A dedicated educator, Friesen has served as a clinician, adjudicator, and guest conductor across North America and Northern Europe. He holds degrees from the University of Manitoba and the University of Illinois, and is the recipient of numerous prestigious awards and grants.

## **TUESDAY, MARCH 10 - MORNING**

**9:45 a.m.**

### **SCH 8252 School Choir, Own Choice, Grades 9-12**

1. SRSS Grade 9/10 Choir
2. Crystal Springs School Choir
3. Landmark Collegiate Senior Choir
4. Green Valley School Grade 9-12 Choir
5. SRSS Grade 11/12 Choir

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

1. Green Valley School Chamber Choir
2. SRSS Chamber Choir

## **TUESDAY, MARCH 10 - AFTERNOON**

**1:15 p.m.**

### **SCH 8192 School Choir, Own Choice, Grades 4-6**

1. Elmdale Grade 4 Choir
2. Landmark School Grades 4 - 6 Choir
3. Blumenort School Grade 4 Singers

### **SCH 8212 School Choir, Own Choice, Grades 5-8**

1. Stonybrook Middle School 5-8 Choir
2. Blumenort School Noon Choir

## **TUESDAY, MARCH 10 - EVENING**

**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

### **COM 8701 Community Choir, Own Choice, Open**

1. EMYC Past and Present

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11 - MORNING**

**9:30 a.m.**

**SCH 8152 School Choir, Own Choice, Kindergarten - Grade 3**

1. Elmdale Grade 2 Choir
2. Landmark School Grades 1 and 2 Choir
3. Elmdale Grade 3 Choir

**10:30 a.m.**

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

1. Mitchell Elementary School Grade 3 and 4 Choir
2. Niverville Elementary Choir
3. Landmark School Grades 3 and 4 Choir
4. Parkhill School Lunch Choir

**NATIONALS**

**School Choir (Grades 12 and Under)** \_\_\_\_\_

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Alternate: \_\_\_\_\_

**School Choir (Grades 9 and Under)** \_\_\_\_\_

**School Choir (Grades 9 and Under)** \_\_\_\_\_

Alternate: \_\_\_\_\_

**School Choir (Grades 6 and Under)** \_\_\_\_\_

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Alternate: \_\_\_\_\_

**Community Choir (19 and Over)** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Community Choir (16 and Under)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Community Choir (12 and Under)** \_\_\_\_\_

## 2025 SEMF AWARD WINNERS

### PIANO

Medal (Piano Solo – Grade 1): **MAIAH DUMUK**

Medal (Piano Solo – Grade 2): **SILAS ANDRUSIAK**

Medal (Piano Solo – Grade 3): **ROMY FRIESEN**

Medal (Piano Solo – Grade 4): **ALEXIS HEINRICHS**

Medal (Piano Ensemble – Grades 1 - 4): **AVERY PENNER & NAOMI GOERTZEN**

Medal (Piano Solo – Grade 5): **REBECCA PLETT**

Medal (Piano Solo – Grade 6): **KANGWOO LEE**

Medal (Piano Solo – Grade 7): **BILJANA MILADINOSKA**

Medal (Piano Solo – Grade 8): **AVIANNA GUENTHER**

Medal (Piano Solo – Grade 9): **BETHANY GROSS**

Medal (Piano Solo – Grade 10): **EMMY CELIA WIEBE**

\$50 Guenther Family Scholarship (Piano Solo – Grade 3): **OSASERE EMOKARO**

\$75 SMMTA Piano Scholarship (Piano Solo – Grades 3 & 4): **KRISTINA SEIBEL**

\$100 J.H. Rempel Memorial Scholarship (Piano Solo – Grade 5): **JOULEEN LEA KASPER**

\$100 Chez Koop Scholarship (Piano Solo – Grade 6): **ZANE FROESE**

\$100 Piano Scholarship (Piano Solo – Grade 7): **JESSY FRIESEN**

\$100 Piano Scholarship (Piano Solo – Grade 8): **EVGENIYA PUSHKAR**

\$125 Kenneth Braun Memorial Scholarship (Piano Solo – Grades 9): **KATIE WALDNER**

\$125 Kenneth Braun Memorial Scholarship (Piano Solo – Grades 10): **AARON THIESSEN**

\$100 Elsie Harms Scholarship (to the winner of the Elsie Harms Trophy for Piano Solo – Grades 9 & 10): **HUGO WIEBE**

\$200 Eva M. Krueger Memorial Scholarship (to the winner of the Dr. Karl H. Kruger Trophy for Piano Solo – Diploma and Honours): **WILLIAM THEUERER**

\$200 Frances Funk Memorial Scholarship for Most Promising Performer (Adjudicator's Choice – Grades 5 to Honours): **DALIA LOEWEN**

Southeastern Manitoba Trophy (Piano Solo – Grades 1 & 2): **HADASSAH DUERKSEN**

Iris Dirks Memorial Trophy (Piano Solo – Grade 3): **KAYLA DOERKSEN**

Brian Kliewer Family Memorial Trophy (Piano Solo – Grade 4): **ALICE RUTH P. YONZON**

Judy Doerksen Trophy (Piano Solo – Grade 5): **PETRA WIEBE**

Glenn Loewen Trophy (Piano Solo – Grade 6): **TIMOTHY BERGEN**

Dr. Dennis Giesbrecht Trophy (Piano Solo – Grades 7 & 8): **LUCILLE THEUERER**

Elsie Harms Memorial Trophy (Piano Solo – Grades 9 & 10): **HUGO WIEBE**

Dr. Karl Hugo Krueger Trophy (Piano Solo – Diploma & Honours): **WILLIAM THEUERER**

