

# VOCAL/CHORAL

*Welcome to the Vocal/Choral Section, including Musical Theatre.  
Please take the time to read it thoroughly as we have made some changes.*

The Adjudicator's decision is final and NO communication is allowed between parent/teacher and Adjudicator at any time.

The Festival Section Chairs need all information submitted regarding school schedules and closures (e.g. field trips, special events, Pro D days, etc.) and entry changes by January 12, 2020 for accurate programming before printing. Special requests (e.g. wheelchairs, music stands, props, etc.) MUST be noted on back of Entry Form.

**MUSICAL THEATRE Section, Divisions One to Four, follows the Vocal/Choral Section.**

## **RULES**

### **USE ENTRY FORM PERTINENT TO THIS SECTION**

1. Before submitting entries to this section, please read General Rules, Entry Rules and Performance Rules on pages 2 and 3, and VOCAL/CHORAL ENTRY FEES listed in this section.
2. In all classes other than Vocal Choirs the title, composer, and musical work (where applicable) **MUST BE ON THE ENTRY FORM**. ENTRIES WITHOUT THIS INFORMATION must be completed BEFORE January 12, 2020. After this date, any substitution or lack of specific information will result in the entry receiving Adjudication Only. **NOTE:** Check specific rules for each Division.
3. Entrants **must** provide **TWO ORIGINAL COPIES** of music, one for the adjudicator and one for the accompanist, with the **measures marked at the beginning of each line**. The music must be the same in both copies. Transposition (written) is permitted with the accompaniment also transposed in full from the original. If a transposition is being used, there must be a copy provided to the adjudicator. **THE USE OF PHOTOCOPIED MUSIC BY PERFORMERS OR ACCOMPANISTS IS PROHIBITED. IF ORIGINAL SCORES ARE NOT AVAILABLE, A LETTER IS REQUIRED FROM THE PUBLISHER OR SOURCE OF COPY. The use of music downloaded from the internet is permissible as long as it is accompanied by receipts for the number of copies downloaded. In the event that membership in a site provides free use of the material downloaded, proof of membership must be provided. Competitors attempting to use unauthorized copies of copyrighted material will be disqualified.**
4. Copies of selections in all classes are to be marked with competitor's name and class number. Music must be picked up after the class is completed.
5. Selections may not be repeated two years in a row. Selections **must** be memorized, otherwise for adjudication only.
6. Operatic arias are **NOT** permitted in any Junior or Intermediate classes nor in Division One: Vocal Solos at the Senior level.
7. Contemporary Pop Music is **not** acceptable with the exception of Division Ten Ensembles only & Classes 2019 & 2019A Mixed Media.
8. No recorded or electronic accompaniment is permitted. Exception: See School Groups Class 2019.
9. In Vocal Classes, competitors are allowed one solo entry only in each Division. To be eligible for Provincial competition and major awards, performers **must** enter Division One: Vocal Solos and at least two other classes of classical repertoire; Senior performers must enter an Oratorio or Opera selection (see Division Three and Division Five)
10. Each competitor is requested to announce his or her selection(s) at the time of performance.
11. Entrants in all classes who are eligible to perform at a Highlights Concert **must** be prepared to perform if chosen by the adjudicator.
12. **Entrants in doubt about the correctness of their entry forms may call the Section Chairman BEFORE Saturday, January 12, 2020. See General Rules. \*\*THERE WILL BE NO PROGRAM CHANGES AFTER THIS DATE\*\***

# PERFORMING ARTS B.C. REQUIREMENTS - RE: 2020 PROVINCIAL COMPETITIONS

## VOCAL CLASSES

1. Participants will be selected from their festival in the same manner as in previous years.
2. Provincial Voice winners will be determined by their **classical voice performance only**.  
**NOTE: Provincial Standard:** Junior, age 14 and under, recommended minimum level Gr. 4; Intermediate, age 18 & under, recommended minimum level Gr. 7; Senior, age 28 & under, recommended minimum level Gr. 9.
3. One selection must have been performed at the local level. This applies to Junior, Intermediate and Senior Levels.
4. Art Songs must be sung in original language, **NOT** a translation.
5. Opera: Senior and National Classes. Must be sung in original language. Recitative must be included where applicable.  
**NOTE: NO OPERATIC ARIAS ARE PERMITTED AT THE JUNIOR AND INTERMEDIATE LEVELS.**
6. **SACRED ORATORIO/CANTATA/MASS:**  
Language is optional. Recitative must be included where applicable.  
**NOTE: NO SELECTIONS FROM MAJOR SACRED WORKS ARE PERMITTED AT THE JUNIOR LEVEL with the exception of those included in the Graded Songbooks published by the Royal Conservatory, Conservatory Canada, and other major institutions.**
7. Contemporary Pop is excluded at all levels.
8. The use of Canadian compositions is strongly encouraged. Contact the Canadian Music Centre at 604-734-4622. The Association provides a prize for the best performance of a Canadian work in all voice classes..
9. Use current Royal Conservatory, Conservatory Canada, or other major institution's Syllabus as reference for noted grade levels.
10. **MEMORIZATION IS MANDATORY IN ALL VOICE CLASSES.**

