

20th Annual Da Capo Conference

Saturday, January 17, 2026 – 1:50-3:00 pm – Room 1-20

Beginning Band Composition Competition Reading Session

Brandon University Composer:

Prairie Sun Showers, Dianna Neufeld

NeufeldDi@BrandonU.CA

(Kaylee Carlson, conductor)

Honorable Mention:

Saint Hilda and the Snakes, Andrei Gueco (Abbotsford, BC) andreigueco22@gmail.com

(Erin Dodds, conductor)

Baby Bobcat Boops, Chris Byman (Brandon University B. Mus/M. Mus grad – Winnipeg, MB)

ckbyman@gmail.com

(Dr. Wendy Zander, conductor)

Third Place: *Attack of the Drones*, Ryan Meeboer (Burlington, ON)

meeboerr@gmail.com

(Brooklyn Friesen, conductor)

Second Place: *Heartwood*, Lee Whitehorne (York, ON) leewhitehorne@icloud.com

(Graydon Cramer, conductor)

First Place: *Twilight on the Prairies*, Brent Violini Pierce (Okotoks, AB)

brentviolinipierce@gmail.com

(Kaylynne MacDiarmid, conductor)

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