SMMTA Trophy (Piano Ensemble – Grades 1 - 4): **APRIL WARKENTIN AND SARAH PLETT**

Manitoba Hydro Trophy (Piano Ensemble – Grades 5 & 6): **TIMOTHY BERGEN, KANGWOO AND HYUNWOO LEE**

Maureen Aubry Trophy (Piano Ensemble – Grades 7 to Honours): **BELLA BERGEN AND AILEEN TEICHRIB**

## **VOCAL**

Medal (Vocal Solo – 12 years and under): **OLIVIA EPP**

Medal (Vocal Solo – 14 years and under): **KAYLEE GROSS**

Medal (Vocal Solo – 16 years and under): **ANGELE FOUASSE**

Medal (Vocal Solo – 18 years and under): **AMARIS GROSS**

Medal (Vocal Solo – Grade C/Grade B): **JASMINE WALDNER**

Medal (Vocal Ensemble – 12 years and over): **BENJAMIN HIEBERT & CADENCE BRANDT**

\$50 Vocal Coordinators Scholarship (Vocal Solo – 12 years and under): **KAYDEE FRIESEN**

\$75 Vocal Scholarship (Vocal Solo – 14 years and under): **SAWYER SCHMIDTKE**

\$100 Ruth Oommen Memorial Scholarship (Vocal Solo – 16 years and under): **BRIELLE MAYNAR**

\$200 Ruth Whetter Scholarship (Vocal Solo – 18 years and under): **BENJAMIN HIEBERT**

SMITH NEUFELD JODOIN TROPHY (Vocal Solo – 12 years and under): **JOURNEY JANZEN**

LOEWEN WINDOWS TROPHY (Vocal Solo – 14 years and under): **KAILA HILDEBRAND**

DR. PAUL PETERS TROPHY (Vocal Solo – 16 years and under): **CHRYSSHELL QUIVES**

AM 1250 RADIO TROPHY (Vocal Solo – 18 years and under): **BENJAMIN HIEBERT**

KELVIN GOERTZEN TROPHY (Vocal Ensemble – 12 years and over): **REESE MORALES AND VICTORIA PENNER**

## **MUSICAL THEATRE**

Medal (Vocal Solo – 12 years and under): **LAYLA PETERS**

Medal (Vocal Solo – 14 years and under): **VICTORIA PENNER**

Medal (Vocal Solo – 16 years and under): **CHRYSSHELL QUIVES**

Medal (Musical Theatre Ensemble – 12 years and over): **KAILA HILDEBRAND & ANNA AYALA**

\$50 RK Electric Scholarship (Musical Theatre Solo – 12 years and under): **ALARIE LOEPPKY**

\$50 RK Electric Scholarship (Musical Theatre Solo – 14 years and under): **KAILA HILDEBRAND**

\$75 Musical Theatre Scholarship (Musical Theatre Solo – 16 years and under): **ANGELE FOUASSE**

THREE WAY BUILDERS TROPHY (Musical Theatre Solo – 12 years and under): **ALARIE LOEPPKY**

HEIER DESIGNS FLORIST TROPHY (Musical Theatre Solo – 14 years and under): **LAYLA DOERKSEN**

MARIE REIMER MEMORIAL TROPHY (Musical Theatre Solo – 16 years and under): **ANGÈLE FOUASSE**

CHEZ KOOP TROPHY (Musical Theatre Ensemble – 14 years and under): **ELISE AND WELLS PENNER**

BARKMAN CONCRETE TROPHY (Musical Theatre Ensemble – 15 years and over): **CHLOEYLYNN AND CHRYSSHELL QUIVES**

## **STRINGS**

Medal (Strings Solo – Grades 3 to 6): **AARON DYCK**

Medal (Strings Solo – Grades 7 to Honours): **ZOE BARKMAN**

\$75.00 Strings Scholarship (Strings Solo – Grades 3 to 6, except Suzuki): **JESSE LOEPPKY**

\$100.00 Strings Scholarship (Strings Solo – Grades 7 to Honours): **HANNAH JANKE**

LILLIAN TOEWS TROPHY (Strings Solo – Grades 3 to 6): **JESSE LOEPPKY**

LOEWEN BODY SHOP TROPHY (Strings Solo – Grades 7 to Honours): **HANNAH JANKE**

## **2025 SEMF PROVINCIAL FINAL RESULTS**

Primary Piano:

2nd Place: **HADASSAH DUERKSEN** – *Pembina Valley Music Festival Scholarship*

Junior Piano:

J.S. Bach Scholarship: **KANGWOO LEE** – *Jean & Lorne Chapple Memorial Scholarship*

Senior Piano:

2nd Place: **WILLIAM CARROLL THEUERER** – *Associated Manitoba Arts Festival Scholarship*

Elementary Musical Theatre:

2nd Place: **LAYLA DOERKSEN** – *Lions Club of Winnipeg Scholarship*

Junior Musical Theatre:

2nd Place: **CHRYSSHELL QUIVES** – *Associated Manitoba Arts Festivals Scholarship*

Multi-Discipline Primary Canadian Composers:

2nd Place: **SILAS ANDRUSIAK** – *Pembina Valley Music Festival Scholarship*

Multi-Discipline Junior W.A.Mozart:

3rd Place: **HYUNWOO LEE** – *Raleigh Family Mozart Scholarship*

Multi-Discipline Elementary Popular/Contemporary:

2nd Place: **KARLY DERKSEN** – *Associated Manitoba Arts Festivals Scholarship*