

2025 AWARDS LIST

All award winners are chosen by the adjudicators and are not necessarily winners of classes. If you have been chosen as an award recipient, and/or have been chosen to perform in the Grand Concert, you will be contacted prior to the concert and asked to be in attendance that day. The Grand Concert participants are suggested by the adjudicators and the Festival Committee. The concert is programmed to provide variety and audience appeal and to recognize excellence.

To be the recipient of an award, a student must have a minimum of two entries in a discipline. The adjudicator and the festival committee reserve the right to not grant an award should an appropriate candidate not be found.

Perennial trophies are the property of the North Peace Performing Arts Festival Association. Recipients are responsible for returning trophies in sound condition before the following year's festival begins.

Special awards

Special awards will be announced at the Grand Concert.

North Peace Performing Arts Festival Award of Excellence - Trophy and Award - \$100

This trophy is given to a student who has exhibited a high level of performance in two or more disciplines, at least one of which is at a senior standard.

Rotary Club of Peace River Music Education Award - \$500

This award is presented to a deserving intermediate or senior standard student who has entered in Festival to help offset the cost of advanced music training in a discipline of their choice. Students must submit a letter of interest (deadline set annually) via email to northpeacefestival@gmail.com outlining the desired training.

Greg Corcoran Passion & Excellence Award - \$300

Greg Corcoran was a gifted artist who was well known for the many instruments he played. An outstanding vocalist, he was a long-time member of Peace Players both on stage and in the orchestra pit, and played with various bands for community events. Greg also conducted award-winning junior high and high school bands and mentored many students through private lessons. This award goes to a multi-faceted performer who exemplifies a love of music, a zest for learning and a high standard of performance, in tribute to Greg's spirit.

County of Northern Lights South Recreation Board Most-Promising All Round Instrumentalist - Trophy and Award - \$100

This award is provided by the Council of Northern Lights and presented to a student who demonstrates proficiency on two or more instruments.

Fairview Music Teachers Most Promising Adult - \$50

The Fairview and Area teachers created this award to encourage learners of all ages.

Instrumental

Chad and Barbara Shoaf Instrumental Award - \$100

Asmussen Transport Ltd. Awards

- Strings - \$50
- Wind - \$50

Melody and Matt Taylor Instrumental Awards – three of \$50

Instrumental Awards in Memory of 'Nana' Blanton

- Brass - \$50
- Woodwind - \$50

Wells Family Strings Awards – two of \$50

Mody Family Memorial Strings Award - \$50

In memory of Rusi Mody, who played the viola and violin with the Montreal, Edmonton and Bombay Symphony Orchestras

Piano

St. James ACW Frank Richardson Memorial Duet - \$200

Frank Richardson was an active supporter of the festival, starting in 1926. He taught piano and organ for years and was organist at St. James Anglican Cathedral for forty years.

Donnelly Machining & Fabricating Piano Awards

- Junior Piano - \$100
- Senior Piano - \$100

Jim & Helen Henderson Piano Award - \$100

Catherine Whitney Memorial Junior Piano Award - \$100

This award is to honour the memory of Catherine Whitney, who loved listening to her great-grandchildren play the piano.

James and Sylvia Bunn Memorial Piano Award - \$50

James and Sylvia Bunn, long time Peace River residents, were music enthusiasts and music festival supporters. James was a self-taught pianist and guitar player, with Sylvia sharing his love of music. Sylvia was a volunteer for the festival for many years and would look forward to meeting and congratulating the winners of this award. Both enjoyed listening to the performances, especially when their grandchildren were participants. The Bunn family is proud to continue supporting the music festival and honouring the young performers with this award.

Klassen Family Junior Piano Award - \$50

Madilynn Klassen (Brunham) performed in Festival for many years and values the time and energy it takes to prepare for adjudication.

Musical Theatre

Brennan Family Musical Theatre Award - \$100

Tenielle Brennan was a festival entrant in voice and speech for 10 years. She remembers the exciting times of preparation and the rewards of her commitment.

Bobby Dodds Musical Theatre Comedy Award - \$100

Sponsored by the Lac Cardinal Regional Performing Arts Society. Bobby was a prominent musician and storyteller in the Peace Country. His work always included a string of comedic verse. His love for children and their interest in the Arts always brought a smile to those around him.

Don & Margot Weaver Musical Theatre Award - \$100

Don was a founding member of Peace Players, and directed and performed in many musical productions over the years.

Sacred

Linus Becher Memorial Award for Sacred Music - \$100

Marie Plaizier Sacred Music Award - \$100

Speech

Adele Boucher Speech Junior/Intermediate Award - \$100

Adele is a retired Language Arts teacher who led students in public speaking in Junior Highschool.

Peace Players Senior Award - \$100

Peace Players has promoted live theatre for over 50 years in the community. Their regular season begins with a Junior (Gr. 3- Gr. 12) Production in the fall, a Christmas Show and a Spring Musical. Everyone is welcome!

Band and Choir

Holy Family Catholic Regional Division #37 Band Travel - \$200

This award is designed to help offset the costs of travelling to festivals and performances.

Eckhart Family Band or Chorus Award - \$200

Kathy Gall Memorial Choir Award - \$200

Kathy Gall was a dedicated teacher of Holy Family School in Grimshaw and had a passion for music and choir. She developed the Grimshaw Holy Family School Choir that attended the North Peace Music Festival Annually. The Kathy Gall Memorial Choir Award is presented to the choir with a high standard of performance and dedication to singing in a Choir.

Peace River School Division # 10 Chorus Award - \$100

Open Awards

Millership Family Music Award - \$200

The Millership family believes in family music. This award is for a performance by a group consisting of only family members in any discipline.

Dr. Laurene Willox Awards - two of \$100

These awards are in honour of Dr. Laurene Willox' mother, Doris Jones, who inspired her love of music.

Catholic Women's League Awards - two of \$100

Royal Canadian Legion #62 Award - two of \$100

Mike & Gloria Lovsin Award - \$100

Grant & Sally Barkwell Award - \$100

Peace River School Division #10 Award - \$100

Barkwell Enterprises Award - \$100

Cheryl Carruthers Award - \$100

Jim & Anna Taplin Awards - two of \$75

Peace River Senior Citizens Awards - two of \$50

Bliss Family Awards - two of \$50

Norman & Vivian St. Andre Award - \$50

Ralph & Pam Schipholt Award - \$50

Dan Mody & Audrey DeWit Award - \$50