

Welcome and Congratulations!

Dear Provincial Festival Recommended Merited Participant:

CONGRATULATIONS on being selected to represent your local Festival as a Merited Participant at the 2023 Performing Arts BC Provincial Festival, May 28 – June 1 in Penticton. 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, pay by e-transfer 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 2022/23 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 a competitive participant in the Provincial Festival.

Accommodation, venues:

- A list of accommodations in Penticton 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:

- Starts on Sunday, May 28 at 12noon at the Penticton Seniors' Drop In Centre, 2965 South Main St. and will stay open until 9:00pm.
- Registration reopens Monday morning at 8:00am in the festival office located in Meeting Room 3, upstairs at the Penticton Community Centre, 325 Power St., and will stay open all day through Thursday morning at 12noon.
- 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.
- Your name tag also allows you free admission to any competitive sessions throughout the festival. Admission for non-festival participants is \$5 a session. Admission for non-festival participants is \$5 a session. \$10 daily passes or \$20 weekly passes will be available at registration and at venues.

Concert Tickets:

- Tickets for the Tuesday evening Highlights concert, featuring most Junior and Intermediate music and speech winners, the Wednesday Dance Finals concert and the Thursday evening Provincial Excellence concert will be available for purchase. Tickets for Tuesday evening will be \$15 and tickets for Wednesday and Thursday will be \$25. WillCall Tickets will be available by email: PentictonProvincials@gmail.com. Please check the PABC website for further updates
- Tickets are not required for the daily noon-time Music and Speech Arts Future Stars Concerts or the Dance Future Stars concerts. Admission free with participant name tag or by donation 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/performance/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.

The following is a list of workshops and performance opportunities for Merited Participants during the Provincial Festival. Please check the PABC Website frequently for updates and confirmation of dates and times:

Tentative Workshops - All dates and times to be confirmed:

Of special interest to Music Merited Participants:

- String Merited Participants workshop – Monday, May 29, evening Location: TBA
- Piano Merited Participants workshop – Tuesday, May 30, morning, Location: TBA
- Vocal Merited Participants workshop – Wednesday, May 31, afternoon, Location: TBA

Merited Participants may also attend, and often participate in, the following workshop classes:

All start times are tentative.

Tuesday, May 30

- Strings – Junior workshop, morning
- Strings – Intermediate workshop, morning
- Piano – Junior workshop, afternoon
- Piano – Intermediate workshop, afternoon
- Classical Voice – Junior workshop, evening
- Classical Voice – Intermediate workshop, evening
- Musical Theatre – Junior workshop, evening
- Musical Theatre - Intermediate workshop, evening

Wednesday, May 31

- Classical Voice – Senior workshop, afternoon
- Musical Theatre – Senior workshop, afternoon
- Woodwinds and Brass – All levels workshop, evening

Thursday, June 1

- Speech Arts - All levels workshop, morning
- Guitar – All levels workshop, afternoon

Future Stars Music and Speech Arts Concerts – All Merited Participants may perform in **one** of these concerts.

Monday, May 29, Tuesday, May 30, Wednesday, May 31 OR Thursday, June 1 at 12noon. Location: TBA. Sign up will be online this year. Further information will be included with your registration confirmation email. Everyone will be able to perform.

A professional will be providing brief written critiques of performances which will be available at the conclusion of each concert.

Dance Merited Participants should attend all performance sessions for their discipline at the Cleland Theatre. Admission free with name tag.

Of special interest to Dance Merited Participants:

- Dance Merited Participant Ballet Class – Monday, May 29, morning, Location: TBA
- Dance Merited Participant Jazz Class – Monday, May 29, afternoon, Location: TBA
- Dance Merited Participant Tap Class – Tuesday, May 30, early afternoon, Location: TBA
- Dance Merited Participant Modern Class – Tuesday, May 30, late afternoon, Location: TBA

Future Stars Dance Concerts – All Dance Merited Participants may perform in **one** of these concerts.

Monday, May 29 at 11:00am at the Cleland Theatre OR Wednesday, May 31 at 11:30am at the Cleland Theatre. Sign up will be online this year. Further information will be included with your registration confirmation email. Everyone will be able to perform.

A professional will be providing brief written critiques of performances which will be available at the conclusion of each concert.

Of interest to all:

CCPA in Victoria will be presenting the following workshops at the Provincial Festival. Dates and times to be confirmed.

A small fee may apply.

Dance/Physicality for singers and actors

Advanced Broadway jazz class for dancers featuring the original choreography from Jerome Robbins 'West Side Story'

Voice/Acting class for dancers and singers