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Best of the Performing Arts Fest

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After a week full of music and dance, the Peace River North Performing Arts Festival came to a close with its 'Best of the Fest' concert on Sunday night.

It was a very busy week for both the performers and the

part in the provincial festival.

In the music section, Wesley Kao Phan was chosen as a delegate for intermediate piano and Rachele Troyer as an observer. Esther Li and Emily Cui were chosen as observers for violin.

"The observers don't actually compete, but they do get to watch the performances



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Krispin Johnson plays the banjo at the Peace River North Performing Arts Festival's Best of the Fest concert on April 17.



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Emily Cui performs her violin solo at the Best of the Fest concert.

Performing Arts Festival Awards

PIANO

Junior Adjudicator's Award: Victoria Statsenko
Intermediate Adjudicator's Award: Tyneesha Fehr
Senior Adjudicator's Award: Rachele Troyer

STRINGS

Junior Strings Adjudicator's Award: Paul Walter
Senior Strings Adjudicator's Award: Esther Li

DANCE

Love of Dance Award: MaKayla Todd
Most Promising Dancer, 12 years & under:
Jordyn Krezanoski
Most Promising Dancer, 13 years & over:
Amy Bazing
Dance Excellence, 12 & under: Ella Brooks
Runner-up: Hailie Towns
Dance Excellence, 13 & over: Lenore Loewen
Runner-up: Morgan Mora
Adjudicator's Award: Sarah Lepchuk

organizers, said Margaret May, president of the Peace River North Festival Association.

"It went very well," she said. "Everyone learned a lot and had a good time."

Adjudicators chose the performances that stood out the most for them, whether they were exceptionally performed or were just plain entertaining.

Only a select few make the cut to perform at the provincial festival, but May noted that the festival was a great learning experience for many of the participants.

"We had a couple of adjudicators that were very excellent and worked really closely with the kids, gave them a lot of pointers and lessons almost right on stage, so that was very positive," she said.

Fort St. John has several delegates, alternates and observers that were chosen to take

and take workshops, so it's still a great experience for them," said May.

In the dance section, eight delegates were chosen along with eight alternates. they were:

Ballet I: Hailie Towns

Alternate: Haley McNiven

Ballet II: Ashlyn Taylor

Alternate: Mackenzie Gosling

Ballet III: Ellie Fraser

Alternate: Amy Bazin

Stage I: Abby Taylor

Alternate: Jordyn Krezanoski

Stage II: Ally Dietz

Alternate: Emily Cui

Stage III: Elan Miller-

Jeannotte

Alternate: Takisha Johnson

Modern II: Abby White

Alternate: Darcee Mora

Modern III: Morgan Mora

Alternate: Ashley White

The provincial festival will take place at the North Peace Cultural Centre from May 31 to June 4.



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Two little dancers from Studio 2 Stage did a performance to Baby Elephant Walk.



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Nicole Wakefield sings "Deh Vieni, Non Tardar" from Mozart's opera, The Marriage of Figaro.