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2023 NBRMTA Student Composer Competition Results

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The NBRMTA Student Composer Competition's adjudicator, Mari-Alice Conrad, has made the adjudications, and here are the winners:

Category A:

1st place:

Sébastien Frenette: Sweet Memories

Honorable Mention:

Sébastien Frenette: Over the Rainbow

Sébastien Frenette: Mystery

Sébastien Frenette, Dream Catcher

Category B:

1st place:

Onkit Saha: The Trail of Thoughts

Honorable Mention:

Jackson Hoyt: Quiet River

Isaac Owen: Somber Day

Janet Hammock Prizes:

Onkit Saha: The Trail of Thoughts

Jackson Hoyt: Quiet River

The winners in Categories A & B were forwarded to the 2023 CFMTA National Student Composer Competition.

Congratulations to all the entrants, and to the winners!

Sébastien Frenette Bio:



Sébastien is a 10 year old boy, who lives in Dieppe with his parents, older sister and little brother. He has been playing piano for the past 2 years under the teaching of Renée Ruest. He loves to play badminton and create Lego structures. He particularly likes to read and study mathematics. He greatly enjoys camping, riding his bike and spending quality time with his family.

Onkit Saha Bio:



I am passionate about learning new knowledge. I was exposed to music at age four, after-school piano program in Calgary (AB). Combining talent with rigor of practice with Yamaha Music

Foundation, by age six, I composed my first Piano piece “Hail Day” for the 2015 Junior Original Concert. I regularly position myself into challenge. My passion for hard-work led me to receive achievements: the New Brunswick Pioneer Award, a Bronze medal in the 2018 Canadian Math Kangaroo Competition, 2021 Finalist at the Canada-Wide Science Fair (CWSF) for Team New Brunswick, 1st placement at the STEAM Expo 2019 (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics) in 5th Grade category, as well as numerous other prizes at the Fredericton Music Festival including an award for the Best Original Composition (2021), Janet Hammock Outstanding Composition Award of the NBRMTA (2021), 1st place in Original Composition of the FMTA, and 2nd place at the CFMTA. I am fascinated about becoming an astronaut. I am convinced that it is the balance among music, math, science & outdoors which will give me an edge to fulfill my astronomical ambition.

Jackson Hoyt Bio:



Jackson is a 13 year old boy, who lives in Fredericton with his parents and older sister. He has been playing piano for the past nine years under the teaching of Linda Sprague. He loves to curl, being a member of the Capital Winter Club for the past 8 years. He is also a member of the Fredericton Aquanauts Swim Team. He enjoys studying mathematics and science, and is an avid reader and video game player. He enjoys traveling and spending time with friends and family.