

Welcome and Congratulations!

Dear Provincial Festival Recommended Merited Participant:

CONGRATULATIONS on being selected to represent your local Festival as a Merited Participant during the 2021 Virtual Performing Arts BC Provincial Festival, June 2 - 5. 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.

Your participation begins now:

- Completed Entry Forms must be returned to your local festival **by their deadline**.
- These forms will then be sent directly to the PABC office by your festival. There is no fee for Merited Participants for the 2021 Virtual BC Provincial Festival.

Be aware of the procedures for 2021, which are not the same as other years:

- Read this Letter so that you know what will be available for you during the virtual festival.
- Further 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.

Performance sessions:

- You will be sent links for performance sessions in your discipline which will be available online during the festival.

Concerts:

- There will be at least 2 highlights concerts during the first week of June. Please watch the PABC website for further information.

Important Dates:

- Deadline for registration – May 8
- Festival dates – June 2 - 5

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