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WHAT'S NEW IN 2022

- Intermediate level classes in all disciplines in the **Developing Artist Stream**. This is a virtual competition. See class descriptions, pages 12-20
- Addition of Junior level classes in the **Non-Competitive Education Stream**. This is a virtual competition. See class descriptions, pages 12-20
- Addition of **Composition Stream** classes as a virtual competition. See class descriptions, pages 26-27
- Chamber Ensemble, Choir, Band, and Orchestra classes available in the **Recorded Stream**. These are virtual competitions. See class descriptions, pages 21-25
- **Local Stream Qualifying Round** offered in all classes for students and ensembles recommended from affiliated local festivals in Western Provinces and Ontario. This is a virtual competition.
- Competitors are allowed to make brief introductory remarks.
- Previous First-Place Winners, except the Grand Award Winner, are eligible to compete in subsequent years.

There will be a 2022 FCMF National Music Festival August 6-13. An announcement will be posted on the FCMF website by February 1 indicating whether the Emerging Artist Stream will be an in-person or virtual competition. If held in-person, we will be hosted by Mount Allison University in Sackville, NB.

The Developing Artist, Non-Competitive Education, Recorded, and Composition Streams will be virtual.

Local Stream Qualifying Round for Western Provinces and Ontario

Students recommended from affiliated local festivals in the Western Provinces and Ontario can seek recommendation to the FCMF National Music Festival through the new Local Stream Qualifying Round. Requirements for this virtual qualifying process are the same as for the provincial festivals as outlined in this Syllabus.

For more information on access to the FCMF National Music Festival through the Local Stream Membership Option and Qualifying Round, contact Barbara at info@fcmf.org

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EMERGING ARTIST, DEVELOPING ARTIST, NON-COMPETITIVE EDUCATION STREAMS

SOLO:

Class 100 – Vocal
Class 200 – Piano
Class 300 – String
Class 400 – Classical Guitar

Class 500 – Woodwind
Class 600 – Brass
Class 700 – Percussion
Class 800 – Musical Theatre

RECORDED STREAM

CHORAL:

School and Community
Class 9101 – Glee/Show/Musical Theatre Group
Class 9102 – Ensembles

School
Class 9103 – Grade 12 & Under
Class 9104 – Grade 10 & Under
Class 9105 – Grade 8 & Under
Class 9106 – Grade 6 & Under
Class 9107 – Grade 4 & Under

Community
Class 9108 – 19 & Over
Class 9109 – 19 & Under
Class 9110 – 16 & Under
Class 9111 – 12 & Under

INSTRUMENTAL ENSEMBLES:

Chamber Ensemble
Class 9201 – 30 years and under

Band
Class 9301 – School Concert Band
Class 9302 – School Jazz Band
Class 9303 – Community Concert Band
Class 9304 – Community Jazz Band

Orchestra
Class 9401 – School Full Orchestra
Class 9402 – School String Orchestra
Class 9403 – Community Full Orchestra
Class 9404 – Community String Orchestra

COMPOSITION STREAM

Solo/Duo
9501 – Advanced
9502 – Intermediate
9503 – Junior

Ensemble
9504 - Advanced
9505 - Intermediate
9506 - Junior

SUMMARY OF STREAMS

	Emerging Artist Stream	Developing Artist Stream	Non-Competitive Education Stream	Recorded Stream	Composition Stream
Level of Repertoire	Advanced	Intermediate – comparable to conservatory grades 8-10	Junior – comparable to conservatory grades 4-7	As outlined in class descriptions by discipline	Advanced, Intermediate, and Junior
Age of Competitors	30 years and under	18 years and under	18 years and under	As outlined in class descriptions by discipline	As outlined in class descriptions by discipline
Model	Live or virtual to be announced by February 1	Virtual	Virtual	Virtual	Virtual
Entry Fee	\$225	\$175	\$75	\$125	\$125
Entry Deadline	June 20 if live; July 15 if virtual	July 12	July 5	June 30	June 30
Adjudication	Written comments and workshop	Written comments and workshop	Written comments	Written comments	Written comments and workshop
Awards	1 st and 2 nd cash	1 st and 2 nd cash	Certificate with seal indicating standard	1 st cash	Certificate with seal indicating standard

AWARDS

Awards will be offered at the 2022 FCMF National Music Festival as follows:

Emerging Artist Stream - 1st and 2nd Place cash awards in voice, piano, strings, instrumental, and musical theatre.

1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place Instrumental Awards will be chosen from the Emerging Artist First Place Winners in guitar, woodwinds, brass, and percussion classes during the Grand Award Competition.

The Grand Award Winner will be chosen from the voice, piano, strings, instrumental and musical theatre First-Place Winners during the Grand Award Competition.

Developing Artist Stream - 1st and 2nd Place - cash awards in voice, piano, strings, instrumental, and musical theatre.

1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place Instrumental Awards will be chosen from the Developing Artist First Place Winners in guitar, woodwinds, brass, and percussion classes by the panel of adjudicators.

Non-Competitive Education Stream – As non-competitive classes, there are no cash awards, but each participating student will receive a certificate with gold, silver, or bronze seal indicating the standard of performance received, not placement in the class.

Recorded Stream – 1st place cash award in each class.

Composition Stream – As non-competitive classes, there are no cash awards, but each participating student will receive a certificate with gold, silver, or bronze seal indicating the standard of performance received, not placement in the class.

Please note: All awards are awarded at the discretion of the adjudicators.

EMERGING ARTIST, DEVELOPING ARTIST & NON-COMPETITIVE EDUCATION STREAMS

PROCEDURE TO QUALIFY FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE FCMF NATIONAL MUSIC FESTIVAL

- Before competing in the National Music Festival, competitors must first qualify at an affiliated Local Music Festival in the province where they live or study.
- Competitors must be recommended by the adjudicator[s] to proceed to the Provincial or Local Stream Qualifying Round, as applicable.
- The winner in each class at the Provincial or Local Stream Qualifying Round is then eligible to compete in the National Music Festival, if recommended by the adjudicator.
- Entry fees and submission dates are included in class descriptions.
- Competitors are responsible for their travel or recording expenses for the National Music Festival.
- Competitors are responsible for their accompanist arrangements and expenses for the National Music Festival.