## CHORAL CLASSES OFFICIAL 2020 SYLLABUS

Adjudicators at the local festival may choose, in each of the Choral categories, up to two choirs that are felt to be of an exceedingly high standard. The signed recommendation along with the recording of the performance and original music shall be sent to the Provincial Office.

### Provincial Festival

**Mp3 files forwarded by the local Festivals will be adjudicated prior to the Provincial Festival, with winners announced during the Festival. There will be a \$500 grand prize and other cash awards for winners of each class.**

Note: Choirs submitting recordings to the Provincial level of competition must perform the same selections on which they were recommended by the adjudicator at the local level.

1. Participation is limited to amateur choirs, performing in the appropriate class(es) at affiliated festivals.
2. A choir may enter only one choral class at the Provincial level.
3. A festival official must supervise and witness the recording of the performance of choirs recommended for Provincial competition.

## **CHORAL CLASSES**

The Provincial Music Festival provides opportunities for the following types of choral groups:

**School Choirs Community Choirs Other**

**These rules apply to all classes:**

Only selections performed, adjudicated and recommended from local festivals are acceptable.

The competition is based on the performance of TWO CONTRASTING SELECTIONS only one of which may include brief solo or solo ensemble passages. The total number of bars of a solo or solo ensemble passage may not exceed 10% of the total score.

**One selection may be one or more movements of a multi movement work.**

Ages are determined as of December 31 preceding the festival. Total Time limit: 15 minutes

**School Choirs** - The members of a school choir must all be from the same school. Split grades should register in the higher grade category. Only one folk song is permitted. Audio recording only

Class 100 – Grade 12 & Under

- At least one selection sung in three or more parts

Class 101 – Grade 10 & Under

- At least one selection sung in three or more parts

Class 102 – Grade 8 & Under

- At least one selection sung in two or more parts

Class 103 – Grade 6 & Under

- One selection sung in two parts is strongly encouraged

Class 104 – Grade 4 & Under

- Unison only

(Specific changes Grade based, Minimum number of participants has been removed and a sentence about split classes having to register at the higher grade level has been added)

Community Choirs - Only one folk song is permitted. Audio recording only.

Class 105 – 19 & Over

The majority of members must be 19 years of age and over

Class 106 – 19 & Under

No more than 5% of the members may exceed the age limit by more than one year.

At least one selection sung in three or more parts

Class 107 - 16 & Under

No more than 5% of the members may exceed the age limit by more than one year.

At least one selection sung in three or more parts

Class 108 - 12 & Under

No more than 5% of the members may exceed the age limit by more than one year.

At least one selection sung in two or more parts

(Specific changes: Minimum number of participants has been removed and wording has been tidied up.) Other

Class 109 – Male Voices only

restricted to male singers [no age limitation]

at least one selection sung in three or more parts

Class 110 – Female Voices only

restricted to female singers [no age limitation]

at least one selection sung in three or more parts

# Tentative Start – Monday Feb. 10<sup>th</sup>

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### **AWARDS**

A number of bursaries, scholarships and awards will be given to encourage and assist worthy entrants in their pursuit of artistic studies. To merit these awards, competitors must reach a **standard of accomplishment satisfactory to the Adjudicators.**

The ADJUDICATORS HAVE SOLE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE SELECTION OF RECIPIENTS.

**It is the responsibility of the entrant to ensure his eligibility for special awards.** For further details contact the Section Chairman. Competitors are allowed one solo entry only in each Division. To be eligible for Provincial competition and major awards, performers must enter Division One: Vocal Solos and at least two other classes of classical repertoire; senior performers must enter an Oratorio or Opera selection (See Division Three and Division Five)

Provincial Standard: Junior 14 yrs. & under, recommended minimum Gr. 4; Intermediate 18 yrs. & under, recommended minimum Gr. 7; Senior 28 & under, recommended minimum Gr. 9. See page 59 for further information.

