

# *Bennett Van Barr*



Bennett Van Barr is a 19 year old violinist from Kinburn, Ontario. He is a performance violin major in Andrew Wan's studio with both academic and music scholarships at the Schulich School of Music, McGill. In the summers of 2023 and 2024, he trained and toured with the National Youth Orchestra of Canada. In August of 2024, he performed a solo recital for the Almonte Hospital Foundation which raised over \$1000 from admission funds. He has been the recipient of numerous trophies and scholarships, including the "Friends of the NAC Orchestra Sr. Scholarship", and the "Friends of the NAC Orchestra John Gazsi Scholarship". During the summer of 2025, he performed in the NACO mentorship program. Bennett recently won both the "Crabtree Foundation Award" and the "Sturdevant Prize for Orchestral Excerpts" at the 2025 NACO Bursary competition.