

Greater Victoria Performing Arts Festival Presents:

Musical Theatre

2024 PROGRAM



APRIL 20 - 23

St. Mary's Church
1701 Elgin Road

ADJUDICATOR: Michelle Weckesser

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Michelle Weckesser - Adjudicator

Michelle Weckesser received a Bachelor of Education with a major in choral music from the University of Alberta in 1995. Since then, she has been teaching in a variety of settings including as a private singing instructor for over 23 years, an elementary school music teacher, and an instructor for a variety of community music classes. In Port Alberni, Michelle was the voice teacher and musical director for Stage West Performing Arts school. Locally, she has been the musical director for Chalkboard Theatre's production of Anne of Green Gables and the FKSS production of The Addams Family.

Currently, Michelle is the Musical Director for CMS's production of Matilda. Michelle has played a number of roles in theatre, most recently as Donna in CMS's production of Mamma Mia in 2020. She has coached many voice students in musical theatre numbers for local and provincial festivals over the past two decades.

Michelle has always been an active member of the choral community in the various places she has lived. She has been a choir member and soloist in I Choristi, Timbre!, Island Voices, and is a founding member of the Women's Vocal Jazz Quartet, Swing Set. Locally, she is currently singing with The Cowichan Vocal Collective. Michelle has directed the Frances Kelsey School Concert Choir, Nova Voce Women's and Children's Choirs and co-directed Island Voices. She is the current director of Encore! Women's Choir, Arbutus Ridge Choir, and is the rehearsal director of The Cowichan Vocal Collective.



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

Greater Victoria
Youth Orchestra

Yariv Aloni *music director*
 38th Season 2023 - 2024



APR 21 2024

Sunday 2:30 pm at The Farquhar at UVic

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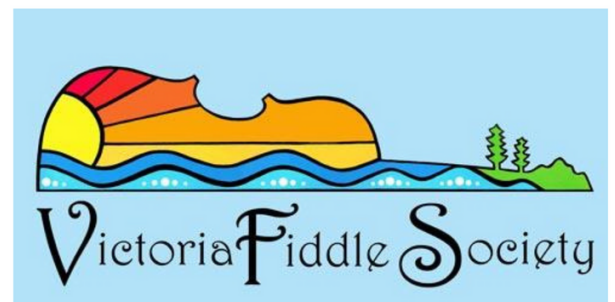
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CHAMBER MUSIC CAMP

August 25-31, 2024

For registration information contact:
yeschambermusic@gmail.com
Video Audition deadline May 15, 2024

2024 Faculty

Amy Florence Paster, violin
Heather Bowness, violin
Elyssa Lefurgey-Smith, violin/viola
Roger Mangas, violin/viola
Peter Caton, cello
Monica Pfau, piano

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AT THE ROYAL THEATRE

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AT THE ROYAL THEATRE

Embark on the quest to be our better selves.

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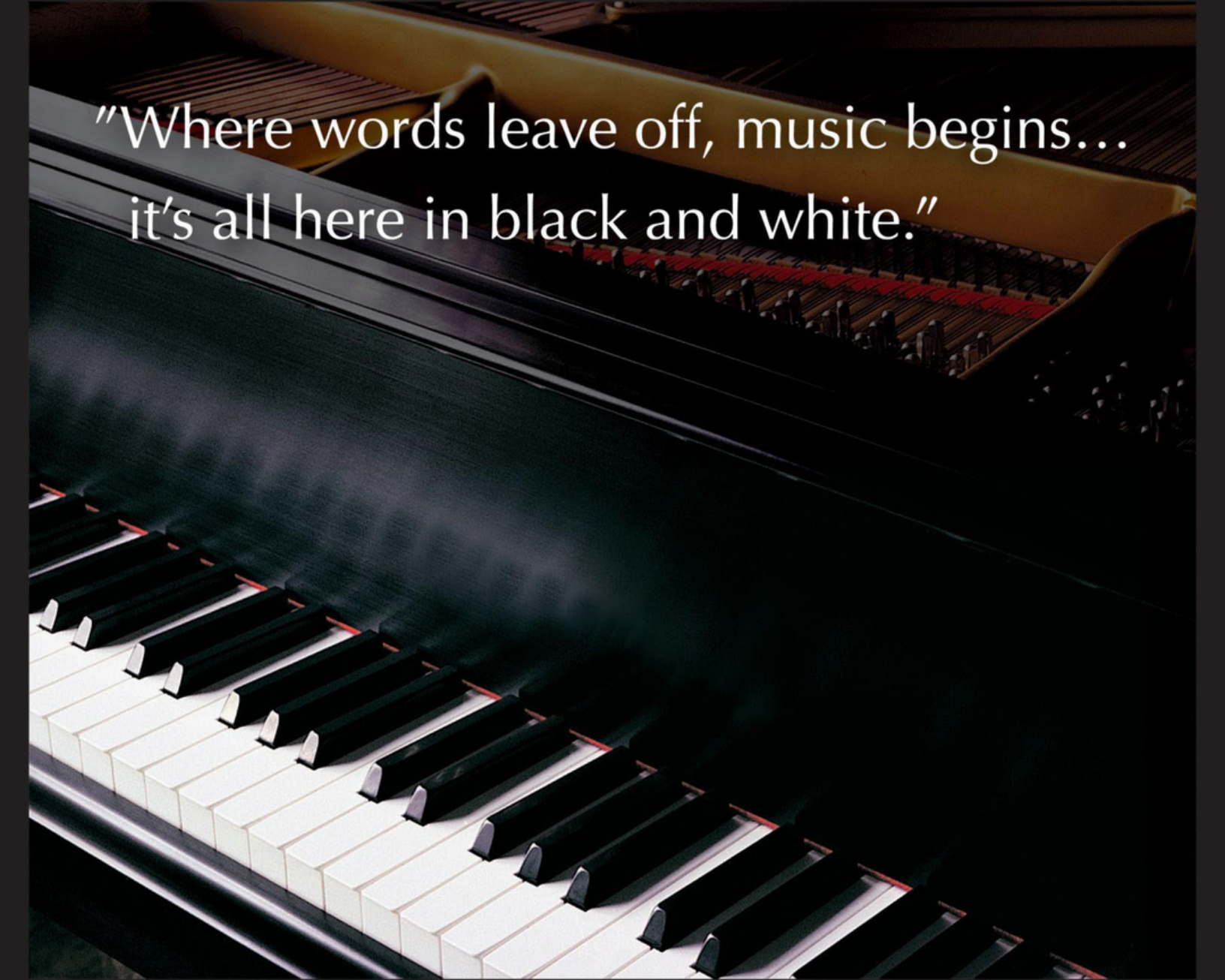
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Saturday, April 20

