

## Welcome and Congratulations!

### Dear Provincial Festival Recommended Merited Participant:

**CONGRATULATIONS** on being selected to represent your local Festival as a Merited Participant at the 2018 Performing Arts BC Provincial Festival, May 29 – June 2 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 registration which will be emailed to you. 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 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 2017/18 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 also a competitive participant in the Provincial Festival.

### Accommodation, venues:

- A list of accommodations in Victoria 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:

- Will open on Tuesday, May 29 at 12noon in the Michele Pujol Room in the UVic Student Union Building and will stay open until 9:00pm.
- Registration reopens Wednesday morning at 8:00am in the festival office located in the same building and will stay open all day until Saturday morning at 9:00am.
- 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.

### Concert Tickets:

- Tickets for the Thursday evening Highlights concert, featuring most Junior and Intermediate winners, the Friday Dance Finals concert and the Saturday evening National concert will be available for purchase. Please watch the website for further information.
- Tickets are not required for the daily noon-time Music and Speech Arts Merited Participant Concerts or the Dance Merited Participant concert at 11:30 on Friday morning. Admission free with participant name tag or \$2 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. **Please read the Merited Participant Schedule posted in the Schedules section, for a full list of Merited Participant specific sessions and other workshops.**

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