

Welcome and Congratulations!

Dear Provincial Festival Recommended Merited Participant:

CONGRATULATIONS on being selected to represent your local Festival as a Merited Participant at the 2019 Performing Arts BC Provincial Festival, May 26 – 30 in Chilliwack. Your local festival adjudicator has seen something special in your performance and is sending you on your first step on the path to becoming a full participant at this level of competition. This will be a very exciting time for you: You can hear and watch amazing performances, participate in workshops and perform in one of the Future Stars concerts. Performers in these concerts will receive a written adjudication.

Your participation begins now:

- Completed Entry Forms must be returned to your local festival **by their deadline**.
- Check your email registration confirmation for accuracy and report any problems to PABC. You must return the signed waiver attached to the registration confirmation to complete your registration by email or regular mail.
- If you are paying your own fees, please mail a cheque or use PayPal. The registration confirmation will tell you exactly how much is owing and how to submit payment.
- Please report all registration errors immediately.

Be aware of the rules and procedures:

- Read this Letter so that you are aware of procedures.
- Read the 2018/19 Syllabus posted on our website for further rules.
- Information will be posted on the website as it becomes available.
- Many performers enter more than one local Festival, which is allowed, however you can only be recommended for the Provincial Festival from ONE. Once you have accepted a recommendation, you must inform the other Festivals in which you are entered that you are no longer eligible for recommendation.
- However, if you are recommended **for full participation status** at a subsequent Festival in which you have entered, you may choose to be the full performing entrant from that Festival instead of the Merited Participant from the first Festival - in this case, **you MUST inform the first local Festival that you are giving up your space**.
- Please note that you cannot be both a Merited Participant and also a competitive participant in the Provincial Festival.

Accommodation, venues:

- A list of accommodations in Chilliwack holding blocks of rooms for the Provincial Festival will be listed on the website.
- A list of performance venues will be posted on the website.

Registration:

- Sunday, May 26 starts at 12noon in the Sumas-Cultus Room at the Hampton Inn, 8050 Lickman Rd. and will stay open until 9:00pm.
- Registration reopens Monday morning at 8:00am in the festival office located in the same building and will stay open all day until Thursday morning at 9:00am.
- You must register in person and have received a name tag before you will be able to participate. At registration you will also receive your participant package and Programme.
- Future Stars concert sign-up will be online this year. Signup will open for all Merited Participants on May 11; the link for this will either be emailed to you or be part of your registration confirmation. Dancers will submit their music at the same time as they sign up.

Concert Tickets:

- Tickets for the Tuesday evening Highlights concert, featuring most Junior and Intermediate winners, the Wednesday Dance Finals concert and the Thursday evening National concert will be available for purchase. Please watch the website for further information.
- Tickets are not required for the daily noon-time Music and Speech Arts Future Stars Concerts or the Dance Future Stars concerts on Monday and Wednesday mornings. Admission free with participant name tag or \$3 at the door.

Daily Sessions and Workshops:

- Your Festival ID will be your "ticket" to enter any of the daily Music or Speech Arts classes/performances/adjudications, and any of the daily Dance Performance Sessions – watch and listen to as much of everything as you can! Please watch the website for further information as it becomes available. **Please read the Merited Participant Schedule posted in the Schedules section, for a full list of Merited Participant specific sessions and other workshops.**

For further information: please stay in touch with your local Festival official, and check the PABC web-site frequently.