### **FAMILY GROUP :** - Entry Fee - \$25 - NON-COMPETITIVE

Class 3000 Any Combination of instruments, voice, dance and speech arts. While any number of families may enter this class in any section, each entry must consist of members of one family only. Not more than 5 minutes performance time. Specify combination and content on Entry Form.

### **CHORAL SINGING GROUPS:** - Entry Fee - see Entry Fees.

**\*\*\*\*All teachers and choir directors please refer to Vocal/Choral Rule #3.**

### **\*\*Please Note: Choirs Must already be warmed up before appearing on Stage.**

All groups will be for **ADJUDICATION ONLY** but may be considered by the Adjudicator for Choral Awards.

**\*Must indicate on entry form if group includes *physically challenged individuals.***

**\*With the exception of Productions, stage movement and costuming must be kept to a minimum. No electronic or percussion accompaniment allowed. Exception: See School Groups Class 2019.**

CLASSROOM SINGING: Each group must consist of one or more classrooms. Two **contrasting** selections, own choice, may be unison or part singing. **75% of the group must be of grade specified.**

Please phone if questions re: age/grade.

Class 2001	Primary - K and Grade 1	Class 2004	Primary/intermediate - Grades 3 and 4
Class 2002	Primary - Grades 1 and 2	Class 2005	Intermediate - Grades 4 and 5
Class 2003	Primary - Grades 2 and 3	Class 2006	Intermediate - Grades 5 to 7

SCHOOL CHOIRS: Students may be from any year or years, thirteen or more singers. Two contrasting selections, own choice. No medleys. **75% of the group must be of grade specified.** Please phone if questions re: age/grade.

Class 2007	Primary - K and Grades 1 to 3	Class 2010	Secondary - Grades 8 to 12
Class 2008	Intermediate - Grades 4 to 7	Class 2011	Composite - Grades 4 to 10
Class 2009	Elementary - K to Grade 7	Class 2012	Jazz Choirs - Secondary - Grades 8 - 12

COMMUNITY CHOIRS: Any combination of voices, thirteen or more singers. Two **contrasting** selections, own choice. Instrumental accompaniment permitted (must indicate on entry form).

Time limit of 8 minutes. For Young People's Choirs, class number to be determined by the age of the oldest choir member; List Choir members' names & ages on Entry Form.

Class 2013	Young People's Choir, 14 years and under	Class 2016	Adult Choir
Class 2014	Young People's Choir, 16 years and under	Class 2017	Senior Citizens' Chorus
Class 2015	Young People's Choir, 19 years and under	Class 2018	Church Choirs - any age

SCHOOL GROUPS: Two contrasting selections. Own choice.

Mixed Media Group (Recorded music allowed)

Class 2019 Elementary

Class 2019A Secondary

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## **CHORAL SINGING GROUPS: Continued**

**PRODUCTIONS:** - Entry Fee \$60 - COMPETITIVE - School, Community or Studio Production.

Any combination of the following: Dance, Voice, Instruments, Drama, Visual Art. Must include 8 or more performers and must have a theme or storyline. **A brief written interpretation** with title and composer of music must be submitted to the Chairman prior to performance, or will be considered for adjudication only. List all names on back of entry form.

Time Limit for all age groups is 10 minutes

Class 2020 Primary

Class 2022 Secondary School

Class 2021 Intermediate

Class 2023 Open

**\*\*NOTE:** Musical Theatre Chorus - School and Community Groups - See MUSICAL THEATRE DIVISION ONE\*\*

Adults may enter No More than 3 solo classes and 1 other class, eg. Duet or Trio

## **DIVISION ONE: VOCAL SOLOS - Own Choice**

**Provincial Standard:** Junior 14 yrs. & under, recommended minimum Gr. 4; Intermediate 18 yrs. & under, recommended minimum Gr. 7; Senior 28 yrs. & under, recommended minimum Gr. 9.

To be eligible for the adjudicator's recommendation to the Provincial Competition or for major awards, performers must enter Division One and 2 other classes of classical repertoire as a minimum.