6:30 PM

Junior - combinations - 4 or more singers

1. Miss Mame's Melody Makers - Amaia Goehner, Amara, Apa, Asher Werner, Keira Wilder, Charlie Millar, Isla Buck, Avery Rose, Audrey Napier, Brielle Sharpe, Emme Miller, Lillia Catinus, Emma Catinus, Mariel Phillips

Intermediate - Solo: Ballad - 17 & 18 years

1. Rheanna Finigan
2. Liberté Bailey Vaudandaine
3. Anabel Gibson
4. Samara Dolinsky

Vocal Variety - Intermediate - 18 years and under

1. Liberté Bailey Vaudandaine

Intermediate - Solo: Standard Repertoire 15 to 18 years

1. Shelly Ben Dor
2. Georgia McLeod
3. Giselle Breton
4. Liberté Bailey Vaudandaine

Intermediate - Solo: Ballad - 15 & 16 years

1. Chloe McCormick
2. Calder Huband
3. Aya Laforme
4. Evelyn Gillett
5. Davis Foster
6. Giselle Breton
7. Maisha Klette
8. Georgia McLeod
9. Iris Thompson-Chang



Sunday, April 21

1:30 PM

Junior - Solo: Ballad - 11 & 12 years

1. Claire Wan
2. Lauren Abhirosh
3. Amara Apa
4. Hrithika Sompriti
5. Callum Spivack
6. Isla Home
7. Amaia Goehner
8. Lila Stretch
9. Brielle Sharpe
10. Sofie Coons
11. Genevieve Roszmann

6:00 PM

Intermediate - Solo: Up Tempo - 15 & 16 years

1. Chloe McCormick
2. Shelly Ben Dor
3. Calder Huband
4. Aya Laforme
5. Davis Foster
6. Evelyn Gillett
7. Iris Thompson-Chang
8. Georgia McLeod
9. Maisha Klette
10. Giselle Breton

Senior - Solo: Ballad - 19 to 28 years

1. Natasha Castro
2. Maya Fischer

Senior - Solo: Up Tempo - 19 to 28 year

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Senior - Solo: Standard Repertoire - 19 and over

1. Carter Martin
2. Maya Fischer
3. Natasha Castro

Vocal Variety - Senior - 19 to 28 years

1. Maya Fischer

Monday, April 22

9:30 AM

Junior - Solo: Up Tempo - 10 years & under

1. Lilia Ittah
2. Liuchina Huang
3. Thea Picardi
4. Ariana Akbas
5. Oliver Shaw
6. Yiwen Miao
7. Madalyn Gallins
8. Callia Lewis
9. Mariel Phillips

Vocal Variety - Junior - 14 years and under

1. Genevieve Roszmann
2. Thea Picardi

Junior - Solo: Ballad - 13 & 14 years

1. Ava Biederman
2. Emilia Wiwcharuk

1:00 PM

Junior - Solo: Ballad - 10 years & under

1. Liuchina Huang
2. Sophia Sundberg
3. Ariana Akbas
4. Oliver Shaw
5. Thea Picardi
6. Mariel Phillips
7. Callia Lewis
8. Yiwen Miao

Intermediate - Solo: Up Tempo - 17 & 18 years

1. Liberté Bailey Vaudandaine
2. Anabel Gibson
3. Rheanna Finigan
4. Samara Dolinsky

Tuesday, April 23

1:00 PM

Junior - Solo: Ballad - 11 & 12 years

1. Aanya Sethi

Junior - Solo: Up Tempo - 11 & 12 years

1. Lauren Abhirosh
2. Amara Apa
3. Hrithika Sompriti
4. Aanya Sethi
5. Callum Spivack
6. Amaia Goehner
7. Lila Stretch
8. Brielle Sharpe
9. Sofie Coons
10. Genevieve Roszmann

Novice Musical Theatre

1. Seph Goehner
2. Liuchina Huang

Junior - combinations - 2 or more singers

1. Thea Picardi, Callia Lewis

Junior - Solo: Up Tempo - 13 & 14 years

1. Scarlett Gallins
2. Ava Biederman
3. Emilia Wiwcharuk

