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*In consideration of the privacy of others, Canada West Performing Arts Festival requests that you do not record performances other than your child or any adjudications.

*Covid restrictions continue to evolve. Please make yourself aware of any venue or government restrictions prior to your performance.

Can anyone attend the competitive sessions?

Yes, sessions are open to the general public. A charge of \$5.00 per adults will be collected at the door. Students and children are free.

Is there parking on Campus?

- There is a paid parking lot behind Allard Hall. To pay to park in this lot, you will need to download the HONK app.
- You can also park underneath Allard Hall but it is an all-day price. If you want to come and go, you will pay everytime.
- There is also a parkade just NE of Allard Hall. You do not need the HONK app to park here.

Option for Accommodations

There are many hotels available in downtown Edmonton. The **Chateau Lacombe** (780-428-6611) offers special rates for festival families. There are some rooms set aside for competitors & family but these must be booked early. There are also a variety of hotels with various prices nearby. You can also book into **MacEwan University Residence** (780-633-3623 | Stay@MacEwan.ca).

Where can I find more information?

Go to the Canada West Performing Arts Website at www.canadawestfestival.ca.



CANADA WEST PERFORMING ARTS FESTIVAL

So.....

*You've been recommended
to the
Canada West Performing
Arts Festival*

Congratulations!!!

Here are some things you might want to know ahead of time.

The information here, while accurate, is informal. You or your teacher should be familiar with the rules in the 2026 Syllabus.

*The Syllabus, with the rules is available online at
<http://www.canadawestfestival.ca>*

What is the Canada West Performing Arts Festival?

The Canada West Performing Arts Festival is a Regional Festival involving Music and Speech Arts Students in the Provinces of Alberta, British Columbia and Saskatchewan. To qualify for this competition, you must be recommended from one of these provinces at their Provincial Festival.

When is the Canada West Performing Arts Festival?

The 2026 Canada West Performing Arts Festival will be held:

1. Choral Festival -Virtual
2. Solo/Chamber - Live
Friday, July 24 – Saturday, July 25, 2026

Where is the Canada West Performing Arts Festival held?

The 2026 Canada West Performing Arts Festival will be held in Edmonton, Alberta in the Allard Hall at MacEwan University in downtown Edmonton (11110 104th Ave. NW Edmonton).

How do I register? A link will be sent directly to you. Only those people with recommendations from their Provincial Festivals will be allowed to register.

When is the deadline for Registrations?

Registration deadline is June 24, 2026. If you decide not to attend the festival, please let your Provincial Administrator know prior to the deadline date as there may be alternates that can go in your place.

What is the Cost?

Competitors are responsible for all costs associated with this festival: entry fees, travel, meals, accompanists fees, etc. Registration Fee for Solo and Chamber Entries is \$250. Registration Fee for Choral Entries is \$150.

How many selections do I perform?

Competitors must perform a well-rounded program comprising works by different composers/authors representing various styles and periods. At least one selection that was performed at your Provincial Festival must be included in your program, and you may include any additional works that fit within the time limit. Time limits can be found in the CWPAF syllabus. You **MUST** introduce your program, including your name, your accompanist, and the titles and composers/authors of all your selections. Choral groups do not need to give an introduction.

What does my time limit include?

Timing begins as soon as you begin your introduction and concludes as soon as the last note/syllable sounds – whether from you or your accompanist. This means that your time limit includes time between pieces, any costume changes, and applause breaks. If you wish, you may ask your audience to hold their applause until the end of your program. Long repeats (16+ measures) may be omitted to save time. Please do not plan your program to be too close to the time limit.

Am I required to perform all my pieces from memory?

All selections must be memorized at the Canada West Performing Arts Festival except in Choral and Chamber classes.

How many copies of music do I need?

Music Copyright: Music competitors must provide a published score or authorized copy of the music containing the written solo and accompaniment for the adjudicator. Public Domain copies (such as those sourced from IMSLP) are allowed providing the full web address or a photo screenshot of the web page is included on the title page. Anyone using digital music scores, including music purchased online, must be prepared to show proof of purchase or proof of license. All copyrights must be observed.

Am I required to introduce my selections?

Yes, Solo and Chamber competitors must briefly introduce themselves, their repertoire, and their accompanist (if applicable). Introductions will be included in the total timing.

When do I need to be at the festival and how long do I need to stay?

It is important for you to be ready to perform at the start of your session. If your class is divided into 2 sections, you are strongly encouraged to attend both sections.

If there are 2 sections to the class, adjudications will take place after the second session and placings will be announced then too. There is no requirement to come earlier than your class and you will be able to leave after the adjudication session for your class. In the unlikely event that you are unable to stay for both sessions of your class, you must notify your Provincial Festival office.

Will there be a Final Concert?

Yes, Alberta will be hosting a final concert to wrap up the 2026 Canada West Festival. This concert will be held on Saturday, July 25 at 6:30 pm in the Betty Andrews Theatre in Allard Hall.

Are warm-up rooms available?

Yes, Warm-up rooms are booked for 10 minutes max. Space is limited. **AMFA cannot supply longer practice times.** If you desire a longer practice time, it is your responsibility to make separate arrangements. To book a warm-up room, go to the bank of practice rooms on the 3rd floor of Allard Hall. There will be an executive volunteer waiting to help you sign in.

Are there Accompanists available?

A list of available accompanists will be posted on the website in mid-June. It is up to you as the competitor to arrange for an accompanist and pay for all related fees.