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2010 NATIONAL MUSIC FESTIVAL WINNERS

The 2010 National Music Festival took place August 13th to 15th at the Schulich School of Music of McGill University, Montreal, Quebec. Sixty-six musicians ranging in age from 14 to 28 years old competed in eight discipline categories (piano, strings, voice, woodwinds, brass, percussion, guitar and chamber groups). The first place winners of each discipline competed for the Grand Award title and prize of \$5,000 on Sunday, August 15th at Salle Pierre-Mercure in Montreal.

NRS Foundation: Victoria Foundation GRAND AWARD WINNER: Wai Lau (QC)

First place

Brass: Andreas Stoltfuz (QC)
Chamber: The Red Strings (ON)
Guitar: Adam Ruzzo (ON)
Percussion: Joey Roy (NB)
Piano: Scott MacIsaac (AB)
String: Vanessa Russell (QC)
Voice: Monica Orso (BC)
Woodwind: Wai Lau (QC)

Second Place

Brass: Philip Holloway (NL)
Chamber: Ellipse Quartet (SK)
Guitar: Patrick Bennett (AB)
Percussion: Lisa Pattison (SK)
Piano: Charles Richard-Hamelin (QC)
String: Ema Nikolovska (ON)
Voice: Heather Flemming (NB)
Woodwind: Tommy Davis (SK)

Third Place

Brass: Fiona Chisholm (AB)
Chamber: Capella Trio (BC)
Guitar: Adam Cicchillitti (QC)
Piano: Pierre-André Doucet (NB)
String: Heemin Choi (NS)
Voice: Megan Chartrand (AB)
Woodwind: Paul Hung (BC)

Jan Simons Memorial Award for Song Interpretation – Voice: Heather Flemming (NB)

There were several **special awards** given out this year:

Best Piano Concerto: Scott MacIsaac (AB)
Best Marimba Performance: Joey Roy (NB)
Best Musical Interpretation – Strings: Vanessa Russell (QC)
Most Lyrical Performance – Woodwinds: Ashley Ko (AB)
Most Lyrical Performance – Brass: Philip Holloway (NL)
Most cohesive ensemble in Chamber Groups – Chamber: The Red Strings (ON)
Best Performance of a work in the Spanish Style – Guitar: Patrick Bennett (AB)
Spirit Award (Male): Philip Holloway (NL)
Spirit Award (Female): Carol Léger (NB)

Winners of Choral Classes were also announced. Choirs from across Canada were adjudicated by CD. The winners are:

Class 100 – Honourable Barbara A. Hagerman – Best performance by a community choral group 19 and up

First Belle Canto – directed by Heather Johnson (AB)
Second Stairwell Carollers – directed by Pierre Massie (ON)

Class 101 – City of Lincoln – Best performance by a choral group of male singers

First Bach Chamber Youth Choir: Men's Chorus – directed by Linda Beaupré (ON)

Class 102 – George S. Mathieson – Best performance by a community choral group choral group 19 and under

First Pembina Trails Voices: Cantemus – directed by Ruth Wiwchar (ON)
Second Guelph Youth Singers: Choir III – directed by Linda Beaupré (ON)

Class 103 – Paul J. Bourret – Best performance by a choral group from a single school 19 and under

First Langley Fine Arts Chamber Choir – directed by Jim Sparks (BC)
Second Holy Heart Chamber Choir – directed by Susan Quinn (NL)

Class 104 – Richard W. Cooke – Best performance by a choral ensemble of 8 to 12 singers

First Octatonic Decadence – directed by David Buley (ON)
Second Belle Canto Ensemble – directed by Heather Johnson (AB)

Class 105 – Dr & Mrs. J.F.K. English – Best performance by a community choral group 16 and under

First Cantilon Junior Choir – directed by Heather Johnson (AB)
Second Bach Children Chorus: Choir III – directed by Linda Beaupré (ON)

Class 106 – David Ouchterlony – Best performance by a choral group from a single school 16 and under

First Holy Heart Girls' Choir – directed by Susan Quinn (NL)
Second Canterbury Singers – directed by James Caswell (ON)

Class 107 – Margaret Wharton Memorial – Best performance by a community choral group 12 and under

First Bach Children's Chorus: Choirs II & III – directed by Linda Beaupré (ON)
Second Cantare Children's Choir – directed by Catherine Glaser Climie (AB)

Class 108 – Florine Després – Best performance by a choral group from a single school 12 and under

First Cardston Elementary School Choir – directed by Linda Burwell (AB)
Second Northlea Junior Choir – directed by Mitch Bondy (ON)

Class 109 – Barbara Clarke – Best performance by a community choral group 25 and under

First Bach Chamber Youth Choir: Women's Chorus – directed by Linda Beaupré (ON)
Second Prairie Voices – directed by Kristel L. Peters (MB)

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