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***Wednesday, April 22, 2026 - Cobequid Educational Centre  
- Bands & Instrumental***

**10:00 AM 6505 - SCHOOL BAND - ELEMENTARY - Novice - Own Choice - Two contrasting selections**

\_\_\_ 1. Truro Middle School Beginner Band

**10:30 AM 6412 - SCHOOL BAND - B100-B600 - B-200 - Own Choice - Two contrasting selections**

\_\_\_ 1. Rocky Lake Junior High Grade 8 Band

**11:30 AM 6413 - SCHOOL BAND - B100-B600 - B-300 - Own Choice - Two contrasting selections**

\_\_\_ 1. Eastern Shore Consolidated School Concert Band

**12:30 PM Lunch Break**

**1:30 PM 6411 - SCHOOL BAND - B100-B600 - B-100 - Own Choice - Two contrasting selections**

\_\_\_ 1. Truro Middle School Intermediate Band

**2:30 PM Break**

**2:40 PM 6651 - WOODWIND ENSEMBLE - Mixed Instruments - Junior - Own Choice**

\_\_\_ 1. Truro Middle School Grade 6 Woodwind Ensemble

**2:55 PM 6661 - WOODWIND ENSEMBLE - Same Instruments - Junior - Own Choice**

\_\_\_ 1. Truro Middle School Grade 6 Clarinet Ensemble



*Wednesday Afternoon | Instrumental*

**3:10 PM 6601 - BRASS ENSEMBLE - Mixed Instruments - Junior - Own Choice**

\_\_\_ 1. Truro Middle School Grade 6 Brass Ensemble

**3:25 PM Setup**

**3:30 PM 6231 - PERCUSSION ENSEMBLE - Junior - Own Choice**

\_\_\_ 1. Truro Middle School Grade 6 Percussion Ensemble

**3:50 PM Break**

**4:00 PM 6001 - FLUTE SOLO - 1st Year - Non-competitive - Own Choice**

\_\_\_ 1. Yumeth De Silva

**4:00 PM 6041 - Eb ALTO SAXOPHONE SOLO - 1st Year - Own Choice**

\_\_\_ 1. Noah Loosli

**4:00 PM 6042 - Eb ALTO SAXOPHONE SOLO - 2nd Year - Own Choice**

\_\_\_ 1. Lincoln Cotterill

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is required.***



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***Thursday, April 23, 2026 - Cobequid Educational Centre  
- Bands & Instrumental***

**10:00 AM 6411 - SCHOOL BAND - B100-B600 - B-100 - Own Choice - Two contrasting selections**

\_\_\_ 2. Ron MacKay Memorial Beginner Band

**11:00 AM 6412 - SCHOOL BAND - B100-B600 - B-200 - Own Choice - Two contrasting selections**

\_\_\_ 2. Rocky Lake Junior High Grade 9 Band

**12:00 Noon 6412 - SCHOOL BAND - B100-B600 - B-200 - Own Choice - Two contrasting selections**

\_\_\_ 3. Ron MacKay Memorial Junior Band

**1:00 PM Lunch Break**

**2:00 PM 6412 - SCHOOL BAND - B100-B600 - B-200 - Own Choice - Two contrasting selections**

\_\_\_ 4. Truro Middle School Concert Band

**3:00 PM 6662 - WOODWIND ENSEMBLE - Same Instruments - Intermediate - Own Choice**

- \_\_\_ 1. Truro Middle School Flute Ensemble
- \_\_\_ 2. Truro Middle School Clarinet Ensemble
- \_\_\_ 3. Truro Middle School Clarinet Quartet
- \_\_\_ 4. Truro Middle School Saxophone Ensemble

**3:45 PM 6612 - BRASS ENSEMBLE - Mixed Instruments - Intermediate - Own Choice**

\_\_\_ 1. Truro Middle School Brass Ensemble



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*Thursday Afternoon | Bands & Instrumental***4:00 PM 6232 - PERCUSSION ENSEMBLE - Intermediate - Own Choice**

