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***Tuesday, March 24, 2026 - Voice (St. James Presbyterian)
School and Community Choirs (First United)***

10:00 AM 2121 - FOLK SONG - 8 Years and under - Own Choice

- ___ 1. Alex Lennerton - Hills and Glens
- ___ 2. Carsyn Vaughan - Carrion Crow
- ___ 3. Theodore Sommers - Last Night I had the Strangest Dream (Ed McCurdy)

10:20 AM 1951 - VOCAL SOLO - Competitive (Any Voice Type) - 8 Years and under - Own Choice

- ___ 1. Alex Lennerton - Computer Cat (Donna Rhodenizer)
- ___ 2. Carsyn Vaughan - Ed the Invisible Dragon

10:40 AM 1957 - VOCAL SOLO - Competitive (Any Voice Type) - Adult - Own Choice

- ___ 1. Natsumi Wakasa - The Mermaid's Song (Joseph Haydn)

10:50 AM 1881 - VOCAL SOLO - POPULAR SONG - 10 Years & Under - Own Choice

- ___ 1. Alexandria Go – Swinging on a Star (Jimmy van Heusen)
- ___ 2. Adaline Emery - Joy (Janis Ian)
- ___ 3. Savannah Lambert - My Favorite Things (Rodgers and Hammerstein)

11:10 AM 1882 - VOCAL SOLO - POPULAR SONG - 12 Years & Under - Own Choice

- ___ 1. Niamh Boyle - Happiness (Clark Gesner)
- ___ 2. Amira Laskow-Pooley - Happy Working Song (Alan Menken)
- ___ 3. Theresa Augustine - How Far I'll Go (Lin Manuel Miranda)
- ___ 4. Katherine Nickelo - Home (Frank Wildhorn)
- ___ 5. James Robertson - Heart
- ___ 6. Ruby Sommers - Gee I'm Glad (Norman Campbell)
- ___ 7. Emily Davis - Second Hand Rose (James Hanley)

12:00 PM Lunch Break



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Tuesday Afternoon | Voice

1:30 PM 1953 - VOCAL SOLO - Competitive (Any Voice Type) - 12 Years & under - Own Choice

- ___ 1. James Robertson - Watermelon Seller
- ___ 2. Ruby Sommers - Gloria Deo (David Ochterlony)
- ___ 3. Amira Laskow-Pooley - Song of the Shell (Betty Roe)
- ___ 4. Niamh Boyle - Path to the Moon (Eric Thiman)
- ___ 5. Theresa Augustine - I Love All Graceful Things (Eric H. Thiman)

2:10 PM 1920 - VOCAL SOLO - MEZZO - SOPRANO - 14 Years & under – She’s Like the Swallow. Canadian folk song, arr. Cassils, RCM 4

- ___ 1. Hadley Tornblom

2:10 PM 1954 - VOCAL SOLO - Competitive (Any Voice Type) - 15 Years & under - Own Choice

- ___ 1. Lia Hoeg - The Owls (Peter Jenkyns)
- ___ 2. Adam Davis - Liza Jane

2:40 PM Break

2:50 PM 1950 - VOCAL SOLO - Competitive (Any Voice Type) - 6 Years and under - Own Choice

- ___ 1. Clara Cormier - A Cookie for Snip (Burton Lowell Kurth)

3:00 PM 1952 - VOCAL SOLO - Competitive (Any Voice Type) - 10 Years & under - Own Choice

- ___ 1. Payten Gibbs - I Need a Home for My Dinosaur (Donna Rhodenizer)
- ___ 2. Lily Robertson - Old Irish Blessing
- ___ 3. Adaline Emery – I’d Like to Dance All Night Long (Barbara Arens)
- ___ 4. Eliot Higgins - Pirate Song

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Tuesday Afternoon | Voice

3:30 PM 1962 - VOCAL SOLO - SACRED - 10 Years & under - Own Choice

- ___ 1. Adaline Emery - Wade in the Water (Arr. William Menefield)

