

Concerto Competition



Saskatoon Violinist wins 2009 Concerto Competition

The Saskatchewan Music Festival Association (SMFA), Theresa Brost, President is pleased announce that the 28th SMFA Concerto Competition was won by Samuel Milner, a violinist from Saskatoon, who played an award winning performance of Violin Concerto in d minor, Op. 47 by Jean Sibelius. He was accompanied by Bonnie Nicholson. Sam received the first prize of \$2,000 and the opportunity to be a featured soloist in an upcoming season with the Regina Symphony Orchestra, and the Saskatoon Symphony Orchestra.

Samuel Milner began studying violin with Philip Kashap at the age of 5 and studied with him for 11 years. Both times that he competed at the national level of the Canadian Music Competition, he won first prize in his age category for strings. He has represented Saskatchewan in strings at the National Music Festival twice and has twice won the Wallis Memorial Silver award at the Grand Awards Competition of the Saskatchewan Music Festival provincial finals. Sam has participated in summer programmes in violin in Edmonton, Montreal, Toronto, Domaine Forget, Ottawa, and Poland. He is presently a grade 12 student at Walter Murray Collegiate in Saskatoon and studies violin with Michael van der Sloot.

Thirteen young musicians competed on Saturday, November 14th in Shumiatcher Theatre, MacKenzie Art Gallery. Justin Min and Helen Kashap both pianists from Saskatoon placed 2nd and 3rd respectively. The competition was judged by Tannis Gibson, Tucson (AZ); Marena Smith, Winnipeg (MB) and Victor Sawa, Music Director, Regina Symphony Orchestra.

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