- \_\_\_ 1. Truro Middle School Percussion Ensemble

**4:15 PM 6682 - INSTRUMENTAL ENSEMBLE - Competitive - Own Choice**

- \_\_\_ 1. Cobequid Educational Centre Folk Ensemble  
\_\_\_ 2. Cobequid Educational Centre Funk Ensemble  
\_\_\_ 3. Cobequid Educational Centre Rock Ensemble

**5:00 PM Supper Break****6:30 PM 6440 - STAGE BAND - Novice - Own Choice - Two Selections**

- \_\_\_ 1. Ron MacKay Memorial Jazz Band

**7:00 PM 6442 - STAGE BAND - Intermediate - Own Choice - Two Selections**

- \_\_\_ 1. Truro Middle School Jazz Band

**7:30 PM 6451 - JAZZ, BLUES COMBO - Junior - Own Choice**

- \_\_\_ 1. Truro Middle School Junior Jazz Band

**8:00 PM 6443 - STAGE BAND - Senior - Own Choice - Two Selections**

- \_\_\_ 1. Cobequid Educational Centre Jazz Ensemble

**8:30 PM 6453 - JAZZ, BLUES COMBO - Senior - Own Choice**

- \_\_\_ 1. Cobequid Educational Centre Combo 97  
\_\_\_ 2. Cobequid Educational Centre Combo 98

## ***Meet our Adjudicator!***

Jacob Caines is a conductor, musicologist, and performer based in Halifax, Nova Scotia. Jacob is a faculty member at Dalhousie University where he conducts the Dalhousie Wind Ensemble and teaches musicianship, history, and theory. As a researcher, Jacob is honoured to have his doctoral research funded by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC). Via Concordia University in Montreal, Quebec, Jacob studies Urban Scenographies, Queer Geography, and the role Queer phenomenology plays in the structures and hierarchies of music institutions, orchestras, and the cities in which they exist. Jacob is also a research fellow with PULSE Montreal studying 'Gaybourhoods', lost and emerging Queer neighbourhoods, and how performance and the arts play a part in the archiving and memorialization of Queer spaces. An active writer, Jacob has been invited to speak at conferences and write for publications across Canada and internationally including Toronto, Montreal, Lucerne, and Helsinki.



He is founder of ClassicalQueer.com, a project dedicated to interviews with Queer+ performers, writers, musicians, administrators and artists. The CQ project has also created the Canadian Database of Queer+ Classical Musicians as well as the CQ Podcast which interviews musicians from around the world with co-host Sammi Jane Smith - an astrophysicist and Queer+ music specialist in northern Sweden.

Interdisciplinary approaches to research are a vital part of Jacob's work and he has taught courses on performance topics through the Dalhousie School of Architecture, Lesley University School of Creative Writing, and Concordia University Faculty of Fine Arts.

As a performer, Jacob was the music director for the award-winning national tour of Hedwig and the Angry Inch. He is also a founding member and clarinetist of the ALKALI Collective which performs, and commissions works by living Canadian queer and BIPOC

composers. The group is proud to be funded by the Canada Council, Arts Nova Scotia, and the City of Halifax. Jacob is an enthusiastic adjudicator and clinician and has worked with the Canadian Music Competition, Atlantic Band Festival, New Brunswick Music Festival, and dozens of ensembles and arts groups across Canada.



## About the Festival...

The Truro Music Festival was started in 1922 by Professor Harry Wellard and his assistants Miss Margaret McLean and Miss Lois Richardson. Prof. Wellard was organist at several Truro churches, taught music at the Nova Scotia Provincial Normal College, and was supervisor of music in Colchester County schools. He was devoted to music in the community and was particularly interested in fostering its role in childhood education and development. His many achievements are honoured a century later in the annual Truro Music Festival. In fact, the Truro Music Festival is the third oldest competitive music festival in Canada, and in 2022 it celebrated its 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary - an achievement for which the community can be justifiably proud.



