PRESS RELEASE

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The Canadian Music Educators’ Association/L'Association canadienne des musiciens éducateurs is pleased to announce the winners of the 2017 National Undergraduate and Graduate Student Essay Competitions. The jurors were treated to twenty-five undergraduate and five graduate papers, for a total of thirty submissions. This year’s winners are:

DR. FRANKLIN CHURCHLEY GRADUATE ESSAY COMPETITION:

FIRST PLACE: ADAM STAPLE, MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY
Essay title: “Technology and Composition”
Faculty advisor: DR. ANDREA ROSE

SECOND PLACE: LAURA CURTIS, WESTERN UNIVERSITY
Faculty Advisor: DR. RUTH WRIGHT

KENNETH BRAY UNDERGRADUATE ESSAY COMPETITION:

FIRST PLACE: EMILY WRIGHT, MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY
Essay title: “Boys play the Tuba and other Myths: Exploring Gender Stereotypes in Secondary Concert Band”
Faculty advisor: DR. ANDREA ROSE

SECOND PLACE: MCKENZIE SQUIRES, MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY
Essay title: “Motivation in Secondary Music Education”
Faculty advisor: DR. ANDREA ROSE

THIRD PLACE: MACKENZIE CLARK, UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO
Faculty advisor: DR. NASIM NIKNAFS

All submissions were blind reviewed by two reviewers. All have outstanding credentials and offered a considerable amount of time to reading and critiquing the submissions. The jurors for the undergraduate essay competition were:

- Dr. Catherine Benedict, Western University
- Dr. David Buley, Memorial University
- Dr. Sheelagh Chadwick, Brandon University
- Dr. June Countryman, Professor Emeritus, University of Prince Edward Island
- Dr. Shelley Griffin, Brock University
- Dr. Wendy McCallum, Brandon University
- Dr. Francine Morin, University of Manitoba
- Dr. Valerie Peters, Université de Laval
- Dr. Rachel Rensink-Hoff, McMaster University
- Dr. Lee Willingham, Laurier University

The jurors for the graduate essay competition were:

- Dr. Hilary Apfelstadt, University of Toronto
- Dr. Jennifer Lang, University of Saskatchewan

Special thanks is offered to all those who participated in the competition, including students, faculty advisors, and reviewers. Together, we all make a difference in promoting Canadian music education.

Dr. Mary Kennedy, Chair
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