ADJUDICATORS

FCMF engages a panel of nationally and internationally known musicians to adjudicate the National Music Festival.

CONCEPT

The National Music Festival is the culmination of many months of musical activity, encompassing learning, performing, and competition.

A high standard of music performance is expected at each level – Local Festival, Provincial Festival, and National Festival. Selections must meet the repertoire requirements as outlined in class descriptions.

GRAND AWARD COMPETITION – Emerging Artist Stream Only

- The adjudicators for Classes 101-108 will consult with their First Place Winner to select a **maximum performance time of 10 minutes**.
- All adjudicators will view all the Grand Award Competition performances.
- Adjudicators will name the recipient of the First Place Instrumental Award chosen from the winners of the guitar, woodwind, brass, and percussion classes.
- Adjudicators will name the Grand Award Winner chosen from all the First Place Winners in voice, piano, strings, instrumental, and musical theatre.
- Second and Third Placements in all classes will be announced.

A schedule of events will be posted on the FCMF website by March 1, 2022.

REGULATIONS FOR CLASSES 100 - 800

GENERAL

1. Competitors must read and comply with the rules and regulations governing the FCMF National Music Festival, as set out in the Syllabus and Regulations. If clarification or assistance is needed, please contact your Provincial Administrator or the Executive Director of the Federation of Canadian Music Festivals.
2. The National Music Festival is open to *non-professional musicians who are:
 - i. Eligible according to class description
 - ii. Stated ages as of December 31 preceding the festival
 - iii. Canadian citizens, or
 - iv. living or studying in Canada, who perform at festivals affiliated through affiliated Provincial Music Festival Associations or Local Stream Membership.

*A non-professional musician is defined as a person whose principal means of livelihood is not obtained from the performance of music in the particular category in which he or she is competing. This stipulation does not, however, preclude such a person having occasionally received remuneration for musical services rendered, even in the area in which he or she is competing. The competitor's signature is required on a national entry form confirming non-professional status. It is recommended that Local Festivals also have competitors verify, by signature, their non-professional status.

**Competitors 14 years and under [at the time of the National Music Festival] must be accompanied by a parent/guardian.

3. Competitors can only be recommended to their Provincial Festival or the Local Stream Qualifying Round from one affiliated Local Festival. No competitor can represent more than one province, in a single discipline.
4. A signed recommendation from the adjudicator is required before any competitor may advance from the Local Festival to the Provincial Festival or the Local Stream Qualifying Round, and on to the National Festival.
5. The submitted competitor entry form signifies knowledge of, and agreement with, the General Regulations.
6. Competitors are prohibited from contact with the adjudicators until competitions are completed.
7. All awards are awarded at the discretion of the adjudicators.
8. First-place Emerging Artist winners **are eligible** to compete in the same class at the National Music Festival. Winners of the Grand Award are not eligible to compete again, in the same class.
9. First-place Developing Artist winners **are eligible** to compete in the same class again if performing repertoire at a higher-grade level in succeeding years.
10. The Chair of the Federation of Canadian Music Festivals is the final authority in all matters.

LOCAL FESTIVALS

The maximum number of competitors recommended from each Local Festival to compete at the Provincial Festival in National Festival classes 100 through 800 inclusive is determined by the Provincial Association.

PROVINCIAL FESTIVALS and LOCAL STREAM QUALIFYING ROUND

1. Local Festival winners in Classes 100 through 800, if recommended by the adjudicator, are eligible to compete at the Provincial Festival or Local Stream Qualifying Round.
2. At the Provincial Level or Local Stream Qualifying Round of competition, no marks are given.
3. One winner in each Emerging Artist class, if recommended by the adjudicator, is eligible to compete in the National Music Festival. Alternates may be recommended at the discretion of the adjudicator should a satisfactory standard be attained.

4. Two winners in each Developing Artist class, if recommended by the adjudicator, are eligible to compete in the National Music Festival. Alternates may be recommended at the discretion of the adjudicator should a satisfactory standard be attained.
5. Each provincial association and the Local Stream Qualifying Round can send a maximum of one student per discipline **from each local festival** to the virtual Non-Competitive Education Stream [NCES]. Since some Provincial Music Festivals have Junior classes and others do not, each province can determine what best fits their own situation regarding method of recommendation, e.g. Provincials with no Junior classes may decide whether or not to have their local festival adjudicators recommend NCES students; Provincials with Junior classes may decide whether or not to require the local adjudicator to choose NCES recommendations from those recommended to provincials.
6. Provincial associations with more than 10,000 local entries are allowed to send 2 extra solo/chamber competitors to the National Music Festival; 3 extra competitors for those with more than 20,000 local entries, and four extra competitors for those with more than 30,000 local entries. Eligibility is based on the previous year's entries. The extra competitors are across the disciplines, not per discipline. Each province is permitted no more than one extra submission per discipline.
7. Adjudicator recommendation and information forms of Provincial/Qualifying Round winners [and alternates, if any] must be submitted to the FCMF within two weeks of the close of the Provincial Festival or by the entry closing date listed on the national registration form, whichever is earlier. Late or incomplete entries will not be accepted.

FCMF NATIONAL MUSIC FESTIVAL

1. Competitors recommended by adjudicators as outlined in the Provincial Music Festival and Local Stream Qualifying Round section above are eligible to participate in the FCMF National Music Festival.
2. If the Emerging Artist Stream competition is held as an in-person event, competitors are:
 - responsible for their own equipment [except pianos].
 - required to perform in the Grand Awards Competition when they place first in Classes 1 through 8
 - provided with practise rooms as well as an official rehearsal time in the performance hall.
 - given performance and masterclass adjudications following the conclusion of the competitions.
 - required to be in attendance at the National Music Festival from the Official Briefing through to the conclusion of the Grand Award Competition
 - advised to stay in the official accommodation from the evening of the competitor briefing to the end of the Grand Award Competition.
 - responsible for contact with, and payment for, their accompanists.
3. If the Emerging Artist Stream competition is held as an in-person event, the Federation of Canadian Music Festivals and the National Music Festival are not responsible for lost or damaged musical instruments.

