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The Air Cadet League of Canada Announces 2024 Music Awards for Excellence

OTTAWA, ON (December 2, 2024) - To promote music in the Air Cadet program, the Air Cadet League of Canada has established annual Music Awards for outstanding Air cadet musicians. This year, two awards are presented to outstanding Air Cadet Military Band musicians. Each cadet will receive a \$350 cash prize sponsored by Long & McQuade Musical Instruments.

The Air Cadet Military Band Musician Award goes to **Warrant Officer Second Class Léo Mathias Fidel Bussière of 621 Saint-Laurent Squadron** in Quebec & Ottawa Valley. WO2 Bussière has played a leading role in the squadron's music program. He is currently studying classical saxophone at Cégep de Saint-Laurent and aims to become a saxophone teacher. Eventually, he would like to join the Canadian Armed Forces and succeed his teacher from the summer camps he attended at Valcartier.

The other Air Cadet Military Band Musician Award goes to **Warrant Officer Second Class Amanda Huang of 746 Lightning hawk Squadron** in British Columbia. Science and Mathematics are her two passions. She is the music adjutant in her squadron. She intends to audition for the 15th Field Artillery Band in Vancouver, BC. She currently plays principal flute with the Surrey Youth Orchestra. Ultimately, she would like to become an orchestra teacher, or even a conductor.

Congratulations to WO2 Bussière and WO2 Huang!

The Air Cadet League of Canada is a civilian volunteer non-profit organization with mission to promote and encourage the nation's youth to develop and maintain an interest in aviation, leadership, and citizenship, in partnership with the Canadian Armed Forces and other organizations.

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