

# PERFORMING *Arts* BC

ASSOCIATION OF REGIONAL FESTIVALS

## Welcome and Congratulations!

Dear Provincial Festival Participant in Speech & Dramatic Arts:

On behalf of the Provincial Board of Directors and our Member-Festivals, congratulations on being selected to represent your local Festival at the 2018 Performing Arts BC Provincial Festival in Victoria, May 29 – June 2. We sincerely hope your time will be filled with interesting, educational and challenging experiences.

### 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 and Performance Guide so that you are aware of the rules.
- Read the 2017/18 Official Syllabus so that you are aware of the 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.
- All speech arts performances will be in 'recital-style'. You will perform all your works one after the other and you will set the pace of the performance. You will not need to wait for a nod from the adjudicator, rather move on to the next piece when you are ready.

### Costumes and Props:

- As performances will now be in recital-style, there is only 1 minute between selections.
- A costume may be worn for all selections if it is required for the Drama selection but should be kept to an absolute minimum, and may include something as simple as adding a scarf or picking up a book. Check the Syllabus regarding props.
- Costumes are still permitted in the parallel Shakespeare classes.

### Parallel Classes: Adjudicator recommendation is not required

- Any performer recommended in a Speech Arts class may also choose to perform in the parallel Shakespeare class.
- Note: you are allowed to perform in this parallel class at a higher level than your main class if you won this class in a preceding year. Please refer to the 2017/18 Syllabus for more information, or check the website.

### Open Duo Class:

- You will be selected for this class at your local festival. As this is an 'Open' class, it will include all ages allowed by the Speech Arts Syllabus. Please refer to the 2017/18 Syllabus for more information, or check the website.

### Time limits:

- Must be observed – time selections carefully as you prepare. Check the Syllabus to understand the maximum time allowed and how the timing is done.

**Copyright:**

- All performers must comply with laws regarding **copyright**.
- In general, photocopies are not allowed unless they are authorized by the publisher or CanCopy.

**Schedule and order of performance:**

- Is determined by the Provincial office and may not be changed by a performer except by special permission of the President and/or Executive Director.
- Class times and performance schedules will be available in your Programme which you will receive at Registration.
- Check the website for tentative and then finalized schedules.

**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 perform. 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.

**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 any of the noon-time Music and Speech Arts Merited Participant Concerts or the Dance Merited Participant concert at 11:30am on Friday. Admission free with participant name tag or \$2 at the door.

**Classes, Workshops, and Attendance:**

- You are expected to attend all the sessions of your competition as well as the Adjudication sessions – these may be two or three sessions.
- If you are a class Winner, you will be asked to perform in either the Thursday evening Provincial Honours Concert (Junior and Intermediate and Junior and Intermediate Shakespeare winners), the Friday evening Dance Finals concert or the National/Gala Concert on Saturday evening. Workshop/adjudications will take place following the performances.
- There may be other workshops offered during the festival. It is hoped that you will attend these sessions.

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

Once again, congratulations and welcome to the Provincial Festival!

Sincerely,

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## PROCEDURE GUIDE FOR SPEECH & DRAMATIC ARTS PARTICIPANTS

**Be early:** it is suggested that you arrive at your competition/class at least 20 minutes ahead of the start. You **MUST** check in there with the door person, showing your scripts/books which you should have clearly identified with your name, and the pages of selections marked. The selected material must be indicated clearly, noting the page, starting and finishing lines. The use of photocopied material is prohibited unless approved through CanCopy or a publisher's letter.

**In addition to the original copy of the work, competitors must provide a typewritten copy of their script, as a courtesy to the adjudicator. Such copies shall be destroyed following the class.**

**All speech arts performances will be in recital-style, with 1 minute allowed between selections.** You will perform your 3 or 4 selections back to back and you, as the performer, will set the pace of the performance. The 1 minute between selections will not be included in the total performance time, but will be rigidly adhered to and will include the introduction of the next work to be performed. Costumes should be kept to a minimum. **A theme is not required in 2018.**

To simplify procedures, you will hand your scripts to the Adjudicator's Assistant as you go up to perform.

All selections must be memorized.

You must attend all sessions of your class.

Warm up your voice in the warm-up area before the start of the session then be seated in the audience.

Wait to be called – the MC will introduce you by Name and Local Festival.

When you have been called, hand in your scripts/books to the Adjudicator's Assistant on your way to the stage, then proceed to the stage. Set the furniture and props as needed.

The adjudicator will give the signal for you to commence - announce the name of your selections and proceed.

Time limits are important! In your final performance, should the timer ring the bell indicating you have exceeded the total time limits, stop at once. But plan ahead – don't let that happen. (Make sure to check the 2017/18 Syllabus for more information regarding timing.)

Following your performance, bow, leave the stage and resume your seat. Depending upon the Adjudicator's directions, you may be able to pick up your books/scripts following each session, or they may be retained for the Adjudications. If they are not retained, please bring all your scripts/books to the Adjudication session – and again, please come early to check in.

Winners, Runners-Up and Honourable Mentions will be announced at the conclusion of the Adjudications. All performers will receive a Participation Certificate; Winners will also receive a medal. Winners and Runners-Up will receive appropriate Certificates.

If you are a Winner or Runner-Up, you must check in immediately with the Adjudicator's Assistant following that announcement for further instructions regarding your possible performance in either the Thursday, Friday or Saturday evening concerts. They will be able to give you more information.

As a courtesy to your hosts, please wear appropriate attire for the performances and Concerts.

No contact is to be made with the adjudicator until all competitions for your level at the Festival are complete.

**BEST WISHES!**