PERFORMANCE REGULATIONS

1. Competitors must:
 - perform the repertoire indicated on their official National Entry Form, which is to include the repertoire performed for, and recommended by, the adjudicator at the Local and Provincial/Local Stream Qualifying Round Festivals. Entry forms must be submitted complete with the names and numbers of movements identified and the full name of the composer.
 - provide proof of original scores or authorized copies of music containing solo and accompaniment in the proper key, one for the adjudicator and one for the accompanist. Legally downloaded music [receipt of purchase or proof of Public Domain] is permissible but it shall be printed double-sided and placed in a binder [not in sheet protectors] for the adjudicator. All copyrights must be observed.
 - number the first bar of each line in both the solo part and whole score.
 - perform repertoire that meets the repertoire requirements outlined in their class description.
 - submit a head shot or other suitable photo as a jpeg file with their registration.
 - attend all mandatory events, such as competitor orientation, adjudication workshop/masterclass and professional development workshops, if offered.
2. Competitors are:
 - allowed the number of performance minutes outlined in their class description. Exceeding the time limit will result in disqualification. The performance time begins with the first note/word and ends with the last note/word.
 - advised to reflect a variety of styles and periods in their choice of repertoire. They are also encouraged to use Canadian and Indigenous compositions in their performances.
3. Repetition of music is not allowed for competitors returning to the National Music Festival.
4. Memorization requirements are outlined in class descriptions. If playing with music, the competitor must use an original score or a digital score on tablet as per above guidelines.
5. Competitors are allowed to make brief introductory remarks for some, or all, of their selections performed in competition, if desired. Introductory remarks are included in their overall performance time.
6. Accompaniment is restricted to the piano, unless otherwise indicated in the score.
7. Accompanists must have a legal score on stage. Accompanists are permitted to use digital scores on tablet computers such as iPads, provided they can clearly show at registration that copyright laws have been observed [receipt of purchase or proof of Public Domain]. All copyrights must be observed.
8. First Place Emerging Artist Winners must compete in the Grand Award Competition.

RECORDING REGULATIONS

1. Professional recordings are not required for the competition, but good audio and visual quality is very important. The quality on most cell phones is adequate.
2. Video recording can be done in home or studio or other location
 - Must include a clear picture of the student performing showing face or facial profile, hands (in the case of pianist and instrumentalist), and instrument
 - One take recording
 - Editing or splicing in any form is strictly prohibited
 - Camera angle must remain consistent throughout the performance
 - The complete performance of all pieces should be performed consecutively on one video without stopping the camera during breaks. Please be aware of time limits.
3. Video file is to be uploaded to a YouTube channel as an 'unlisted' video. These videos can only be viewed by someone with the link.
4. A PDF file of the score for each selection performed is named with the following naming convention *Discipline_Province_ClassNumber_CompetitorName_Selection_Composer* and uploaded to a cloud format [DropBox, Google Drive, iCloud etc.]. Example: Piano_NS_202_JaneSmith_Prelude No. 6_JohannSebastianBach
 - The PDF must include the cover and/or title page of the book and all pages of music performed in the competition
 - If the selection score is a digital download, the receipt for digital purchase or proof of Public Domain must be included in the PDF file
 - The first measure of each line must be numbered.
5. Recorded entries are submitted through the FCMF website by placing links to the following files in the designated fields of the registration form along with payment of entry fee on or before the entry deadline stated in class description:
 - The recording for the complete performance as outlined in #3 above
 - A clear, scanned copy of each score and named as outlined in #4 above
 - A headshot, or other suitable photo, of competitor submitted as a jpeg file

The use of photocopied, duplicated, or altered copyright music by competitors or accompanists in the FCMF National Music Festival is not permitted.

CLASS 100 – VOCAL SOLO

Voice type must be stated on entry form.

Participants are expected to perform a well-rounded recital program with **the number of selections for their level as indicated in the chart below** reflecting a variety of styles and periods.

- Selections* recommended from the Local and Provincial Festivals must be performed
- Additional selections* may be added to the program
- The inclusion of Canadian and Indigenous compositions is encouraged
- Memorization is required

Class	#101 Emerging Artist	#102 Developing Artist	#103 Non-Competitive Education Stream
Age	30 years of age and under	18 years of age and under	18 years of age and under
Repertoire Level	Advanced concert	Intermediate concert level comparable to RCM/CC levels 8-10	Junior concert level comparable to RCM/CC levels 4-7
Performance Time [First note or word to last note or word, including breaks]	45 minutes maximum	30 minutes maximum	15 minutes maximum
Additional Repertoire Information	At least five selections Three or more languages A*multi-movement/song cycle is required as one of the five selections. At least four movements of the selection or the complete song cycle if less than four movements. If the work is performed at the Provincial Festival, additional movements may be added.	At least three selections Two or more languages A*multi-movement/song cycle is permitted but not required	Two selections More than one language is permissible
Entry Fee	\$225	\$175	\$75
Registration Deadline	June 20 if live; July 15 if virtual	July 12	July 5
Required Repertoire at Local Festival	At least two advanced selections* , or participation in a Provincial/National Class	At least two intermediate selections* , or participation in a Provincial/National Class	At least two junior selections* , or participation in a Provincial/National Class
Required Repertoire at Provincial Festival/Local Stream Qualifying Round	At least three advanced selections* , including the selections recommended from the Local Festival, or participation in a Provincial/National Class Two or more languages	At least two intermediate selections* including the selections recommended from the Local Festival, or participation in a Provincial/National Class	At least two junior selections* including the selections recommended from the Local Festival, or participation in a Provincial/National Class

* A selection is defined as “a single movement composition, or one or more movements of a multi-movement composition”. A group of songs by the same composer or from an existing song cycle by a composer is acceptable as a multi-movement work.

