

# CFMTA **Student** Composer Competition Concours de la FCAPM pour **élèves** compositeurs

he CFMTA/FCAPM Student
Composer Competition is a national
competition for winners of Provincial
composition competitions. Entries are
submitted by Provincial Canada Music Week®
Coordinators for Canada-wide judging before
June 1 each year. Scholarships are awarded
to winners in each category, and the Helen
Dahlstrom Award is given annually to the best national
composition as selected by the adjudicator. Helen

Dahlstrom was the founder of Canada Music Week®.

e Concours de composition pour élèves de la FCAPM/CFMTA est un concours national réservé aux lauréats des concours de composition provinciaux. Les œuvres sont soumises à un jury pancanadien par les coordonnateurs provinciaux de la Semaine de la musique canadienne<sup>md</sup> avant le 1er juin de chaque an. Des bourses d'études sont remises aux lauréats de chacune des catégories et

le prix Helen Dahlstrom est remis annuellement pour la meilleure composition nationale sélectionnée par le juge. Helen Dahlstrom est la fondatrice de la Semaine de la musique canadienne<sup>md</sup>.



## Student Composer Competition Adjudicator 2019

### ~ Carmen Braden

Carmen Braden is an emerging force in the world of new music, hailing proudly from Yellowknife NWT. As a performer, Carmen is "growing into the role of acoustic ambassador of the Canadian Subarctic" (Musicworks). She has played intimate theatres and MainStage folk festivals. Her contemporary classical compositions are nationally recognized, with commissions and performances by world class ensembles and performers including the Toronto Symphony Orchestra, James Ehnes and the Canadian Chamber Choir. Her 2017 album Ravens received a WCMA Nomination. Carmen has been called "a talented, bold musician" (Up Here Magazine). Her compositions have been described as "drop-dead gorgeous" (Ottawa Citizen), and her songwriting as "quirky and clever...à la Joni Mitchell." As an educator, Carmen regularly gives workshops, individual instruction, guest lectures and collaboration facilitation ranging from elementary-level to university graduate level.



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CFMTA congratulates the following winners of the 2019 Student Composer Competition: La FCAPM félicite les lauréats suivants du Concours pour élèves compositeurs 2019 :

#### PREPARATORY LEVEL / NIVEAU PRÉPARATOIRE

8 years and under / 8 ans et moins

#### **CLASS 1 / CATÉGORIE 1**

Composition for solo instrument / Composition pour instrument solo

1st place Première place
Ezra Eaton (AB) Blue Butterfly
2nd place TIE Deuxième place
Raya Campbell (ON) A Day at the Fair

Noa Paster (BC) Rhumba

Honourable mentionMention d'honneurAlina Poettcker (SK)The Malfunctioning Robot

#### **CLASS 2 / CATÉGORIE 2**

Composition for voice / Composition pour voix

1st placePremière placeAddison Ellis (NS)Echo in the Cave2nd placeDeuxième place

Helia Lotoski-Todd (ON) Leaves

#### **CATEGORY B / NIVEAU B**

15 years and under - 15 ans et moins

#### **CLASS 1 / CATÉGORIE 1**

Composition for solo instrument / Composition pour instrument solo

1st placePremière placeAntoine Villager (BC)Song without Words2nd place TIEDeuxième placeAngela Li (AB)Reflecting on Times Past

Houtian Zhong (BC)

Honourable mention

Tami Yang (SK)

Atlantis Overture

Mention d'honneur

Halora's Serenade

#### **CLASS 2 / CATÉGORIE 2**

Composition for voice / Composition pour voix

1st placePremière placePiper Hook (ON)Snowflakes2nd placeDeuxième place

Sheen Dube (MB) Together

Honourable mention Mention d'honneur

Tessa Sneddon (NS) Books

#### CATEGORY A / NIVEAU A

11 years and under / 11 ans et moins

#### **CLASS 1 / CATÉGORIE 1**

Composition for solo instrument / Composition pour instrument solo

1st placePremière placeZofia Yan (QC)Steppe Capriccio2nd place TIEDeuxième placeOnkit Saha (NB)Happy Morning Walk

