

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 2023 National Undergraduate and Graduate Student Essay Competitions. There were ten submission (7 graduate and 3 undergraduate).

The winners of the 2023 competition are:

DR. FRANKLIN CHURCHLEY GRADUATE ESSAY COMPETITION:

FIRST PLACE: DIANE MURRAY-CHARRETT – UNIVERISTY OF TORONTO

Essay Title: *Dragonfly on My Shoulder: Transformation in Music Education*

Faculty Advisor: Dr. Lori-Ann Dolloff

KENNETH BRAY UNDERGRADUATE ESSAY COMPETITION:

FIRST PLACE: HAYDEN R. SPENCE – MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY

Essay Title: *Modernizing Music Assessment: A Three-part Evaluative Structure*

Faculty Advisor: Professor Beth Tuinstra

All submissions were blind reviewed by two jurors. Jurors are experienced music education scholars with strong credentials. They devoted substantial time reading and scoring the submissions, as well as providing constructive feedback to participants.

2023 Graduate Essay Jurors:

- Dr. Lee Willingham, Wilfrid Laurier University
- Dr. Jody Stark, University of Manitoba
- Dr. Charlene Ryan, Toronto Metropolitan University
- Dr. Betty Anne Younker, Western University (Professor Emerita)
- Dr. Andrée Dagenais, Brandon University
- Dr. Hélène Boucher, The Université du Québec à Montréal

2023 Undergraduate Jurors:

- Dr. Adam Adler, Nipissing University
- Dr. Kiera Galway, Mount Allison University

A special thank-you is offered to all those who participated in the competition, including students, faculty advisors, and reviewers. Together, we all make a difference in celebrating, growing, and promoting Canadian music education.

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