CLASS 200 – PIANO SOLO

Participants are expected to perform a well-rounded recital program with **the number of selections for their level as indicated in the chart below** reflecting a variety of styles and periods.

- Selections* recommended from the Local and Provincial Festivals must be performed
- Additional selections* may be added to the program
- The inclusion of Canadian and Indigenous compositions is encouraged
- Memorization is required

Class	#201 Emerging Artist	#202 Developing Artist	#203 Non-Competitive Education Stream
Age	30 years of age and under	18 years of age and under	18 years of age and under
Repertoire Level	Advanced concert	Intermediate concert repertoire comparable to RCM/CC levels 8-10 **Vincent D'Indy Grade 6-8	Junior concert level comparable to RCM/CC levels 4-7 **Vincent D'Indy Grade 2-5
Performance Time [First note or word to last note or word, including breaks]	60 minutes maximum	45 minutes maximum	15 minutes maximum
Additional Repertoire Information	At least two advanced selections reflecting a variety of styles and periods and including one or more movements of a multi-movement work	At least two selections* A*multi-movement work is permitted but not required	Two contrasting selections* A*multi-movement work is permitted but not required
Entry Fee	\$225	\$175	\$75
Registration Deadline	June 20 if live; July 15 if virtual	July 12	July 5
Required Repertoire at Local Festival	At least two advanced selections* , or participation in a Provincial/National Class	At least two intermediate selections* , or participation in a Provincial/National Class	At least two junior selections* , or participation in a Provincial/National Class
Required Repertoire at Provincial Festival/Local Stream Qualifying Round	At least two advanced selections* , including the selections recommended from the Local Festival, or participation in a Provincial/National Class	At least two intermediate selections* including the selections recommended from the Local Festival, or participation in a Provincial/National Class	At least two junior selections* including the selections recommended from the Local Festival, or participation in a Provincial/National Class

* A selection is defined as “a single movement composition, or one or more movements of a multi-movement composition.” In addition to Sonatas, Concertos, Suites etc., a group of pieces by the same composer or from an existing Collection by a composer is acceptable as a multi-movement work.

**Vincent D'Indy is a French Conservatory offering the classical repertoire over 10 grade levels. The Royal Conservatory and Conservatory Canada offer basically the same repertoire over 12 levels [Introductory, 1-10, and Diploma], thus the inherent difference in gradings.

CLASS 300 – STRING SOLO

Guitar performers must enter Class 400.

Instrument must be stated on entry form.

Participants are expected to perform a well-rounded recital program with **the number of selections for their level as indicated in the chart below** reflecting a variety of styles and periods.

- Selections* recommended from the Local and Provincial Festivals must be performed.
- Additional selections* may be added to the program
- The inclusion of Canadian and Indigenous compositions is encouraged
- Memorization is required except for Sonata selections

Class	#301 Emerging Artist	#302 Developing Artist	#303 Non-Competitive Education Stream
Age	30 years of age and under	18 years of age and under	18 years of age and under
Repertoire Level	Advanced concert	RCM/CC Grades 8-10 **Vincent D'Indy Grade 6-8 [violin] Grades 4-6 [cello]	Junior concert level comparable to RCM/CC levels 4-7 **Vincent D'Indy Grade 2-5
Performance Time [First note or word to last note or word, including breaks]	60 minutes maximum	45 minutes maximum	15 minutes maximum
Additional Repertoire Information	At least two advanced selections reflecting a variety of styles and periods and including one or more movements of a multi-movement work	At least two selections* A*multi-movement work is permitted but not required	Two contrasting selections* A*multi-movement work is permitted but not required
Entry Fee	\$225	\$175	\$75
Registration Deadline	June 20 if live; July 15 if virtual	July 12	July 5
Required Repertoire at Local Festival	At least two advanced selections* , or participation in a Provincial/National Class	At least two intermediate selections* , or participation in a Provincial/National Class	At least two junior selections* , or participation in a Provincial/National Class
Required Repertoire at Provincial Festival/Local Stream Qualifying Round	At least two advanced selections* , including the selections recommended from the Local Festival, or participation in a Provincial/National Class	At least two intermediate selections* including the selections recommended from the Local Festival, or participation in a Provincial/National Class	At least two junior selections* including the selections recommended from the Local Festival, or participation in a Provincial/National Class

* A selection is defined as "a single movement composition or one or more movements of a multi-movement composition." In addition to Sonatas, Concertos, Suites etc., a group of pieces by the same composer or from an existing Collection by a composer is acceptable as a multi-movement work.

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CLASS 400 – CLASSICAL GUITAR SOLO

Participants are expected to perform a well-rounded recital program with **the number of selections for their level as indicated in the chart below** reflecting a variety of styles and periods.

- Selections* recommended from the Local and Provincial Festivals must be performed.
- Piano accompaniment is permitted, where appropriate
- Additional selections* may be added to the program
- The inclusion of Canadian and Indigenous compositions is encouraged
- Memorization is required

Class	#401 Emerging Artist	#402 Developing Artist	#403 Non-Competitive Education Stream
Age	30 years of age and under	18 years of age and under	18 years of age and under
Repertoire Level	Advanced concert	Intermediate concert repertoire comparable to RCM/CC levels 8-10	Junior concert level comparable to RCM/CC levels 4-7
Performance Time [First note or word to last note or word, including breaks]	45 minutes maximum	30 minutes maximum	15 minutes maximum
Additional Repertoire Information	At least two advanced selections reflecting a variety of styles and periods and including a complete multi-movement work OR at least three advanced selections if a complete multi-movement work is not included.	At least two selections* A*multi-movement work is permitted but not required	Two contrasting selections* A*multi-movement work is permitted but not required
Entry Fee	\$225	\$175	\$75
Registration Deadline	June 20 if live; July 15 if virtual	July 12	July 5
Required Repertoire at Local Festival	At least two advanced selections* , or participation in a Provincial/National Class	At least two intermediate selections* , or participation in a Provincial/National Class	At least two junior selections* , or participation in a Provincial/National Class
Required Repertoire at Provincial Festival/Local Stream Qualifying Round	At least two advanced selections* including the selections recommended from the Local Festival, or participation in a Provincial/National Class	At least two intermediate selections* including the selections recommended from the Local Festival, or participation in a Provincial/National Class	At least two junior selections* including the selections recommended from the Local Festival, or participation in a Provincial/National Class

* A selection is defined as “a single movement composition or one or more movements of a multi-movement composition.” In addition to Sonatas, Concertos, Suites etc., a group of pieces by the same composer or from an existing Collection by a composer is acceptable as a multi-movement work.