Harrison Tesselaar (NB) Elevators

Honourable mention Mention d'honneur

Eva Zanger (YK) Fourth Violin

#### CATEGORY C / NIVEAU C

19 years and under / 19 ans et moins

1st placePremière placeNicholas Wanstall (ON)A Lullaby2nd place TIEDeuxième placeIsaac Seven Deers (BC)In the MeadowKrithika Venkataramadas (AB)Melancholia

Honourable mention Mention d'honneur

Tammy Young (AB) Wandering in the Woods

#### **CLASS 2 / CATÉGORIE 2**

Composition for voice / Composition pour voix

1st placePremière placeStella Ivanović (BC)Song of the Wandering Prophet

2<sup>nd</sup> place Deuxième place

Zoe Brown (ON) Be You

Honourable mention Mention d'honneur

Isla Keys (NS) Isla

#### CATEGORY D/NIVEAU D

Open / Ouvert

1st placePremière placeWilliam Lin (BC)Evocation2nd place TIEDeuxième placeEvan Miles (MB)Sparaticus

Honourable mention Mention d'honneur

Yang Tian Lu (QC) 3 Fugues

#### Helen Dahlstrom Award / Prix Helen Dahlstrom

Nicholas Wanstall (ON) A Lullaby

# PREPARATORY LEVEL - 8 years and under

CLASS 1 Composition for solo instrument

1<sup>st</sup> place Ezra Eaton (AB) Blue Butterfly







Ezra Eaton is a budding musician who plays with confidence and passion. He diligently practices the piano daily and loves to perform what he is working on for any audience. Ezra especially enjoys composing and performing his own songs. He also enjoys being outside, playing basketball, playing chess, and spending time with his five siblings. Because he spends regular time each day exploring the outdoors, Ezra has cultivated an interest in nature and loves to catch butterflies. He titled his

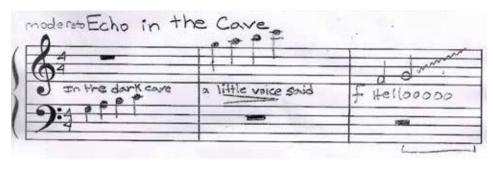
first composition *Brave Little Cygnets*, and his most recent composition he named *Blue Butterfly*. He has performed both of these compositions and other piano pieces in several music festivals, earning him composition scholarships, including first place in the ARMTA Provincial Level Student Composer Competition in 2018 and 2019, and second place in the CFMTA National Level Student Composer Competition in 2018. Ezra plans to continue to work hard and develop his musical gifts. \$\mathcal{P}\$

CLASS 2 1<sup>st</sup> place

Composition for voice Addison Ellis (NS)

Echo in the Cave





Addison is 8 years old and is in grade 3 at Portland Estates Elementary School in Dartmouth, NS. She has loved music from a young age and started with Music for Young Children when she was just 3 years old with the Sunrise preschool music program. At 4 years old she started the MYC Sunbeams program. Addison has enjoyed taking lessons with Kathy Andrew, her MYC instructor for 5 years.

At school, Addison participates in choir and loves to read, draw, and write stories. Her other activities include figure skating, swimming, and hockey. Addison finds having a Music background very helpful in figure skating when she is learning dances and says it helps her feel the rhythm of her solo routine. She has a good balance between her love for sports, art and music. Each year she attends a musical theatre camp where she alsoapplies her experience with Music. She











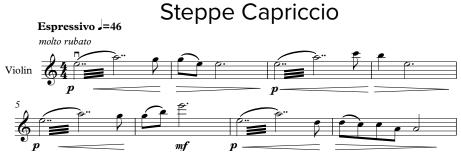


# CATEGORY A - 11 years and under

**CLASS 1** Composition for solo instrument

1<sup>st</sup> place Zofia Yan (QC) Steppe Capriccio





Zofia is 11 years old and has been playing violin since the age of four, currently at RCM grade 9. She has played with the Vyhosvkyi Strings Ensemble over the past four years. Her violin teachers are Olena Vyhovska and Serhii Vyhovski.

