



**The New Brunswick Federation of Music Festivals Incorporated
La Fédération des festivals de musique du Nouveau-Brunswick inc.**

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The New Brunswick Federation of Music Festivals held their 38th Provincial Music Festival this past weekend, June 5 & 6, in Woodstock, New Brunswick. Fifty-two young musicians from around the province, who had been recommended as their local festival representatives by the adjudicators at those festivals, competed in the two-day festival. This year we were pleased to have representation from nine local festivals.

The NB Federation of Music Festivals, the umbrella organization for the eleven local festivals around the province, sponsors the NB Provincial Music Festival which is under the direction of the Executive Director, Barbara Long, President Isabel LeBlanc, and a Board of Directors made up of representatives from various local festivals. This year the Carleton County Music Festival hosted the Provincial Festival.

The adjudicators for this prestigious event are specialists in their field.

Voice: Ginnette Duplessis

Piano: Helen Marlais

Strings: Stan Fisher

Classical Guitar: John Boulay

Woodwind & Brass: Arthur Campbell

Percussion: Stan Fisher

Five **choral entries** were judged by recorded CDs sent to Jamie Hillman, a vocal/choral specialist. He has recommended Chorale Voce dell'Anima, under the direction of Monette Gould, and Les Jeunes Chanteurs d'Acadie under the direction of Nadine Hebert, to advance to the National Music Festival Competition. Both choirs advanced from the Greater Moncton Music Festival de musique du Grand Moncton.

The Provincial Music Festival offers three levels of competition – Junior, Intermediate and Senior.

Junior Competition took place on Friday morning. The winners are:

Voice: Justin Guignard, Tenor (Greater Moncton Music Festival de musique du Grand Moncton)

Piano: Kelly An (New Brunswick Competitive Festival of Music in Saint John)

Strings: Kihoon Choi, Violin (Fredericton Music Festival)

Classical Guitar: Alex Bragdon (Carleton County Music Festival)

Woodwind: Andy Kim, Saxophone (Fredericton Music Festival)

Brass: Mélanie Cosman, Trumpet (Greater Moncton Music Festival du Grand Moncton)

Competition continued Friday afternoon with **Intermediate** classes. The winners are:

Voice: Lauren Barnes, Soprano (Greater Moncton Music Festival du Grand Moncton)

Piano: Bo Rum Yang (Greater Moncton Music Festival du Grand Moncton)

Strings: Amélie Surette, violin (Greater Moncton Music Festival du Grand Moncton)

Woodwind: James Park, Clarinet (Fredericton Music Festival)

Brass: Daniel Spracklin, French Horn (Greater Moncton Music Festival du Grand Moncton)

Senior Competition was held on Saturday with entries in eight disciplines. The Senior winners are:

Voice: Carol Léger, Soprano (Greater Moncton Music Festival du Grand Moncton)

Piano: Pierre-André Doucet, (New Brunswick Competitive Festival of Music in Saint John)

Strings: Terri Surette, violin (Greater Moncton Music Festival du Grand Moncton)

Classical Guitar: Alain Gaudet (Greater Moncton Music Festival du Grand Moncton)

Woodwind: Jaekwan Chong, flute (Greater Moncton Music Festival du Grand Moncton)

Brass: Simon Bourget, French horn (Greater Moncton Music Festival du Grand Moncton)

Chamber Ensemble: Daniel Spracklin, piano; Jaekwan Chong, flute; Jaeyoung Chong, Cello (Greater Moncton Music Festival du Grand Moncton)

Percussion: Claire Poirier, (Greater Moncton Music Festival du Grand Moncton)

Each of the winners in Junior, Intermediate, Senior and Choral categories received a cash prize. J. D. Irving Limited generously sponsored the Junior and Intermediate prizes.

The adjudicators recommended all the senior winners to represent NB at the 2009 National Music Festival in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, August 13-15. Percussion is a new discipline at the Provincial Music Festival and will be added to the National Music Festival in 2010. Nhat-Viet Phi will go to the National Music Festival as the accompanist for the competitors.

The panel of adjudicators also chose a **Star of the Festival** – the outstanding performance from Senior competitors. This honour went to pianist Pierre-André Doucet. Pierre-André was presented with the historical Centennial Trophy by President, Isabel LeBlanc, and received a pewter rose bowl keeper trophy as well as a scholarship.

The NB Federation of Music Festivals would like to thank all its sponsors – the Carleton County Music Festival for hosting and providing volunteers, J. D. Irving, McCain Foundation, the universities and businesses that bought advertisements in the official program. We would also like to acknowledge scholarship donations from the Carleton-Wilkins families, and the estate of Joyce Belyea. In particular we would like to thank the NB Government's Secretariat for Wellness, Culture and Sport for its generous assistance that makes hosting the Provincial Music Festival and sending competitors to the National Music Festival possible.