CLASS 5 – WOODWIND SOLO

Instrument must be stated on entry form.

Participants are expected to perform a well-rounded recital program with **the number of selections for their level as indicated in the chart below** reflecting a variety of styles and periods.

- Selections* recommended from the Local and Provincial Festivals must be performed.
- Additional selections* may be added to the program
- The inclusion of Canadian and Indigenous compositions is encouraged
- Memorization is encouraged but not required

Class	#501 Emerging Artist	#502 Developing Artist	#503 Non-Competitive Education Stream
Age	30 years of age and under	18 years of age and under	18 years of age and under
Repertoire Level	Advanced concert	Intermediate concert repertoire comparable to RCM/CC levels 8-10	Junior concert level comparable to RCM/CC levels 4-7
Performance Time [First note or word to last note or word, including breaks]	60 minutes maximum	45 minutes maximum	15 minutes maximum
Additional Repertoire Information	At least two advanced selections reflecting a variety of styles and periods and including a complete multi-movement work OR at least three advanced selections if a complete multi-movement work is not included.	At least two contrasting selections* A*multi-movement work is permitted but not required	Two contrasting selections* A*multi-movement work is permitted but not required
Entry Fee	\$225	\$175	\$75
Registration Deadline	June 20 if live; July 15 if virtual	July 12	July 5
Required Repertoire at Local Festival	At least two advanced selections* , or participation in a Provincial/National Class	At least two intermediate selections* , or participation in a Provincial/National Class	At least two junior selections* , or participation in a Provincial/National Class
Required Repertoire at Provincial Festival/Local Stream Qualifying Round	At least two advanced selections* including the selections recommended from the Local Festival, or participation in a Provincial/National Class	At least two intermediate selections* including the selections recommended from the Local Festival, or participation in a Provincial/National Class	At least two junior selections* including the selections recommended from the Local Festival, or participation in a Provincial/National Class

* A selection is defined as “a single movement composition or one or more movements of a multi-movement composition.” In addition to Sonatas, Concertos, Suites etc., a group of pieces by the same composer or from an existing Collection by a composer is acceptable as a multi-movement work.

CLASS 600 – BRASS SOLO

Instrument must be stated on entry form.

Participants are expected to perform a well-rounded recital program with **the number of selections for their level as indicated in the chart below** reflecting a variety of styles and periods.

- Selections* recommended from the Local and Provincial Festivals must be performed.
- Additional selections* may be added to the program
- The inclusion of Canadian and Indigenous compositions is encouraged
- Memorization is encouraged but not required

Class	#601 Emerging Artist	#601 Developing Artist	#603 Non-Competitive Education Stream
Age	30 years of age and under	18 years of age and under	18 years of age and under
Repertoire Level	Advanced concert	Intermediate concert repertoire comparable to RCM/CC levels 8-10	Junior concert level comparable to RCM/CC levels 4-7
Performance Time [First note or word to last note or word, including breaks]	45 minutes maximum	30 minutes maximum	15 minutes maximum
Additional Repertoire Information	At least two advanced selections reflecting a variety of styles and periods and including a complete multi-movement work OR at least three advanced selections if a complete multi-movement work is not included.	At least two contrasting selections* A*multi-movement work is permitted but not required	Two contrasting selections* A*multi-movement work is permitted but not required
Entry Fee	\$225	\$175	\$75
Registration Deadline	June 20 if live; July 15 if virtual	July 12	July 5
Required Repertoire at Local Festival	At least two advanced selections* , or participation in a Provincial/National Class	At least two intermediate selections* , or participation in a Provincial/National Class	At least two junior selections* , or participation in a Provincial/National Class
Required Repertoire at Provincial Festival/Local Stream Qualifying Round	At least two advanced selections* including the selections recommended from the Local Festival, or participation in a Provincial/National Class	At least two intermediate selections* including the selections recommended from the Local Festival, or participation in a Provincial/National Class	At least two junior selections* including the selections recommended from the Local Festival, or participation in a Provincial/National Class

* A selection is defined as “a single movement composition or one or more movements of a multi-movement composition.” In addition to Sonatas, Concertos, Suites etc., a group of pieces by the same composer or from an existing Collection by a composer is acceptable as a multi-movement work.

CLASS 700 – PERCUSSION SOLO

Instruments must be stated on entry form.

Participants are expected to perform a well-rounded recital program with **the number of selections for their level as indicated in the chart below** reflecting a variety of styles and periods.

