

## **Kelowna Kiwanis 2017 Festival Gala Concert Programme**

O Canada – Ethan Hatley-Webster

Opening Remarks

Zonia Arnold, President of the Kiwanis Festival Society

Marv Machura, Festival Director.

Guest of Honour: Rosemary Thomson

- 1. Morgan Hergott: Naught – Michen**  
Best Junior/Junior A Musical Theatre
  
- 2. Listen Up – Kelowna Dance**  
Dane Ashman – Eva Benazic – Nicole Gorjanc – Sarah Kahn – Mariah Kerner –  
Shay Parnell – Morgan Postowski – Kyra Robertson – Rachel Ziebart  
Best Overall Stage Dance Group
  
- 3. Alexandria Middleton, “Siege” by Adrian Mitchell**  
Best Junior A Speech
  
- 4. Nicholas Montgomery**  
Best Junior Piano
  
- 5. Jessica Singleton, Popular Voice, Hallelujah – Cohen**  
Best Intermediate Popular Voice; Best Canadian Entry
  
- 6. Lenna Barbaza**  
Shining Star Strings: TBA
  
- 7. Gene Hayer, Sonata in E Major – Scarlatti**  
Most Stylish and Sensitive Performance of a Work Written Before 1750
  
- 8. Annabella Nordlund, Space Oddity**  
Best Overall Modern Dancer:

### **Intermission: Formal Awards Presentations**

- 1. Canadian School of Ballet Pre-Professional Program: Silk Painting**  
**Kendra Haskett, Sage Kirk, Michele Matsubara, Mikayla Miyashita,**  
**Faith Wilkinson, Hannah Zobel**  
Best Ballet Small Group
  
- 2. Elizabeth Penner: Swinging on a Star – Van Heusen and Burke**  
Best Junior/Junior A Classical Voice

3. **Matthew Huston: Sonatina in F Major, 1<sup>st</sup> Movement – Beethoven**  
Best Intermediate Piano
4. **Marcus Coetzee**  
Best Intermediate Strings: TBA
5. **Henry Baker: Little Prelude in E Major – Bach Fiesta – Turina**  
Best Senior Piano
6. **Alexis Watson: TBA**  
Best Intermediate/Intermediate A Classical Voice:
7. **Emily Traversy**  
Best ARCT Strings: TBA
8. **Victoria Miller**  
Best Intermediate/Intermediate A Musical Theatre: TBA

**\*\*\*\*\* Gala Concert Performers \*\*\*\*\***

## **Morgan Hergott – Musical Theatre**

Morgan is 13, and loves singing, dancing and acting. Morgan has taking singing lessons since she was seven, and had competed in Kiwanis the past two years. You may have seen Morgan onstage at Kelowna Actors Studio, where she has been involved in the productions of Mary Poppins, Chitty Chitty Bang Bang, Christmas Story and Anne of Green Gables. Morgan is very grateful to have won this award and to have been asked to perform at the ceremony.



Morgan Hergott

## The Canadian School of Ballet, Pre-Professional Program



**Sage Kirk** - Sage started her training at age 3 at The Canadian School of Ballet, and joined the Pre-Professional Program in 2015. Sage is 6'2" tall and has beautiful long lines and extensions. Her hard work and dedication show through in both her technique and artistic qualities.

**Michele Matsubara** - Michele began her training in Japan before moving to Kelowna to join The Canadian School of Ballet, joining the Pre-Professional Program in 2015. Michele has a wonderful sense of movement and dynamics and is a lovely dancer to watch.

**Faith Wilkinson** - Faith danced at Dance City Academy before joining The Canadian School of Ballet, and this is her first year in the Pre-Professional Program. Faith has clarity and precision in her classical technique and is an excellent contemporary dancer. Faith has also been understudying with Ballet Kelowna this year.

**Kendra Haskett** - Kendra trained at Creator's Arts Centre before joining CSB's Pre-Professional Program in 2015. Kendra has goals of being a professional dancer and will be attending the BC Provincial Festival of the Arts for the 3rd year in a row this year.

**Hannah Zobel** - Hannah trained at Mission Dance before joining CSB's Pre-Professional Program in 2015. Hannah has an exquisite performance quality and she inspires us all when she steps on the stage. Hannah will be attending the BC Provincial Festival of the Arts for the first time this year.



**Mikayla Miyashita** - Mikayla was at the Royal Winnipeg Ballet School's Professional Division before joining the Pre-Professional Program in 2015. This year, Mikayla took her Solo Seal exam along with Michele and Faith.

These students are part of The Canadian School of Ballet's Pre-Professional Program. The Program coordinates with the student's high school schedules so that they can train a minimum of 15 hours/week during the daytime without missing any school classes. They receive high school credit for their dancing so they will graduate with their peers. The dancers take daily ballet class, pointe, modern, choreography, repertoire, and conditioning throughout the week. It is our desire that aspiring dancers from all over the Province may benefit from CSB's Pre-Professional Program and have the opportunity to reach their potential. This year we are performing with Opera Kelowna, a special choreographed piece with Ballet Kelowna, and 3 of our students took their RAD Solo Seal exam, which is the highest RAD exam. Acceptance into the Program is by audition.

### **Annabella Nordlund – Modern Dance**

Annabella has been studying dance since she was two years old and has been dancing at Okanagan Dance Studios in Penticton for the past ten years. Her favourite part of the dance world is the rewarding feeling she gets when she is on stage performing. She plans on studying Dance and English Literature after high school and would love to join a professional contemporary dance company.