3:30 PM 1964 - VOCAL SOLO - SACRED - 15 Years & under - Own Choice

- ___ 1. Charlotte Barron - Amazing Grace (John Newton)

3:30 PM 1965 - VOCAL SOLO - SACRED - 16 Years & over - Own Choice

- ___ 1. Danah Kim - Laudate Dominum - the fifth movement from Vesperae solennes de Confessore, K.339 (Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart)

3:30 PM 2216 - SACRED VOCAL DUET - TRADITIONAL OR CONTEMPORARY - Multiple Ages - Own Choice

- ___ 1. Meredith Bowman & Erica Bowman - Pie Jesu (Andrew Lloyd Webber)

4:10 PM 1955 - VOCAL SOLO - Competitive (Any Voice Type) - 16 Years & over - Own Choice

- ___ 1. Ty Shreve - The Monkey's Carol (C.V. Stanford)
___ 2. Calliana Zwicker - The Black Dress (John Jacob Niles)
___ 3. Danah Kim – Solveig's Song (Edward Grieg)

5:00 PM Supper Break

6:45 PM Choirs Gather at First United Church

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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!



Andrew Thiesen

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Tuesday Evening - Choirs - First United Church

7:00 PM 4060 - COMMUNITY CHOIRS - Junior - Own Choice - Two Selections

- ___ 1. Cantabile Children's Choir

7:00 PM 3055 - SCHOOL CHOIR - 2 Parts - Junior - Own Choice - Two Contrasting Selections

- ___ 1. Colchester Christian Academy ARISE Student Choir - How Great Thou Art & Build My Life (Carl Boberg (1885) & Pat Barrett (2018))
- ___ 2. Redcliff Middle School Choir - Kaleidoscope Colour/ Whisper (Andy Beck/Greg Gilpin)

7:00 PM 3114 - SCHOOL CHOIR - MULTI-PART - Senior - Own Choice - Two Contrasting Selections

- ___ 1. Cobequid Education Centre CEC Choir - Christmas Angel / This is Me (Corlynn Hanney / Arranged by Mac Huff)

7:00 PM 4110 - COMMUNITY CHOIRS - Adult - Own Choice - Two Selections

- ___ 1. Cantabile Singers

Wednesday, March 25, 2026 - St. James Presbyterian - Voice

1:00 PM 1981 - VOCAL SOLO - FOREIGN LANGUAGE ART SONG - 8 Years and under - Own Choice

- ___ 1. Carsyn Vaughan - Un Canadienne Errant
- ___ 2. Theodore Sommers - Vive La Canadienne (Ernest Gagnon)



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Wednesday Afternoon | Voice

1:00 PM 1982 - VOCAL SOLO - FOREIGN LANGUAGE ART SONG - 10 Years & under - Own Choice

- ___ 1. Avi Kaipatur - Azhage Azhage (G V Prakash Kumar)
- ___ 2. Lily Robertson - Seligkeit
- ___ 3. Eliot Higgins - An Die Laute

1:40 PM 1983 - VOCAL SOLO - FOREIGN LANGUAGE ART SONG - 12 Years & under - Own Choice

- ___ 1. Amira Laskow-Pooley - Chansons de Florian (Benjamin Godard)
- ___ 2. Theresa Augustine - Chansons de Florian (Benjamin Godard)
- ___ 4. James Robertson - Non Lo Diro Colabrol
- ___ 5. Norah Bonnell - L'Ete
- ___ 6. Emily Davis - Wiegenlied (Brahms)

2:30 PM 2123 - FOLK SONG - 12 Years & under - Own Choice

- ___ 1. Niamh Boyle - Come by the Hills
- ___ 2. Amira Laskow-Pooley - Leaving on a Jet Plane (John Denver)
- ___ 3. Theresa Augustine - Briar and the Rose (Tom Waits)
- ___ 4. Rylie Pinkney - Song for the Mira
- ___ 5. Meredith Bowman - Shenandoah (arr. Jay Althouse)
- ___ 6. Katherine Nickelo – She's Like the Swallow (arr. Craig Cassils)
- ___ 7. Norah Bonnell - I Know Where I'm Goin' (unknown)
- ___ 8. Ruby Sommers - Mairi's Wedding (John Bannerman)
- ___ 9. Emily Davis - Bluenose (Dave Martins)

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Meet our Adjudicator!

