

Students tune up for Music Festival

by Steve Srubowich

All around town school age children are tuning up their musical abilities in preparation for the 38th annual Fort Saskatchewan Music Festival in early March.

Adjudicator chairman Sharon Cameron says this year's Music Achievement Days — March 10 to 16 — promises to be bigger and better.

"Last year we had about 1,900 students involved and this year we are expecting about 2,100. There will be five bands coming from Redwater, Ardrossan, Landing Trail of Gibbons, Lamont and Namao which will boost

the numbers."

A core of 10 volunteers will co-ordinate the major event. A marshal and a secretary are mandatory at each concert.

"We are looking for volunteers and grants to pay the adjudicators. We really need one more instrumental adjudicator, too."

Anyone interested in volunteering to make the music festival a success can call Cameron at 998-1243.

Festival categories include piano, vocal, speech arts, choral and instrumental.

The festival will run at churches and schools between 9 and 4:30 p.m. and there are no

evening performances. First-place finishers in each category will participate in the final concert on March 16 at 3 p.m. in Win Ferguson School.

Many scholarship winners will be announced on Mar. 16, too. Cameron is excited about the expertise of the four adjudicators who will oversee the hundreds of young musicians.

They are David Hoyt, Janet Scott-Hoyt, Beth Dunbar and Loretta Baker.

Hoyt is currently the resident guest conductor with the Edmonton Symphony Orchestra. He began as a principal horn with ESO 21 years ago and per-

formed as a member or soloist with almost every orchestra in Canada. Hoyt is a regular with the ESO.

Scott-Hoyt spent 22 years with the Banff Centre for the Performing Arts and taught at the U of A. A regular performer on CBC radio who maintains her own studio of students.

Dunbar owns and operates her own speech arts and drama studio, played many stage roles, conducts workshops and adjudicates around Alberta.

Baker will adjudicate the choral section and was the supervisor of music for many years with Strathcona County.

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Mayor Ken Hodgins officially proclaimed March 10-14 Music Achievement Days, as representatives from the music festival association looked on. (l-r) Kathie Geleta, Kathy Faris and president Kathy McDonald.
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Music festival a great chance to showcase talent

by Roxanna Maron

The 38th annual Fort Saskatchewan Music Festival is geared up for a week of fun-filled competitions and a chance for young performers to display their musical talents.

The festival begins today and will run through to Friday. There are 409 entries this year and about 2000 performers. This is in comparison to last years entry count of 400 and 1,969 competitors.

Kathy Faris, past president of the music festival, said there are four categories this year and judges have been chosen for each category. The judges are, for vocal and choral Loretta Baker, piano Janet Scott Hoyt, instrumental Tom Dust and David Hoyt and speech arts Beth Dunbar.

Participants in the various categories range anywhere from six to 19 years old and entries include communities around the Fort as well.

The family class seems to be a favorite among people this year. There are a lot of entries in this category.

"The idea of the family class is to promote music in families. This year it seems to be quite popular," she said.

A creative music class has been introduced this year. Participants will write their own music and then perform it. They will be judged both on the writing and the performance.

The different competitions will be held all over the Fort. The piano competition will be held at Our Lady of the Angles Church, choral at Win Ferguson School, vocal and speech arts at the Community Baptist Church, instrumental, solos and ensemble at the First United Church, and bands at the Rudolph Hennig School and Fort High.

The festival is all run on donations from the community and Faris said it would that the music festival committee is always accepting donations. A final concert will be held at the Win Ferguson School on Sunday beginning at 3 p.m. The concert will include the top performers of the week. Faris said the concert always has a good turnout and is worth seeing.

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A variety of talent was displayed last week during the Music Achievement Days. Pictured are students from John Paul II as they competed in the mixed woodwind and brass ensemble category. (l-r) Mellissa Black, Leah Collins (former JP II student now attending New Horizons in Sherwood Park), Kim Pawlyna and Allison Scully.

Music Achievement Day

John Paul II High School was well represented at this years Music Achievement Days, held in Fort Saskatchewan March 10-14. Our Concert band, Stage band and Choir took part under the direction of Mr. Nobert, as well as several students who entered in vocal and instrumental. All groups did very well, with the Concert Band and Choir finishing first in Grade three Band and mixed Choir respectively. The Stage Band also performed very well finishing a close second to Ardrossan. All those groups will be performing at our annual spring Concert Wednesday April 16 at 7:00 pm

Mr. F . Nobert



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Ten students win music scholarships at festival

by Roxanna Maron

Many musicians and performers showed off their talents at the annual Fort Saskatchewan Music Festival Mar. 10-14 with the final concert on Mar. 16.

Coordinator Kathy Faris says everything went very well and for the final concert 300 people attended.

"There was also a pretty good turnout for the creative music and family class competitions. We had roughly 65 people come out," she said.

Scholarships were given out to the top participants in each category. For piano the recipients were Jaclyn Goutbeck for the Kathleen Faris preparatory piano scholarship, Sophia Renke for the Gwen Montgomery junior piano scholarship, Catherine Wilgosh for the Irene Pawlikowsky senior piano scholarship, Nicole Gelata for the Yvonne Jenkins popular jazz, movie, television and pop scholarship, Jaclyn Cyca for the Fort Saskatchewan Medical Clinic Provincial Syllabus scholarship and Tamara and Nicole Peredery for the Sherritt International Cor-

poration duet and family class scholarship.

In the speech art category Ravi Amarnath received the Boston Pizza solos scholarship and Win Ferguson Grade 1 and Grade 2 won the Women's Institute of Fort Saskatchewan choral speech scholarship. Laura Lawrence, Shawn Ord, Heather Raven, Clayton Tyner and Chelsey McIntosh received the Kathy McDonald dramatic

group scholarship.

For the vocal and choral category Tegan Becker was the top performer receiving the Madeline Lamoureux solos and provincial syllabus scholarship, the Fort Sask. Allied Arts Council folk song scholarship and the Northwestern Utilities movie and television contemporary ballad scholarship. Other winners included Junior McNeil Singers receiving the Josephburg Choral

Society duets, trios and groups scholarship, Eve Harrynuk receiving the Shirley Yakimets musical theatre scholarship, the Fort Sask. Elementary School Choir receiving the Dow Chemical classroom choral scholarship and the Fort Sask. Elementary School Grade 2 class receiving the A&W classroom choral and local syllabus scholarship.

In the instrumental category Charles Turanich-Noyen won

the Helen Crook woodwind solo scholarship followed by Brianna Hicks and Lana Kuzyk receiving the Fort Mall chamber ensemble and brass duets scholarship.

Sydney Legere won the James Mowat Parent Advisory Council scholarship for the mixed woodwind and brass ensemble category followed by the Fort Sask. High School receiving the Marsulex Inc. concert and stage bands scholarship. Patrick and

Charles Turanich-Noyen also received the Music Enrichment Society award for the woodwind and string duets category.

The Lee family was the big winner in the family class categories as well.

Faris said that a number of performers have been recommended to attend the provincial music competition in Edmonton on June 6 and 7 at the Alberta College.

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