## **Ethan Hatley-Webster - O Canada**

Ethan Hatley-Webster is 14 years old and has been singing for the last 3 years. He really enjoys participating in the Kiwanis festival and has had the honour of being nominated to represent the province for musical theatre on 2 occasions. He also enjoys singing pop music and loves to perform in the community and enter into local music competitions. He is proud to be singing O Canada for you this evening.

## **Jessica Singleton – Popular Voice**

Jessica is a singer/songwriter/musician who has loved singing and performing ever since she can remember. Music has always been an integral part of who she is and how she expresses herself, and she hopes to be fortunate enough to spend her life making music. Jessica is very honoured to have been selected to be among the performers tonight, and would like to thank everyone involved with the Kiwanis Festival for creating such a positive and supportive festival environment.





## Alexis Watson – Classical Voice

Alexis **Watson** is seventeen years old, she has been singing all her life and started studying classical voice when she was ten. She is privileged to study with Eeva-Maria Kopp at the Kelowna Community Music School. This past December Alexis sang at Carnegie Hall in NYC which was an unforgettable experience. Music and sports are two of her favourite things. Alexis is thrilled to represent Kelowna at the BC Performing Arts Festival again this year and to sing today here at the Gala.

## Elizabeth Penner – Classical Voice

Elizabeth Penner is currently studying grade 3 Royal Conservatory vocals at Wentworth school of Music under the direction of Susan Skinner.

Her love of stage performance has been on display around Kelowna in many acclaimed roles including: **Doting Doe** in *The Slingshot heard around the World*, **Weeping Angel** in Angels Aware, **the Narrator** in Aberdeen Hall's production of *Twelfth Night* and Actors' Studio production of *Cindarella*, **The Innkeeper** In Aberdeen Hall's kindergarten show and mysterious quiet performances as **Penguin #3** and a **Snowflake** in Aberdeen Hall preschool shows.

Besides singing and performing, she has a love of animals and is described by her big brother and little sister as kind and imaginative.



## Listen Up – Kelowna Dance and Performing Arts

Dane Ashman  
Eva Benazic  
Nicole Gorjanc  
Sarah Kahn  
Mariah Kerner  
Shay Parnell  
Morgan Postowski  
Kyra Robertson  
Rachel Ziebart



Kelowna Dance & Performing Arts is an award winning, dynamic, and high spirited dance studio that offers outstanding technical training in a positive environment. Our professional teaching staff offers competitive and recreational levels of instruction for students ages 3-Adult. Kelowna Dance offers various dance disciplines, with a concerted effort on best developing a dancer's individual interests and potential. "Listen Up" is Kelowna Dance's Intermediate Limelight Competitive Team.

## Victoria Miller – Musical Theatre

Victoria thanks Kiwanis for the opportunities they give, so young people like her to have an outlet where they can comfortably showcase their talents. She would also like to thank Marv Machura for his supporting presence throughout Kiwanis and all it's years. Victoria is so utterly grateful that she gets to have the privilege of delivering the message that song brings and she hopes that she provokes an emotion within you tonight. Enjoy all the fantastic talent our youth has to offer!





## Alexandria Middleton - Speech

Alexandria was blessed early when she became a student of Ms. Shawn Carroll who has helped to inspire, nurture, and challenge, her talents. For the past six years she has been involved in Speech Arts and performing through the Trinity College of London, as well as performing and learning with the Western Canada Theatre: Stage One School. Alex has many aspirations for her adult career from law to politics to acting and is very grateful to the Kelowna Kiwanis Arts festival for giving her this opportunity.

## Henry Baker – Piano

Henry was born in Hastings, New Zealand, and immigrated to Canada when he was seven. He is now 13 and lives on a vineyard in Lake Country with his parents and three siblings. Henry started piano lessons when he was four years old and violin two years later; he currently studies piano with Aurelia Schwartz and violin with Susan Schaffer.

Excited to play Tchaikovsky's 1812 Symphony side-by-side with the OSO, Henry joined the Youth Orchestra when he was ten. The OSYO has continued to be an important social and musical inspiration to him. He is also a member of the Sadok Ukrainian Dance Ensemble and in his spare time he likes to drive and repair RC vehicles, do carpentry and play the piano.

This is Henry's first festival back after a break of three years recovering from Lyme disease. He has really enjoyed the opportunity and is happy to perform for you today.







### **Gene Hayer – Piano**

Gene is 10, and loves to perform on stage! He is currently studying Grade 9 Royal Conservatory Piano with Margaret Lockhart, and dances with Dance City Academy.

He enjoyed competing in the Kiwanis Festival in both piano and dance.

Gene would like to thank all the volunteers, especially Marv Machura, for the time they invest to provide young talents an opportunity to perform.

Gene is very honoured to be chosen to represent Kelowna at the Provincials and to perform at the Gala today.

### **Matthew Huston - Piano**

Matthew's love for music was evident at a very young age. At four years of age he started with violin lessons at the Kelowna Community Music School. Having decided on piano as his instrument of choice, he is presently studying Royal Conservatory piano under the direction of Jocelyn Hamm.

Matthew, 13 years old, has participated in the Kiwanis Festival for the past four years. He always enjoys performing, and is grateful for the learning and growing opportunities that the festival provides. He is very honoured to have been selected to perform at this year's Gala Concert.

