

2011 NATIONAL MUSIC FESTIVAL REPORT - MANITOBA

The 2011 National Music Festival was held at St. Francis Xavier University in Antigonish, Nova Scotia, August 11-13. Manitoba was represented by nine competitors – five soloists and one chamber group – as well as collaborative pianist, Darryl Friesen.

The following performers represented Manitoba at the 2011 National Music Festival:

- Class 1: Vocal Meagan Larios, soprano (Winnipeg Music Festival)
- Class 2: Piano Jesse Plessis (Brandon Festival of the Arts)
- Class 3: Strings Nathan Wong, violin (Winnipeg Music Festival)
- Class 4: Classical Guitar Bobby Knott (Winnipeg Music Festival)
- Class 5: Woodwinds Matthew Packer, alto saxophone (Winnipeg Music Festival)
- Class 8: Chamber Group Atiragram Quartet (Brandon Festival of the Arts)
Christopher Byman, clarinet
Shannon Darby, violin
Brendan Jacklin, cello
Theresa Thordarson, piano

The following choirs also represented Manitoba at the 2011 National Music Festival:

- Class 101: City of Lincoln Pembina Trails Voices – Men (Winnipeg Music Festival)
- Class 102: George S. Mathieson Pembina Trails Voices – Cantemus (Winnipeg Music Festival)
- Class 105: Dr. & Mrs. J.F.K. English Pembina Trails Voices – Chorale (Winnipeg Music Festival)
- Class 107: Margaret Wharton Memorial Pembina Trails Voices – Choraliers (Winnipeg Music Festival)
- Class 109: Barbara Clark Prairie Voices (Winnipeg Music Festival)

We are pleased to report that Manitoba competitors achieved the following successes at the 2011 National Music Festival:

- Matthew Packer placed 1st in the woodwinds class
- Pembina Trails Voices – Men placed 2nd in choral class 101: City of Lincoln
- Pembina Trails Voices – Choraliers placed 2nd in choral class 107: Margaret Wharton Memorial
- Prairie Voices placed 2nd in choral class 109: Barbara Clark