



Next Week

17-year-old Craig McLauchlan warms-up for his brass solo in the 36th annual Music Achievement Days which ran all last week. Look for the list of award winners in next week's issue.

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Music festival needs volunteers

The Fort Saskatchewan Music Festival Association is looking for volunteers for Music Achievement Days which will be held March 4 to 8 in Fort Saskatchewan.

This annual event showcases the talents of youth in our area and gives them an opportunity to be adjudicated by professionals. Entry classes include: Vocal & Choral, Piano, Instrumental and Speech Arts.

The Final Concert and awarding of scholarships will be held at Win Ferguson School on March 10.

Application deadline is January 15. Any student who is a resident of Fort Saskatchewan, attends school in Fort Saskatchewan, or the Sturgeon and Elk Island School Divisions, or studies with a music teacher who resides in those areas, is eligible to apply.

The Association is funded solely by the Foundation for the Arts, and private donations.

If you would like to volunteer your services in any capacity please call Kathy Faris at 998-5495.

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Fort Saskatchewan Music Festival Association

The Fort Saskatchewan Music Festival Association has approximately 65 volunteers whose duties include secretarial work, set up and organization of the festival. The festival is held every March and hosts about 1600 musicians from age five years to 19 years each year.

More volunteers are always welcome.

Thanks to the many volunteers without whom this event would not be possible. We appreciate your dedication.

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Music festival set

Local music lovers get set for the annual music festival. Set to hit Fort Saskatchewan from March 6 to 10, the event is sure to please all with many talented and exciting individuals showing off their abilities. Hoped to be a show case for Fort talent, the music festival has become the place where young musicians can learn about their trade.

Categories of competition include the piano, instrumentals, vocal and choral and speech arts. In order to judge the talent appropriately, local organizers have enlisted the talents of numerous well known judges.

Included in this list is Bill Dimmer. Having been active in the Tommy Banks Band and the Edmonton Symphony Orchestra for many years, Dimmer will bring to the Fort Saskatchewan music festival a strong background in the instrumental department.

Barbara Mackin is a pianist and music teacher living in St. Albert. She has recently prepared an ear-training book and a harmony book for publication.

*This Week
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Music Festival organizers are hoping for good turnout

by Arnim Joop

Organizers of the 36th annual Fort Saskatchewan Music Festival March 6-10 are expecting a large turnout.

"We had over 1,200 participants last year, and we're hoping to have more this year," says Kathy Faris, president of the Fort Saskatchewan Music Festival Association.

The festival will feature classes for elementary and secondary students in piano, vocal, choral, speech, and instrumental.

Classes will be held between 9 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday to Friday at the United Church, Community Baptist Church,

Our Lady of the Angels Church, Fort Saskatchewan Junior High School and Rudolph Hennig School.

All classes are open to the public. Some classes will be held at 7 p.m. Monday evening to give working parents the opportunity to attend.

The festival will wrap up with a public concert at 7 p.m. March 12 at Win Ferguson Community School, featuring the week's best performers.

Festival participants must be currently attending school or taking lessons in Fort Saskatchewan.

This year's adjudicators will be Barbara Mackin, a

pianist and music teacher living in St. Albert (piano); Kim Mattice-Wanat, a soprano singer and voice teacher at the University of Alberta (vocal and choral); Walter Kaasa, a veteran actor of stage, radio and television from Edmonton (speech); and Bill Dimmer (instrumental).

"We are financially supported by local businesses, organizations and individuals," Faris says. "The music festival is truly a community effort."

Last year the festival received \$4,742.21 in donations and \$2,439 from entry fees.

But Faris says the admission fee for the final

concert may have to be increased, because renting the gymnasium at Win Ferguson Community School is no longer free. Last year admission was \$2 per person.

Faris says the music festival is a good opportunity for Fort Saskatchewan students.

"It's really a good way to showcase the talents we have in our community," she says. "It's the only event for all the kids and schools in Fort Saskatchewan."

Faris says about 65 volunteers are involved in the preparation of this year's festival.

"It takes a lot of volunteer hours," she says.

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