In addition to violin, Zofia also plays piano and composes music. She started music composition in 2018. Her composition teachers include Christine Donkin and Colin Mack. This year, she was invited to perform her new composition *Steppe Capriccio* at

the Kiwanis Highlights Concert in May 2019.

Zofia lives in Gatineau with her family, where she was born and raised. She is a Grade 6 student in an International Baccalaureate program. Besides music, Zofia enjoys swimming and drawing and reads widely, especially about science. In 2019, she placed first in all subjects (Maths, French and Scholastic Aptitude) in an entrance exam to Collège Saint-Alexandre de la Gatineau where she will be attending in the fall. 90

CLASS 2 Composition for voice

1st place Stella Ivanović (BC)

Song of the Wandering Prophet

#### Song of the Wandering Prophet Roads Go Ever On

Poem by
J.R.R. Tolkien

Koads go ev-er on, ev-

Stella started playing piano at age 4 and violin at age 6. She sings in her school choir and plays violin in the Vancouver Academy of Music Orchestra. She also enjoys musical theater and is currently playing the part of Chip in *Beauty and the* 

Beast. She composed The Wandering Prophet as a sequel to her previous compositions The Star Wars Princess and The Dark Warrior. In addition to music Stella likes reading, soccer, and horseback riding. Soc.













# **CATEGORY B** - 13 years and under

CLASS 1 Composition for solo instrument

1<sup>st</sup> place Antoine Villager (BC) Song without Words



A Grade 10 RCM, Antoine is a 12 years old composer born in Vancouver. He performed his own works "The Battle" in 2015 and *Song without Words* in 2018 with the Lions Gate Sinfonia orchestra and conductor Clyde Mitchell. He first studied composition with Alexander Pechenyuk. In 2018 his piano composition "The Story of a Theme" received 1st place at the BCRMTA Music Writing Competition and was selected to compete at the national CFMTA where it achieved 2nd place in his age category.

Antoine now studies under the guidance of award-winning composer Michael Conway Baker. 90



CLASS 2 Composition for voice

1st place Piper Hook (ON)

Snowflakes



## Snowflakes



Hi I'm Piper Hook and I am 14 years old. I love to write music but especially love songs, I also love coming up with the rhymes for the song. I am a dance major in high school and love to dance

in my spare time as well. I love hanging out with my friends and family including swimming, having a barbecue, and doing arts and crafts. •

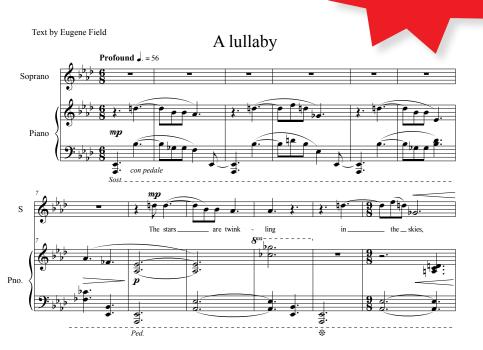
# CATEGORY C - 15 years and under

1st place

Nicholaw Wanstall (ON) A Lullaby



Nicholas Wanstall is an award winning organist, composer, and pianist, currently studying Organ Performance and Composition at the University of Toronto. He is currently the Sunday organist at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish as well as the accompanist for the Parish Children's Choir.



Helen Dahlstrom Award

# CATEGORY D - Open

1st place

William Lim (BC)

**Evocation** 



# Piano William Lin Poco rit.

William enjoys many musical genres, including jazz and rock. His classical musical influences include Rachmaninoff, Chopin, and

Debussy. He is currently a 2<sup>nd</sup> year student in UBC Sciences. In his free time, he enjoys playing piano, composing, and cooking.

# Thank you to all the entries Congratulations to the 2019 winners