Monette Gould is a soprano with many years of professional experience as a performer and teacher. Born in New Brunswick, she later moved to Toronto, Ontario to pursue her studies in music. Monette holds two performance diplomas, an A.R.C.T. and a Performance Licentiate, from The Royal Conservatory of Music, and an Opera Performance Diploma from the University of Toronto.

After completing her studies, Monette returned to New Brunswick to teach voice at Mount Allison University for a period of 20 years and for a period of 10 years at l'Université de Moncton. She also taught privately for 35 years and worked with high school students who wanted to prepare to enter university music programs.

Monette was the founder and director of the well-known Voce dell'Anima Choir. She has also taught courses such as Diction for Singers, Sight-singing, Dictation and Aural Skills, and has given workshops on Stage Presence, How to Practice, Options in Music, and How to Set Up a Private Studio. She is highly regarded and is in very high demand as an adjudicator and clinician across the country. Many of her students have excelled, continuing on to some of the best international graduate programs, and winning prestigious awards, competitions and scholarships.

Monette continues to sing and coach, but when she is not doing music, she is a certified funeral celebrant. She also opened her own grooming business called Monette's Gentle Grooming. She is also very busy as the vice president of the Greater Moncton Music Festival. She also enjoys spending time with her little fur babies, Merle, Olive, Lucy, Jack and Charlie.



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 it's 100th Anniversary - an achievement for which the community can be justifiably proud.



Wednesday Afternoon | Voice

3:40 PM 2122 - FOLK SONG - 10 Years & under - Own Choice

- ___ 1. Lily Robertson - Saltwater Joys
- ___ 2. Alexandria Go - Vive La Canadienne (Hugh J. McLean (French Canadian Folk Song))
- ___ 3. Adaline Emery - Song for the Mira (Allister MacGillivray)
- ___ 4. Eliot Higgins - Cape St. Mary's

4:10 PM 2125 - FOLK SONG - 16 Years & over - Own Choice

- ___ 1. Olivia Gouthro - Here's to Song (Allister MacGillivray/Lydia Adams)
- ___ 2. Molly Thompson - Dark Island
- ___ 3. Carter Robertson - Geordie
- ___ 4. Meaghan McCurdy - My Love Cape Breton and Me (Bob Quinn)
- ___ 5. Calliana Zwicker - Scarborough Fair (arranged by: Jay Althouse)
- ___ 6. Lily Arthurs - The Fields of Athenry (Pete St. John)

5:00 PM Supper Break

Wednesday Evening | Voice

7:00 PM 2260 - VOCAL CONCERT GROUP - Junior -18 years of age and under
- Own Choice: Competitors will sing 2 songs - time not to exceed 15 minutes. Must not include songs sung in other classes.

- ___ 1. Olivia Gouthro – Wonder (Gerald Finzi and Thomas Traherne)
Seufzer, Thronen, Kummer, Not (Cantata No.21 by Johann Sebastian Bach)
- ___ 2. Erica Bowman - Lied der Mignon (F. Schubert)
Five Eyes (C. Armstrong Gibbs)
- ___ 3. Molly Thompson - Sweet Chance (Michael Head)
Se tu m'ami (Alessandro Parisotti)
- ___ 4. Lily Arthurs - If Music be the Food of Love (Henry Purcell,
Words by Heveningham)
Vergebliches Standchen (Lower Rhineland Folklore)
- ___ 5. Sienna Lindsay-Pike - Tu Lo Sai (Guiseppe Torelli)
If There Were Dreams to Sell (John Ireland)

