



News Release

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The Federation of Canadian Music Festivals honours SJASD

The voices of middle years singers in St. James-Assiniboia School Division (SJASD) earn national accolades presented on behalf of the Federation of Canadian Music Festivals.

The SJASD Junior Concert Choir performed at the Winnipeg Music Festival during the 2018-19 choral season. At the festival, the choir was recommended for advancement to the 2019 Provincial Music and Arts Festival, Class 105, Dr. & Mrs. J. F. K. English. The choir submitted their recorded performance from the Winnipeg Music Festival to the Provincial Music and Arts Festival. In July, the Junior Concert Choir recordings were then selected to represent Manitoba at the 2019 National Music Festival.



At the National Music Festival, the Junior Concert Choir received second place in their category along with the following prestigious bursary:

CLASS 105 Community Choir, 16 years of age and under

- The Bursary is awarded to a community youth choir, chosen for its artistry in singing. The award was donated by Lynda Sharpe in memory of her grandmother, Prudence Drake. Lynda is involved in music festivals in P.E.I. and is the P.E.I. representative on the FCMA Board of Governors.

The award of second place at this national festival is a great honor. This was a taped choral competition with 32 recorded choral entries from across Canada, competing in ten different classes.

The SJASD Junior Concert Choir is one of St. James-Assiniboia School Division's three Divisional choirs. This group of young singers range in age from 11-14 years old. They are directed by Gabriela Gallo and accompanied by Madeline Hildebrand. The choir consists of 65 singers in Grades 6, 7 and 8 and has a reputation of being one of Manitoba's premier youth choirs.

"Music is the shorthand of emotion." -Leo Tolstoy

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