



# News Release

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## The Federation of Canadian Music Festivals

The St. James-Assiniboia Children's Concert Choir performed at ChoralFest Manitoba and at the Winnipeg Music Festival during the 2017-2018 choral season. At ChoralFest Manitoba, the choir was recommended to MusicFest Canada. At the 100th Annual Winnipeg Music Festival, the choir was presented with the following bursary and recommendation:

- Winnipeg Mennonite Children's Choir Alumni Golden Era Bursary. This bursary is awarded to a community children's choir 12 years and under or a community youth choir 16 years and under, chosen for its artistry in singing a unison or a cappella selection in a language other than English.
- Adjudicator recommendation for advancement to the 2018 National Music Festival, Class 107 Margaret Wharton.



In July, the St. James-Assiniboia Divisional Children's Concert Choir submitted their Winnipeg Music Festival recorded performance to the National Music Festival, Choral Competition 2018. This was a taped choral competition with 41 recorded choral entries from across Canada, competing in ten different classes. The St. James-Assiniboia Children's Choir placed 2nd in Class 107, Margaret Wharton at the festival.

The SJASD Children's Concert Choir is one of three Divisional choirs in St. James-Assiniboia School Division. This group of young singers range in age from 10-12 years old. The choir, directed by Heather Neufeld and accompanied by Amanda Hahn-Tomchuk, consists of 66 singers in Grades 5 and 6 and has a reputation of being one of Manitoba's premier youth choirs. On behalf of the Division, we are proud of these young choralists and wish to congratulate our Children's Concert Choir on their outstanding achievement at the National Music Festival 2018.

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

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