



43rd Anniversary - 2024

Kiwanis Music Festival of Guelph

Welcome to the 43rd annual Kiwanis Music Festival of Guelph.

Many thanks to our participants, adjudicators, visitors, donors and sponsors, organizers, volunteers, Board and Committee members, media guests, and venues. We look forward to another wonderful Festival and hope you enjoy this valuable contribution to the cultural life of Guelph and Wellington County.

Please remember that the performers need absolute silence and you must wait to enter or leave the hall until there is a break in the performance. Please turn off all cell phones and other electronic devices. Photos and videos of performances may be taken if the performer has given their permission, but no flash photography and absolutely no recording of the adjudication is permitted. Please remain in your seat and be discreet while recording.

Please join us for the Highlights of the Festival Concert & Awards Ceremony
on Saturday, May 11 at St. George's Church at 7 pm.

It will feature some of the finest performances heard during the Festival,
as well as the presentation of medals and scholarships.

Tickets: \$20/Adults, \$5/Students & Children – Visit gkmf.ca/events

Guitar & Ensembles Adjudicator

Silas Chinsen

Silas Chinsen is a multi-instrumentalist, vocalist, composer, and arranger based in Guelph, Ontario. He holds a M.Mus and B.Mus in classical guitar and voice performance, and has work featured on Naxos Records. Silas creates music for choirs, solo guitar, and ambient scores for audio-visual collaborations.

Silas graduated with the highest distinction from the University of Ottawa on full scholarship and was twice the recipient of the Ed Honeywell Scholarship for Classical Guitar. He studied guitar with Patrick Roux and voice with Dillon Parmer, in addition to conducting with David Curry and Laurence Ewashko. Silas won the Ottawa Guitar Society's *Call for Scores* composition competition with his piece *Different Expectations*, and has received various grants for his compositions, including the Guelph Arts Council Research and Renewal Award, the City of Guelph Artist in Residence Grant, and a TACTICS grant.

Silas has performed as a soloist at venues such as the Scotiabank Arena, the Shaw Centre, and the Rideau Club, and with ensembles such as The Edison Singers, the Ewashko Singers, the National Arts Centre Choir, and the Ontario Youth A Capella Choir. Silas was the acting director of LHVOX, an a capella community choir of 60+ members, and has composed and recorded a full-length musical theatre production *One Small (Mis)Step*. His music has been featured on local radio stations, professional art exhibitions, and advertisements for small businesses in Guelph. Silas is proficient in classical, jazz, pop, rock, and mo-town genres, among others.

Silas creates music to illicit a unique and visceral emotional experience, with interests in extended harmonic and uncommon sonic textures. From modern classical compositions and arrangements to producing ambient soundscapes using recordings of the sounds of nature, Silas treats each project as a new opportunity to push his own musical and creative boundaries to continue to develop his unique sound and skillset.



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Friday, April 12, 2024 - Afternoon

THREE WILLOWS UNITED CHURCH

Adjudicator - Silas Chinsen

12:00 PM CLASS B295

Winds & Any Instrument Combination - N/C

Own choice of one piece for wind and any combination of instruments. Time limit of 10 minutes.

1. **Radicchios** - Guelph

12:25 PM CLASS G182

Popular Ensemble - Intermediate

Own choice of two or three pieces at current level being studied.

1. **SpARTanS Acoustics**

Melodie Downton - Guelph

2. **SpARTanS Chamber Acoustics**

Melodie Downton - Guelph

1:05 PM CLASS G178

Popular - Solo - Junior

Own choice of one piece at current level being studied.

1. **Harry Ji** - Guelph

2. **Kingston Groen** - Guelph

3. **Adhrith Arun** - Guelph

1:40 PM CLASS G177

Popular - Solo - Intermediate

Own choice of one piece at current level being studied.

1. **Michelle Li** - Guelph

2. **Holt Briden** - Guelph

2:05 PM CLASS G173

Finger Style - Junior

Own choice of one piece at current level being studied.

1. **Max Nguyen** - Guelph

2:20 PM CLASS G203

Vocal Accompaniment - Junior

Own choice of one piece at current level being studied.

1. **Dexter Boyd** - Guelph

2:35 PM CLASS G109

Concert Grp - Grade 3

Own choice of two contrasting pieces or two movements of a larger work. Time limit of 5 minutes.

1. **Aaron Guo** - Oakville