- Selections* recommended from the Local and Provincial Festivals must be performed
- Competitors are encouraged to use a variety of instruments in their performance
- Piano accompaniment is permitted, where appropriate
- Additional selections* may be added to the program
- The inclusion of Canadian and Indigenous compositions is encouraged
- Memorization is encouraged but not required

Class	#701 Emerging Artist	#702 Developing Artist	#703 Non-Competitive Education Stream
Age	30 years of age and under	18 years of age and under	18 years of age and under
Repertoire Level	Advanced concert	Intermediate concert repertoire comparable to RCM/CC levels 8-10	Junior concert level comparable to RCM/CC levels 4-7
Performance Time [First note or word to last note or word, including breaks]	60 minutes maximum	45 minutes maximum	15 minutes maximum
Additional Repertoire Information	At least two advanced selections reflecting a variety of styles and periods and including a complete multi-movement work OR at least three advanced selections if a complete multi-movement work is not included.	At least two contrasting selections* A*multi-movement work is permitted but not required	Two contrasting selections* A*multi-movement work is permitted but not required
Entry Fee	\$225	\$175	\$75
Registration Deadline	June 20 if live; July 15 if virtual	July 12	July 5
Required Repertoire at Local Festival	At least two advanced selections* , or participation in a Provincial/National Class	At least two intermediate selections* , or participation in a Provincial/National Class	At least two junior selections* , or participation in a Provincial/National Class
Required Repertoire at Provincial Festival/Local Stream Qualifying Round	At least two advanced selections* including the selections recommended from the Local Festival, or participation in a Provincial/National Class	At least two intermediate selections* including the selections recommended from the Local Festival, or participation in a Provincial/National Class	At least two junior selections* including the selections recommended from the Local Festival, or participation in a Provincial/National Class

* A selection is defined as “a single movement composition or one or more movements of a multi-movement composition.” In addition to Sonatas, Concertos, Suites etc., a group of pieces by the same composer or from an existing Collection by a composer is acceptable as a multi-movement work.

CLASS 800 – MUSICAL THEATRE SOLO

Voice type must be stated on entry form.

Participants are expected to perform a well-rounded recital program with **the number of selections for their level as indicated in the chart below** reflecting a variety of styles and periods.

- Selections recommended from the Local and Provincial Festivals **must** be performed
- Additional selections may be added to the program
- All selections are to be sung from a published score, in any published key of a **staged musical**
- The original copy can be the Broadway score, from an Anthology, or purchased online [proof of purchase must be provided].
- The score submitted must match the version/revision being performed. The year of the revision is to be indicated on the entry form.
- The inclusion of Canadian and Indigenous compositions is encouraged
- Memorization is required

Definitions

- Musical – a group of pieces connected by a story line and characters
- Staged musical – written with the intent to be performed on stage, with set, costumes etc.
- Non-staged musical – written for movies only
- Revue – a group of pieces in musical theatre style without the connecting story line, although there may be a common theme
- Character piece – a piece in musical theatre style that is not part of a show and is sometimes known as a ‘stand-alone piece’
- Operetta – falls somewhere between an opera and a musical. Like a musical, it most often contains spoken dialogue as well as song; tend to be shorter and less complex than traditional operas.
- Ballad - used to describe music with a slower tempo, often of a serious or introspective nature, e.g. – “On My Own” [from Les Misérables].
- Up-Tempo - used to describe music with a lively tempo, often comedy, e.g. – “One Hundred Easy Ways” [from Wonderful Town].

Class	#801 Emerging Artist	#802 Developing Artist	#803 Non-Competitive Education Stream
Age	30 years of age and under	18 years of age and under	18 years of age and under
Repertoire Level	Advanced concert	Intermediate concert repertoire comparable to RCM/CC levels 8-10	Junior concert level comparable to RCM/CC levels 4-7
Performance Time [First note or word to last note or word, including breaks]	45 minutes maximum	30 minutes maximum	15 minutes maximum
Additional Repertoire Information	<p>At least five selections reflecting a variety of styles and periods.</p> <p>Spoken passages are allowed only if published in the script/score provided.</p> <p>Selections are not to include revues, operetta/light opera [e.g. Romberg, Johann Strauss, Lehár, and Offenbach].</p>	<p>At least three selections reflecting a variety of styles and periods.</p> <p>Spoken passages are allowed only if published in the script/score provided.</p> <p>Selections are not to include revues, operetta/light opera [e.g. Romberg, Johann Strauss, Lehár, and Offenbach].</p>	<p>Two contrasting selections</p> <p>Spoken passages are allowed only if published in the script/score provided.</p> <p>Selections are not to include revues, operetta/light opera [e.g. Romberg, Johann Strauss, Lehár, and Offenbach].</p>
Additional Performance Information	Competitors may perform in costume and use costume enhancements [e.g. hat, scarf,	Competitors may perform in costume and use costume enhancements [e.g. hat, scarf,	Competitors may perform in costume and use costume enhancements [e.g. hat, scarf,

	jacket, shawl] and one hand prop per selection. Competitors may leave the stage briefly for a drink of water or to facilitate an entrance but must not leave the stage for complete costume changes.	jacket, shawl] and one hand prop per selection. Competitors may leave the stage briefly for a drink of water or to facilitate an entrance but must not leave the stage for complete costume changes.	jacket, shawl] and one hand prop per selection. Competitors may leave the stage briefly for a drink of water or to facilitate an entrance but must not leave the stage for complete costume changes.
Entry Fee	\$225	\$175	\$75
Registration Deadline	June 20 if live; July 15 if virtual	July 12	July 5
Required Repertoire at Local Festival	At least two advanced selections , or participation in a Provincial/National Class. The recommended selections must include a Ballad* and Up-Tempo work**.	At least two intermediate selections* , or participation in a Provincial/National Class	At least two junior selections* , or participation in a Provincial/National Class
Required Repertoire at Provincial Festival/Local Stream Qualifying Round	At least three advanced selections including the selections recommended from the Local Festival, or participation in a Provincial/National Class	At least two intermediate selections* including the selections recommended from the Local Festival, or participation in a Provincial/National Class	At least two junior selections* including the selections recommended from the Local Festival, or participation in a Provincial/National Class

RECORDED STREAM

Choral - #9100 [9101 – 9112]

Chamber Ensembles - #9200 [9201-9203]

Band - #9300 [9301-9304]

Orchestra - #9400 [9401 -9404]

PROCEDURE TO QUALIFY FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE FCMF NATIONAL MUSIC FESTIVAL

- Before competing in the National Music Festival, groups must first qualify at an affiliated Local Music Festival in the province where they live or study. The majority of members must study or reside in the province they wish to represent.
- After attaining the required standard, groups must be recommended by the adjudicator[s] to proceed to the Provincial or Local Stream Qualifying Round level of competition. The winner in each class at the Provincial or Local Stream Qualifying Round level of competition is then eligible to compete in the National Music Festival, if recommended by the adjudicator.
- Entries are submitted through the FCMF website by **June 30th**.
- Entry fee of \$125 is payable at time of registration.
- Groups are responsible for covering the cost of their recording and accompanist for the National Music Festival.

