

Welcome and Congratulations!

Dear Provincial Festival Recommended Merited Participant:

CONGRATULATIONS on being selected to represent your local Festival as a Merited Participant at the 2026 Performing Arts BC Provincial Festival, June 1 - 5 in Prince George. 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 registration confirmation for accuracy and report any problems or errors to your local festival representative. **You must return the signed waiver attached to the registration confirmation to complete your registration.**
- 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.

Be aware of the rules and procedures:

- Read this Letter so that you are aware of procedures.
- Read the 2025/26 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 any disciplines at the Provincial Festival.

Accommodation, venues:

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

Registration:

- Starts on Monday, June 1 at 12noon at UNBC and will stay open until 9:00pm.
- Registration reopens Tuesday morning at 7:30am in the same location and that afternoon will move to the festival office located in the same building, and will stay open all day through Friday morning at 12noon.
- You must register in person and have received a name tag before you will be able to perform. At registration you will also receive a Festival 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 Wednesday evening Highlights concert, the Thursday Dance Finals concert and the Friday evening Provincial Excellence concert will be available for purchase. Tickets prices will be posted at a later date. Please check the PABC website for concert locations and pre-concert ticket sales. **Cash sales are preferable 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 for all others.

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 – Tuesday, June 2, evening Location: TBC
- Piano Merited Participants workshop – Wednesday, June 3, morning, Location: TBC
- Vocal Merited Participants workshop – Thursday, June 4, afternoon, Location: TBC

Merited Participants may also attend, the following workshop classes, but may not necessarily be able to participate:
All start times are tentative.

Wednesday, 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

Thursday, June 4

- Woodwinds and Brass – All levels workshop, evening

Friday, June 5

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

Future Stars Music and Speech Arts Concerts – Tuesday, June 2, Wednesday, June 3, Thursday, June 4 OR Friday, June 5 at 12noon.
Location: Trinity United Church 3555 5th Ave, Prince George Sign up will be online and is on a first come, first served basis. It is hoped that there will be enough performance slots available for everyone that would like to perform. Sign up information will be emailed to Merited Participants once registration closes.

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 Prince George Playhouse, 2626 Rec Place Drive, Prince George. Admission free with name tag.

Of special interest to Dance Merited Participants:

- Dance Merited Participant Ballet Class – Tuesday, June 2, 8:30am, Location: TBC
- Dance Merited Participant Jazz Class – Tuesday, June 2, 1:00pm, Location: TBC
- Dance Merited Participant Tap Class – Wednesday, June 3, 1:00pm, Location: TBC
- Dance Merited Participant Modern Class – Wednesday, June 3, 7:00pm, Location: TBC

Future Stars Dance Concerts – Tuesday, June 2 at 11:00am OR Thursday, June 4 at 11:30am at the Prince George Playhouse, 2626 Rec Place Drive, Prince George. Sign up will be online and is on a first come, first served basis. It is hoped that there will be enough performance slots available for everyone that would like to perform. Sign up information will be emailed to Merited Participants once registration closes.

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