

## Atlantic Young Artist Competition

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## JO DASHNEY SELECTED AS ATLANTIC YOUNG ARTIST 2024

Trombonist Jo Dashney was selected as the Atlantic Young Artist for 2024 at a competition held April 27 in Sackville, NB.

This marks the first time the Atlantic Young Artist Competition has been held since 2018. COVID-19 and other barriers to participation resulted in postponements, but this year's competition brought together four competitors from Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, and Newfoundland for a high-quality day of performances.

Competition adjudicators James Kalyn and Edmund Dawe watched Jo and flutist Julia Perry perform via livestream from Memorial University in St. John's, NL. Pianists Timothy Luk (PEI) and Blake Shepherd (NS) performed in-person at Mount Allison University's Brunton Auditorium.

All four competitors gave tremendous performances and are to be commended for their hard work and artistry. Each presented a 45-minute recital program, displaying a wide variety of repertoire from Bach to recent Canadian compositions.

Dashney, 24, has a bachelor degree from Queen's University in Kingston, ON, where they grew up. They hold a Master of Music degree from Memorial University and are continuing their studies there in music performance and pedagogy. Jo has performed with the Newfoundland Symphony Orchestra, Opera on the Avalon, Jazz East Big Band, and gigs at local pubs. This summer, Jo will play in the National Academy Orchestra at the Brott Music Festival. Jo's competition program featured 20th- and 21st-century compositions for trombone and piano and solo trombone.

As the Atlantic Young Artist, Jo will be featured in a series of concerts around the Maritime and Atlantic provinces. Stay tuned for announcements about the tour on [cfmta.org](http://cfmta.org).

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### ABOUT

The Atlantic Young Artist Competition and Young Artist Series Concert Tour are projects of the Canadian Federation of Music Teachers' Associations and its provincial counterparts in New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Newfoundland and Prince Edward Island. The competition is open to musicians of any instrument between the ages of 16 and 25 (27 for singers) who are currently studying with a Registered Music Teacher.

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