



PEIKMFA Award Winners 2026

We are delighted to announce the award winners for the PEI Kiwanis Music Festival, 2026!

There are four categories:

1. Ensemble Class Winners
2. Solos Class Winners
3. Special Awards
4. National Festival Recommendations

*(Q) = Queens County
Music Festival*

*(K) = Kings County Music
Festival*

*(W) = West Prince Music
Festival*

*(E) = East Prince Music
Festival*

1. ENSEMBLE CLASS WINNERS

Schools

Spring Park Elementary School (G2-3) (Q)	Elementary School Choir	Helen Lawson Memorial Trophy
Spring Park Elementary School (G4-6) (Q)	Elementary School Choir	Sponsored by Lea Beaton
West Kent Elementary School (Q)	Elementary School Glee Choir	Sponsored by The Kiwanis Club
Montague Regional High School (K)	High School Choir	Sponsored by The Kiwanis Club
Montague Regional High School (K)	High School Band	Sponsored by The Kiwanis Club

Community

A Joyful Sound (K)	Community Choir	Sponsored by The Kiwanis Club
Red Island Ensemble (E)	Community Glee Choir	Sponsored by The Kiwanis Club
Hillcrest United Youth Choir (K)	Community Youth Choir	Sponsored by Lea Beaton
Sibbick Sibling Singers (K)	Family Ensemble	Sponsored by Lea Beaton

Chamber Ensembles

Amy LeBlanc / Nathan Wright / Yuxuan (Tony) Liang (Q)		
Advanced Chamber Ensemble		Sponsored by Jacob Reddin and the Perimeter Road Brass Octet
Vivian (Xique) Qiao / Yizhou (Ariel) Wu / Fiona Grant (Q)		
Senior Chamber Ensemble		Phylis Tait Dobson Memorial Award

2. SOLO CLASS WINNERS

Junior

Oliver Bernard (E)	Junior Voice	Lorna Knox Award
Hannah Sadeghi Aval (E)	Junior Musical Theatre	Lorna Knox Award
Agnes Chen (Q)	Junior Piano	Sponsored by Linkletter Music Studio
Liam Chan (Q)	Junior Strings	Sponsored by Linkletter Music Studio

Intermediate

Neilina Ning (Q)	Intermediate Voice	Sponsored by PEI Women's Institute
Daisy Mei (Q)	Intermediate Piano	Jean and Wesley MacPhee Award
Evan Zhang (Q)	Intermediate Strings	Sponsored by Sue Irvine
Neilina Ning (Q)	Intermediate Musical Theatre	Sponsored by The Kiwanis Club
Lap Yan Chan (Q)	Intermediate Woodwind	Sponsored by Long and McQuade
Yifen (Ivena) Shi (Q)	Intermediate Accordion	Sponsored by The Kiwanis Club

Senior

Holly Arthur (K)	Senior Voice	Sponsored by Jacqueline Sorensen Young
Miaoyan Qiao (Q)	Senior Piano	Ruby MacWilliams Award
Fiona Grant (Q)	Senior Strings	Ruby MacWilliams Award
Holly Arthur (K)	Senior Musical Theatre	Sponsored by Lea Beaton
Judy Zhou (Q)	Senior Woodwind	Sponsored by Frances McBurnie
August Wang (Q)	Senior Percussion	Sponsored by Sue Irvine

Advanced

Emi Smith (Q)	Advanced Voice	Sponsored by Lynda Sharpe
Yuxuan (Tony) Liang (Q)	Advanced Piano	Sponsored by Dr. Frances Gray
Tiantian Liu (Q)	Advanced Strings	Sponsored by Lynda Sharpe
Clarissa Smith (E)	Advanced Musical Theatre	Sponsored by G Visser and Sons
Seth Cudmore-Gallant (Q)	Advanced Brass	Sponsored by Dale Sorensen
Nathan Wright (Q)	Advanced Woodwind	Sponsored by The Kiwanis Club

3. SPECIAL AWARDS

Junior / Intermediate

- Special award for excellent technical mastery and musical interpretation of a Sonata or Sonatina in Junior or Intermediate piano: Daisy Mei (Q)

Senior / Advanced

- Special award for excellent technical mastery and musical interpretation of a Sonata or Sonatina in Senior or Advanced piano: Vivian Qiao (Q)
- PEI Registered Music Teachers Association Award: Holly Arthur (K)
- Under the Spire Music Festival Awards:
 - **Seth Cudmore-Gallant** (Q)
 - **Yuxuan (Tony) Liang** (Q)
 - **Emi Smith** (Q)
- UPEI Department of Music Plaque: James Ronahan (Q)
- Rena Wood Scholarship: Emi Smith (Q)
- PEIKMFA President's Award: Yuxuan (Tony) Liang (Q)

4. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR NATIONAL FESTIVAL

Congratulations to the following ensembles and soloists who have been recommended to represent PEI at the National Music Festival this year.

Ensemble Stream

School Choirs

- Spring Park Elementary School (Q)
- Montague Regional High School (K)

Community Choirs

- A Joyful Sound (K)
- Red Island Ensemble (E)

Developing Artist Stream

Musical Theatre **Holly Arthur** (K)
Katie Grandy (Q)
Piano **Miaoyan Qiao** (Q)
Bernice Yun (Q)
Voice **Holly Arthur** (K)
Bree Jenkins (K)
Percussion **August Wang** (Q)

Emerging Artist Stream

Voice **Emi Smith** (Q)
James Ronahan (Q)
Woodwind **Nathan Wright** (Q)
Amy Leblanc (Q)
Musical Theatre **Clarissa Smith** (E)
Brass **Seth Cudmore-Gallant** (Q)
Piano **Yuxuan (Tony) Liang** (Q)
Vivian Qiao (Q)

Congratulations to all award winners!