PROCESS

The competition is conducted at three progressive levels:

Local Festival

Adjudicators at the Local Festival may choose, in each of the Choral or Ensemble categories, groups that are deemed to be of National standard. The competition is based on the performance of TWO CONTRASTING SELECTIONS, only ONE of which may include brief solo or solo ensemble passages. Signed recommendation along with recordings and a digital copy of the music scores must be submitted to the Provincial Administrator.

Provincial Festival and Local Stream Qualifying Round

Groups submitting recordings to the Provincial or Local Stream Qualifying Round level of competition must perform the same selections on which they were recommended by the adjudicator at the Local level. Adjudicators at the Provincial or Local Stream Qualifying Round level may choose, in each category submitted, **one** group that is deemed to be of a national standard.

The adjudicator for each provincial music festival and the Local Stream Qualifying Round is allowed to send 2 extra groups, chosen from across the classes, with no more than one extra submission per class. The signed recommendation along with the recording, a digital copy of the music scores, and the entry fee as outlined above must be submitted by **June 30th**.

National Festival

Groups submitting recordings to the National level of competition must perform the same selections on which they were recommended by the adjudicator at the Local and Provincial/Local Stream Qualifying Round levels. Recordings are adjudicated and the participants are notified.

ADJUDICATORS

FCMF engages nationally and internationally known musicians to adjudicate the National Music Festival.

CONCEPT

The National Music Festival is the culmination of many months of musical activity, encompassing learning, performing, and competition. A high standard of music performance is expected at each level – Local Festival, Provincial Festival, and National Festival.

RECORDED CHORAL CLASSES

CHORAL CLASS REGULATIONS

These rules apply to all classes: Participation is limited to amateur Canadian choirs, performing in the appropriate class[es] at affiliated festivals.

1. A choir may enter only one choral class between #9102 and #9111 at the National level. They may enter Class #9101 [Glee/Show/Musical Group] as well.
2. Only selections performed, adjudicated and recommended from Local and Provincial Festivals are acceptable.
3. The competition is based on the performance of TWO CONTRASTING SELECTIONS, only ONE of which may include brief solo or solo ensemble passages. Please note that the definition of the term 'selection' for choral classes is "one piece of music by a composer and not two or more short pieces from a collection, cycle or larger work".
4. In classes 9102-9111, the total number of bars of the solo or solo ensemble passage[s] must not exceed 10% of the total length of the selection. In class 9101 [Glee/Show/Musical Group] the total number of bars of the solo or solo ensemble passage[s] must not exceed 20% of the total length of the selection.
5. The inclusion of Canadian and Indigenous compositions is encouraged.
6. These classes are open to equal and/or mixed voices.
7. Ages are determined as of December 31 preceding the festival.
8. \$125 Entry includes written comments from the adjudicator.

CHORAL RECORDING REGULATIONS

1. A link to each audio recording is required for submission of choral entries in classes 9102-9111.
2. Class 9101 [Glee choir] requires a video recording submitted by link to a YouTube channel as an 'unlisted' video.
3. Recordings must be completed with the same choir, conductor, accompanist, and accompaniment as in the **original local performance**. The recording must be one take.
4. No acoustic or electronic compensation, filtering, or other enhancement is to be used while [or post] recording.
5. Recordings and music scores should contain no reference to the name of the choir, its conductor, or the festival, from which it has been sent.
6. All copyrights regarding music must be observed.
7. Choral entries are submitted through the FCMF website by placing links to the following files in the designated fields of the registration form along with payment of \$125 Entry Fee, on or before the entry deadline:
 - The audio recordings for each selection
 - A clear, scanned copy of each score [including a picture of the cover, receipt for digital purchase or proof of Public Domain] with the first measure in each line numbered.
 - A short biography of the ensemble or choir and a group photo

GLEE/SHOW/MUSICAL THEATRE GROUP

Class 9101

- This class is open to school and community choirs and ensembles [a minimum of 6 singers]
- Any combination of ages and voices
- Both selections must contain staging and/or choreography
- Time Limit: 20 minutes
- Video with Audio

ENSEMBLES

Class 9102 – Ensemble

- An ensemble may only have 6-12 singers
- At least one selection in three or more parts
- This class is open to both school and community groups

SCHOOL CHOIRS

- A minimum of 13 singers
- The members of a school choir must all be from the same school
- Only one folk song is permitted
- Audio recording only

Class 9103 – Grade 12 & Under

- At least one selection sung in three or more parts

Class 9104 – Grade 10 & Under

- At least one selection sung in three or more parts

Class 9105 – Grade 8 & Under

- At least one selection sung in two or more parts

Class 9106 – Grade 6 & Under

- One selection sung in two parts is strongly encouraged

Class 9107 – Grade 4 & Under

- Unison only

COMMUNITY CHOIRS

- A minimum of 13 singers is required
- Only one folk song is permitted
- Audio recording only

Class 9108 – 19 & Over

- The majority of members must be 19 years of age and over
- At least one selection sung in three or more parts

Class 9109 – 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 9110 – 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 9111 – 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

RECORDED INSTRUMENTAL ENSEMBLE CLASSES

INSTRUMENTAL ENSEMBLE CLASS REGULATIONS

These rules apply to all classes:

1. Participation is limited to amateur Canadian groups, performing in the appropriate class[es] at affiliated festivals.
2. Groups may enter only one ensemble class at the National level.
3. Only selections performed, adjudicated and recommended from Local and Provincial/Local Stream Qualifying Round festivals are acceptable.
4. Please note that the definition of the term 'selection' for large ensemble classes is "a single movement composition OR one or more movements of a multi-movement composition". A group of pieces by the same composer or from an existing collection by a composer is acceptable as a multi-movement work.
5. The competition is based on the performance of TWO CONTRASTING SELECTIONS, only ONE of which may include brief solo or solo ensemble passages. Multi-movements of one piece will be counted as one selection.
6. The total number of bars of the solo or solo ensemble passage[s] must not exceed 10% of the total length of the selection.
7. The inclusion of Canadian and Indigenous compositions is encouraged.
8. \$125 Entry includes written comments from the adjudicator.