**All selections in Division One must be chosen** from the *current* ROYAL CONSERVATORY OF MUSIC SYLLABUS or current CONSERVATORY CANADA for the appropriate Grade level of the individual. All entrants must supply adjudicator's copy of chosen selections. **NO OPERATIC ARIAS PERMITTED.**

**\*\*NOTE:** Title, composer or arranger, R.C.M. or Conservatory Canada Grade Level and List *must* be on entry form.

Each Entrant **MUST** have his/her own copy of the music ie. **NO Sharing**

### **JUNIOR - NON-COMPETITIVE**

Class 2025 8 years and under

Class 2027 10 years and under

### **JUNIOR**

Class 2029 12 years and under

Class 2031 14 years and under

### **INTERMEDIATE**

Class 2035 16 years and under

Class 2039 18 years and under

### **SENIOR - 28 years and under**

Class 2041 Any Voice

### **ADULT**

Class 2044 Any age

Class 2045 Senior citizen - 60 years and over

Class 2046 Novice - Any age - (Anyone who has been receiving lessons for less than one year) - Adj. Only

Class 2046A Advanced Adults & Teachers – Adj. only

## **DIVISION TWO: CANADIAN COMPOSER - Own Choice** \*\*NOT a Folk Song

### **JUNIOR - NON-COMPETITIVE**

Class 2047 8 years and under

Class 2048 10 years and under

### **JUNIOR**

Class 2049 12 years and under

Class 2051 14 years and under

### **INTERMEDIATE**

Class 2055 16 years and under

Class 2059 18 years and under

### **SENIOR**

Class 2061 Any voice 28 years and under

### **ADULT**

Class 2062 Adult - Any age.

Class 2062A Advanced Adults & Teachers – Adj. only

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## **DIVISION THREE: SACRED SONGS - Own Choice** - Classical, Gospel, and Spirituals.

**Special Note:** To be eligible for Provincial Senior competition, performers must enter an Oratorio or Opera Class.

**Time Limit:** Junior and Intermediate 4 minutes and Senior & Adult 6 minutes

### **JUNIOR - NON-COMPETITIVE**

Class 2063 8 years and under

Class 2064 10 years and under

### **JUNIOR**

Class 2065 12 years and under

Class 2067 14 years and under

### **INTERMEDIATE**

Class 2071 16 years and under

Class 2075 18 years and under

### **SENIOR**

Class 2077 Any Voice 28 years and under- Own Choice from any standard Oratorio, Passion, or Mass in original key and language.

### **ADULT**

Class 2078 Adult - Any age - Own Choice

Class 2078A Advanced Adults & Teachers – Adj. only

## **DIVISION FOUR: FOLK SONG SOLOS - One selection, Own Choice**

The definition of a "true" Folk Song specifically states that the composer of the music and the author must be **UNKNOWN**. The name of an **arranger** **MUST** be noted on the Entry Form. **No Costumes.**

### **JUNIOR - NON-COMPETITIVE**

Class 2079 8 years and under

Class 2080 10 years and under

### **JUNIOR**

Class 2081 12 years and under

Class 2083 14 years and under

### **INTERMEDIATE**

Class 2087 16 years and under

Class 2090 18 years and under

### **SENIOR**

Class 2092 Any Voice - 28 years and under

### **ADULT**

Class 2093 Adult - Any Age

Class 2093A Advanced Adults & Teachers – Adj. only

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## **DIVISION FIVE: OPERA SELECTIONS** - Refer to Provincial Requirements, Rule #6

Title of Selection, Composer and Name of Opera **MUST** be included on entry form.

**Special Note:** To be eligible for Provincial Senior competition, performers must enter an Oratorio or Opera Class.

**SENIOR or ADULT** - One selection from any standard opera in English or original language with recitative where applicable

Class 2094 **Senior/Adult**

Class 2094A Advanced Adults & Teachers – Adj. only

**OPERA EXCERPTS** - **Senior or Adult** - minimum 2 to maximum 6 persons. Time limit 15 minutes. Minimum hand-held props permitted along with a simple stage prop, e.g. chair or stool. Props must be an integral part of the performance.

Class 2096 Open

Class 2096A Advanced Adults & Teachers – Adj. only

## **DIVISION SIX: ENGLISH ART SONG**

One Selection by any recognized English language composer. An Art Song is a musical setting of a poem, suitable for recital, usually for solo voice with piano accompaniment.