**Thank you!** 

The Truro Music Festival is grateful for the support of its many sponsors, advertisers and donors. We also want to thank the many volunteers who help make this competition possible. Last year we put out an urgent ask for new board members, and we are so grateful for the community response. We were pleased to welcome six new board members! Thank you!

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***Friday, April 24, 2026 - Cobequid Educational Centre  
- Bands & Instrumental***

**09:30 AM 6906 - STRINGS - Non-competitive - String Solo -Junior - Own Choice - One or two selections**

- \_\_\_ 1. Margo Mavis Ando
- \_\_\_ 2. Adelaide Ferguson
- \_\_\_ 3. Alice Johnson
- \_\_\_ 4. Casey Mands
- \_\_\_ 5. Garrison Grosvenor

**10:00 AM 6908 - STRINGS - Non-competitive - String Solo -Senior - Own Choice - One or two selections**

- \_\_\_ 1. Robert Loughead
- \_\_\_ 2. Heidi Chown

**10:20 AM 7010 - GUITAR SOLO - Non-competitive - Any Age - Own Choice**

- \_\_\_ 1. Jackey Mands

**10:30 AM 6008 - FLUTE SOLO - Adult - Own Choice**

- \_\_\_ 1. Natsumi Wakasa

**10:45 AM Break / Setup**

**11:00 AM 6412 - SCHOOL BAND - B100-B600 - B-200 - Own Choice - Two contrasting selections**

- \_\_\_ 5. East Wiltshire Intermediate School Concert Band

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At Patterson Law LLP, we believe strong communities are built by investing in young people and the opportunities that help them grow. The Truro Music Festival provides students with a platform to build confidence, discipline, and creativity. Skills that extend far beyond the stage and into every aspect of their future.

We're proud to support an event that celebrates local talent, encourages mentorship, and strengthens the cultural fabric of our region. When we invest in youth and the arts, we're investing in the long-term vitality of our community.

*Friday Afternoon | Band & Instrumental*

**12:00 Noon Lunch Break**

**1:15 PM 6004 - FLUTE SOLO - 4th Year - Own Choice**

\_\_\_ 1. Danah Kim

**1:15 PM 6016 - OBOE SOLO - High School Students - Own Choice**

\_\_\_ 1. Lily Arthurs

**1:40 PM 6653 - WOODWIND ENSEMBLE - Mixed Instruments - Senior - Own Choice**

\_\_\_ 1. Cobequid Educational Centre Saxophone Ensemble

**2:00 PM 6603 - BRASS ENSEMBLE - Mixed Instruments - Senior - Own Choice**

\_\_\_ 1. Cobequid Educational Centre Brass Ensemble Mixed Instr. Senior

**2:20 PM 6233 - PERCUSSION ENSEMBLE - Senior - Own Choice**

\_\_\_ 1. Cobequid Educational Centre Percussion Ensemble

**2:40 AM Break / Setup**

**3:00 PM 6414 - SCHOOL BAND - B100-B600 - B-400 - Own Choice - Two contrasting selections**

\_\_\_ 1. Cobequid Educational Centre Symphonic Band



# NS Provincial Music Festival

June 5-6, 2026  
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## 🎵 **Our Mission, Our Music, Our Community** 🎵

At the Truro Music Festival, we are dedicated to fostering growth and excellence in vocal and instrumental music through our annual festival competition. We are proud to provide participants with constructive, professional feedback in a safe and supportive environment — where learning and confidence go hand in hand.

We also strive to advance the public's appreciation of the arts by welcoming our community to experience high-quality vocal, instrumental, and musical theatre performances throughout the festival season.

Music inspires. Music connects. Music builds community.





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**May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

**@ 7:00 pm**

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