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***Thursday, March 26, 2026 - St. James Presbyterian
- Voice***

1:00 PM 1990 - VOCAL SOLO - LIEDER - 16 Years & over - Own Choice

- ___ 1. Ty Shreve – Heidenröslein

1:00 PM 1984 - VOCAL SOLO - FOREIGN LANGUAGE ART SONG - 15 Years & under - Own Choice

- ___ 1. Adam Davis - Monsieur Sans Souci
___ 2. Charlotte Barron - Heidenroslein (Franz Schubert)
___ 3. Matthew Davis - Per La Gloria D'Adorarvi (Giovanni Bononcini)
___ 4. Erica Bowman - Alma del core (Antonio Caldara)

1:45 PM 1985 - VOCAL SOLO - FOREIGN LANGUAGE ART SONG - 16 Years & over - Own Choice

- ___ 1. Ty Shreve – D'une Prison (Reynaldo Hahn)
___ 2. Calliana Zwicker - Papillon, tu es volage (arranged by: Oscar O'Brien)
___ 3. Danah Kim - Not Behind, Still Becoming (Lyrics by Lee Soo-young | Music by Yoon Hak-jun)

2:15 PM 2245 - VOCAL TRIO - 16 Years & over - Own Choice

- ___ 1. Lily Arthurs, Olivia Gouthro, Molly Thompson - For Good (Stephen Schwartz)

2:25 PM 1883 - VOCAL SOLO - POPULAR SONG - 14 Years & under - Own Choice

- ___ 1. Lia Hoeg - How Far I'll Go (from Moana) (Lin Manuel-Miranda)
___ 2. Emmett Robertson - It's Possible
___ 3. Adam Davis - I Love a Piano (Irving Berlin)

2:50 PM Break



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Thursday Afternoon | Voice

3:00 PM 1884 - VOCAL SOLO - POPULAR SONG - 16 Years & under - Own Choice

- ___ 1. Erica Bowman - If I Loved You (Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein II)
- ___ 2. Matthew Davis - The Kite (Clark Gesner)
- ___ 3. Danah Kim - Once Upon a December (Music: Stephen Flaherty/
Lyrics: Lynn Ahrens)
- ___ 4. Sienna Lindsay-Pike - Journey to the Past (Lynn Ahrens and Stephen Flaherty)
- ___ 5. Braelynn Hinze - Someone Like You

3:50 PM 1885 - VOCAL SOLO - POPULAR SONG - 18 Years & under - Own Choice

- ___ 1. Olivia Gouthro - Think of Me (Andrew Lloyd Webber/Charles Hart and
Richard Stilgoe)
- ___ 2. Molly Thompson - Somewhere Over the Rainbow (Harburg & Arlen)
- ___ 3. Lily Arthurs - As Long as He Needs Me (Lionel Bart)

4:30 PM Supper Break

6:30 PM 2124 - FOLK SONG - 15 Years & under - Own Choice

- ___ 1. Bella Chisholm - Cape Breton Lullabye (Kenneth Leslie)
- ___ 2. Rex Dykeman - Homeward Bound (Arranged by Jay Althouse)
- ___ 3. Lia Hoeg - She's Like the Swallow (Arranged by Carl Strommen)
- ___ 4. Erica Bowman - He's Gone Away (American folk song, arr. Ruth Elaine Schram)
- ___ 5. Charlotte Barron – She's Called Nova Scotia (Rita MacNeil)
- ___ 6. Atticus Sommers - Homeward Bound (Marta Thompson)
- ___ 7. Adam Davis - Farewell to Nova Scotia
- ___ 8. Matthew Davis - Sea People (Allister MacGillivray)
- ___ 9. Emeline McGarrigle - She's Like the Swallow (Unknown)
- ___ 10. Sienna Lindsay-Pike - Streets of London (Ralph McTell)



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