### **JUNIOR**

Class 2097 12 years and under

Class 2099 14 years and under

**INTERMEDIATE** - One selection, own choice

Class 2103 16 years and under

Class 2107 18 years and under

### **SENIOR**

Class 2109 Age 28 years and under - One selection, own choice

Class 2110 Adult - any age

Class 2110A Advanced Adults & Teachers – Adj. only

## **DIVISION SEVEN: ART SONG OTHER THAN ENGLISH**

To be sung in original language. **\*\*\*\*Please make sure that the spelling of both the selection and composer is accurate and clearly printed on the form.**

### **JUNIOR**

Class 2111 12 years and under

Class 2113 14 years and under

**INTERMEDIATE** - One selection, own choice

Class 2117 16 years and under

Class 2121 18 years and under

### **SENIOR**

Class 2123 Age 28 years and under - One selection, own choice

Class 2124 Adult - any age

Class 2124A Advanced Adults & Teachers – Adj. only

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## **DIVISION NINE: CONCERT GROUP** - Any Voice

Competitors will choose and sing three selections of Festival standard, not exceeding a total of 10 minutes performing time. Recital level is expected; grade 7 minimum. English language optional. Must be different composers. No musical theatre, opera, or oratorio. Performers must have entered at least one other class.

Class 2128 Intermediate - 18 years and under

Class 2129 Senior - 28 years and under

Class 2130 Adult - any age

Class 2130A Advanced Adults & Teachers – Adj. only

## **DIVISION TEN: VOCAL DUETS, TRIOS, and ENSEMBLES**

Performers may appear only once in Classes 2131 to 2135 as well as once in Classes 2136, 2137, and 2138.

### **DUETS** - One selection, own choice

#### **JUNIOR**

Class 2131 12 years and under

Class 2132 14 years and under

#### **INTERMEDIATE**

Class 2133 18 years and under

#### **SENIOR**

Class 2134 Adult - Any age

Class 2134A Advanced Adults & Teachers – Adj. only

### **TRIOS** - One selection, own choice

Class 2135 Any age

### **ENSEMBLES** - *No entrant may appear more than once in this category. NO MUSICAL THEATRE* *Time limit 8 minutes*

Class 2136 14 years and under - Any combination of 4 to 12 voices - **Two or three contrasting selections, one of which must be performed without accompaniment. One contemporary piece is permitted.**

Class 2137 Any age - Any combination of 4 to 12 voices - **Two or three contrasting selections, one of which must be performed without accompaniment. One contemporary piece is permitted.**

Class 2138 Any age - No less than 8 voices, no more than 12 in the group. Competition is based on the total performance of two contrasting selections, one of which must be sung in three or more parts and one of which must be a madrigal. Brief solo passages are allowed. Contemporary Madrigals will be accepted .



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## **DIVISION ELEVEN: VOCAL VARIETY**

**CRITERIA:** Please read carefully **Teachers:** Please make students aware of this criteria.  
One selection chosen from a light opera, operetta, Gilbert and Sullivan production, Revue or Cabaret, or works of a similar genre. No Pop Music is permitted.

**\*Classical Voice students may enter a Musical Theatre Selection. Musical Theatre students MUST enter a different genre.**

Costumes, staging, dancing and sets are **NOT** permitted, however, one hand-held prop may be used if appropriate.

**\*\*NOTE: *The performer is responsible for verbally setting the scene of the piece. This MUST INCLUDE a brief introduction of the song and a description of how it relates to the particular show.***

**N.B. In a solo performance, the accompanist is not permitted to speak or sing.**

Class 2150 Junior - 12 years and under - Time Limit: 3 minutes  
Class 2151 Junior - 14 years and under - Time Limit: 3 minutes  
Class 2152 Intermediate - 16 years and under - Time Limit: 4 minutes  
Class 2153 Intermediate - 18 years and under - Time Limit: 4 minutes  
Class 2154 Senior - 28 years and under - Time Limit: 5 minutes  
Class 2155 Adult - any age - Time Limit: 5 minutes  
Class 2155A Advanced Adults & Teachers – Adj. only – Time Limit: 5 minutes

## **DIVISION TWELVE: PERFORMANCE CLASS – ADJUDICATION ONLY**

**Own choice repertoire (no Contemporary pop). Time limit - 5 minutes.**

Class 2156 Junior - 14 years and under  
Class 2157 Intermediate - 18 years and under  
Class 2158 Senior – 28 years and under  
Class 2159 Adult – any age

## **Concerts**

### **Gala Recital**

Sunday, February 23, 2:00 p.m.

Duncan United Church

### **Highlights Concert**

Sunday, March 1, 2:00 p.m.

Cowichan Performing Arts Centre

Tickets available at the Cowichan Community Centre Ticket Centre

– Reserved Seating

### **Highlights Concert**

Monday, March 2, 7:00 p.m.

Cowichan Performing Arts Centre

Tickets available at the Cowichan Community Centre Ticket Centre

– Reserved Seating