

Welcome and Congratulations!

Dear Provincial Festival Recommended Merited Participant:

CONGRATULATIONS on being selected to represent your local Festival as a Merited Participant at the 2025 Performing Arts BC Provincial Festival, June 1 - 5 in Victoria. 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 2024/25 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 same discipline at the Provincial Festival.

Accommodation, venues:

- PABC is strongly recommending that you stay on campus during the festival. A block of single and double rooms has been set aside for Festival participants. Please see the separate Accommodation Information regarding booking these rooms and for further information. Please note that all participants under the age of 19 and staying in residence, must be accompanied by an adult.
- A list of performance venues will be posted on the website.

Registration:

- Starts on Sunday, June 1 at 12noon in the lobby of the School of Music in the MacLaurin Building at UVic, and will stay open until 9:00pm.
- Registration reopens Monday morning at 8:00am in the lobby and that afternoon will move to the festival office located in Room B117 in the same building, 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. \$20 weekly passes will be available at registration and at venues.

Concert Tickets:

- Tickets for the Tuesday evening Highlights concert, the Wednesday evening Highlights concert, the Wednesday Dance Finals concert and the Thursday evening Provincial Excellence concert will be available for purchase. Tickets for the Tuesday and Wednesday evening concerts will be \$20, tickets for the Dance Finals on Wednesday will be \$30 and tickets for the Provincial Excellence concert on Thursday will be \$25. Please check the PABC website for concert locations and pre-concert ticket sales.
Cash sales only for all passes and tickets, please.

- 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 \$5 at the door.

Daily Sessions and Workshops:

- Your Festival ID will be your “ticket” to attend 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 see 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:

Music and Speech Arts Merited Participants should attend all performance sessions for their discipline.

Admission free with name tag.

Workshops - All dates and times to be confirmed:

Of special interest to Music Merited Participants:

- String Merited Participants workshop – Monday, June 2, evening Location: TBA
- Piano Merited Participants workshop – Tuesday, June 3, morning, Location: TBA
- Vocal Merited Participants workshop – Wednesday, June 4, afternoon, Location: TBA

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

All start times are tentative.

Tuesday, June 3

- 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, June 4

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

Thursday, June 5

- 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, June 2, Tuesday, June 3, Wednesday, June 4 OR Thursday, June 5 at 12noon. Location: Phillip T. Young Recital Hall.

Sign up will be online. Further information will be emailed once registration closes. Everyone will be able to perform.

Professionals 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 Theatre. Admission free with name tag.

Of special interest to Dance Merited Participants:

- Dance Merited Participant Ballet Class – Monday, June 2, 8:30am, Location: Dance Studio, Recreation Centre, UVic
- Dance Merited Participant Jazz Class – Monday, June 2, 1:00pm, Location: Gym, Recreation Centre, UVic
- Dance Merited Participant Tap Class – Tuesday, June 3, 1:00pm, Location: Studio, CCPA
- Dance Merited Participant Modern Class – Tuesday, June 3, 7:00pm, Location: Dance Studio, Recreation Centre, UVic

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

Monday, June 2 at 11:00am at the Theatre OR Wednesday, June 4 at 11:30am at the Theatre. Sign up will be online this year.

Further information will be included with your registration confirmation email. Everyone will be able to perform.

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