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THE OKANAGAN VALLEY MUSIC FESTIVAL SOCIETY

# STRINGS & INSTRUMENTAL

## MARCH 14, 2026
## FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

PENTICTON KIWANIS
music festival
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# Adjudicator Strings & Instrumental

**Jeff Faragher** is a Canadian cellist, conductor, and educator, and currently serves as Music Director and Conductor of the Symphony of the Kootenays. Over the past two decades, he has built a broad conducting career leading orchestral, chamber, and community ensembles, with programming that spans core classical repertoire, contemporary works, and cross-genre collaborations. As a cellist, he is an active member of the Kootenay Chamber Players and performs regularly throughout British Columbia in orchestral and chamber settings.

Teaching has been a central focus of Jeff's musical life. He brings extensive experience working with students of all ages and stages, both privately and within ensemble and community-based programs. His teaching emphasizes solid technical foundations, musical understanding, effective practice strategies, and expressive communication, supporting students whether they are preparing for advanced study, festival performance, or lifelong enjoyment of music.

Jeff's combined experience as a performer, conductor, and educator strongly informs his adjudicating work. He is committed to providing thoughtful, encouraging, and practical feedback, recognizing individual musical goals while helping students develop confidence, artistry, and a deeper connection to their music.

# PKMF Strings

**Saturday, March 14, 2026**
*First Baptist Church, 1498 Government Street*

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**WORKSHOP Grades 1-4** **9:00-10:00 AM**
**WORKSHOP Grades 5 & up** **10:30-11:30 AM**
Email PKMFstrings@gmail.com to sign up.

## BREAK 1130-1230

**Baroque - Grade 1** **12:30 PM**

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| _____ | 1 Peyton Waterhouse - Summerland | Minuet 1 - J.S. Bach |
| _____ | 2 Eden Amellal - Penticton | Minuet 1 - J.S. Bach |

**Baroque - Grade 3**

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| _____ | 1 Olivia Winter - Penticton | Gavotte - Lully |

**Baroque - Grade 6**

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| _____ | 1 Maya Swerdelian – Vernon | Minutes from the suite in G major – Bach |

## ADJUDICATION

**Sonata or Sonatina - Grade 5** **1:15 PM**

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| _____ | 1 David Donegan – Penticton | Rondeau - Mozart, Wolfgang Amadeus |

**Sonata or Sonatina - Grade 6**

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| _____ | 1 Maya Swerdelian – Vernon | Sonata in C major - Breval |

## ADJUDICATION

**Twentieth & Twenty-First Century - Grade 1** **1:45 PM**

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| _____ | 1 Eden Amellal – Penticton | Allegretto - S. Suzuki |

**Canadian - Grade 3**

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| _____ | 1 Emma Enns – Oliver | The Farmers' Market - Christine Donkin |
| _____ | 2 Olivia Winter – Penticton | The Farmers' Market - Christine Donkin |
| _____ | 3 Kacey Hurford - Penticton | The Farmers' Market - Christine Donkin |

**Canadian - Grade 4**

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| _____ | 1 Ciaran Jensen – Penticton | Ostinelli's Reel - Traditional Old Time |

## ADJUDICATION

**Classical - Grade 3** **2:30 PM**

_____ 1 Emma Enns – Oliver — Concertina in G Major - F. Küchler

_____ 2 Kacey Hurford - Penticton — Gavotte - F.J. Gossec

**Concerto - Grade 5**

_____ 1 David Donegan – Penticton — Student Concertino No. 2 Op.6 First Movement - Hubert, Adolf

**Additional Repertoire - Grade 6**

_____ 1 Maya Swerdelian – Vernon — Dance Rustique op.20, No.5 - Squire

## ADJUDICATION

**Romantic - Grade 3** **3:15 PM**

_____ 1 Emma Enns – Oliver — The Two Grenadiers - R. Schumann

**Romantic - Grade 4**

_____ 1 Zahra Behardien – Summerland — Gavotte from Mignon - A Thomas

**Romantic - Grade 5**

_____ 1 David Donegan – Penticton — Mazurka - Blachford, Frank

**Romantic - Grade 6**

_____ 1 Maya Swerdelian – Vernon — Chanson Triste op.40, No.2 - Tchaikovsky

## ADJUDICATION

**String Ensemble - Grade 4** **4:00 PM**

_____ 1 FIddle & Fun – Summerland — Val's Dream/Viva la Vida - Stobbe/Berryman, Buckland, Champion &Martin

## ADJUDICATION

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