INSTRUMENTAL ENSEMBLE RECORDING REGULATIONS

1. A link to each audio recording is required for submission of large ensemble entries.
2. Recordings must be completed with the same group and conductor as in the **original local performance**. The recording must be done in one-take .
3. No acoustic or electronic compensation, filtering, or other enhancement is to be used while [or post] recording.
4. Recordings and music scores should contain no reference to the name of the group, its conductor, or the festival from which it has been sent.
5. All copyrights regarding music must be observed.
6. Recorded Instrumental Ensemble entries are submitted through the FCMF website by placing links to the following files in the designated fields of the registration form along with payment of \$125 Entry Fee, on or before the entry deadline: The recording for each selection
 - Audio recording for each selection
 - A clear, scanned copy of each score [including a picture of the cover, receipt for digital purchase or proof of Public Domain] with the first measure in each line numbered.
 - A short biography of the group and group photo

CHAMBER ENSEMBLES 9200

- A combination of any recognized orchestral instruments including harp, guitar, recorder and/or percussion with or without piano and/or one voice, with a minimum of 3 to a maximum of 6 performers each having their own part.
- The majority of members in a chamber group must reside or study in the province they represent.
- Only one substitution is permitted for a Chamber Group with the approval of the FCMF Officers.
- When piano is included, the piano part must be original and not an orchestral reduction.
- Instrumentation and amplification may be used only as indicated in the original score.
- Repetition of music is not allowed for chamber groups returning to the National Music Festival when more than one member returns.

Class 9201 – Advanced

- 30 years of age and under
- Advanced concert repertoire

Class 9202 – Intermediate

- 18 years of age and under
- Intermediate concert repertoire

Class 9203 – Junior

- 18 years of age and under
- Junior concert repertoire

BAND 9300

- The members of a school group must all be from the same school, up to and including Grade 12 students.

Class 9301 - School Concert Band

Class 9302 - School Jazz Band

Class 9303 - Community Concert Band

Class 9304 - Community Jazz Band

ORCHESTRA 9400

- The members of a school group must all be from the same school, up to and including Grade 12 students.

Class 9401 - School Full Orchestra [including strings, winds, and percussion]

Class 9402 - School String Orchestra

Class 9403 - Community Full Orchestra [including strings, winds, and percussion]

Class 9404 - Community String Orchestra

COMPOSITION STREAM

The FCMF National Music Festival provides opportunity for the following types of composition to be submitted and adjudicated:

- **Solo/Duo** – for one or two instrument[s] or voice[s]. An accompaniment is permitted. Please indicate instrument[s] on your score.
- **Ensemble** – any combination of three or more instruments and/or voices, including orchestral and choral scores. Please indicate instruments/voices on your score.

COMPOSITION CLASS REGULATIONS

1. Composition classes are non-competitive. The entry fee includes an adjudication workshop. Competitors will receive a certificate with gold, silver, or bronze seal indicating the standard received.
2. Participation is limited to unpublished works by non-professional composers.
3. This is a recorded competition. Competitors are not required to attend the FCMF National Music Festival. Each entry will consist of a printed score [PDF] and a digital recording [live or midi] of the composition [MP3 or MP4], submitted electronically. The performance does not have to be by the composer.
4. Each entry is assumed to be the original work of the individual whose name appears on the entry form attached to the manuscript. Any infraction of this regulation would result in the disqualification of the entry.
5. All rights to his/her original work will be retained by the competitor; however, by entering the competition you agree that your composition may be published, recorded, and available to be downloaded for public use from the FCMF websites, or employed by FCMF for publicity purposes after consultation with and agreement of the competitor.
6. Manuscripts printed by computers are encouraged. Handwritten manuscripts should be neat and legibly written in black ink, in regulation manuscript size, including all necessary details of dynamics, editing and tempo, with the first measure of each line numbered. Please retain the original copy of your submitted work.
7. All entries must include a Title Page, including the name of the selection and instrumentation, and a short section of age-appropriate programme notes or notes to the performer. Please see <https://fcmf.org/festival-resources/> for a Title Page template and samples.
8. The \$125 entry fee includes a written comments and a workshop with the adjudicator.

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- Before competing in the National Music Festival, competitors must first qualify at an affiliated Local Music Festival in the province where they live or study.
- After attaining the required standard, competitors must be recommended by the adjudicator[s] to proceed to the Provincial or Local Stream Qualifying Round level of competition. The winner in each class at the Provincial or Local Stream Qualifying Round level of competition is then eligible to compete in the National Music Festival, if recommended by the adjudicator.
- Entries are submitted through the FCMF website by **June 30th**.
- Entry fee of \$125 is payable at time of registration.
- Competitors are responsible for covering the cost of their recording for the National Music Festival.

PROCESS

The competition is conducted at three progressive levels:

Local Festival

Adjudicators at the Local Festival may choose, in each Composition class, an entry that is deemed to be of National standard. The competition is based on the submission of one original composition. Signed recommendation along with recording and a digital copy of the music score must be submitted to the Provincial Administrator.

Provincial Festival and Local Stream Qualifying Round

Competitors recommended to the Provincial or Local Stream Qualifying Round level of competition must submit the same original composition on which they were recommended by the adjudicator at the Local level. Adjudicators at the Provincial or Local Stream Qualifying Round level may choose, in each class, **one** composition that is deemed to be of a national standard.

The composition adjudicator for each provincial music festival and the Local Stream Qualifying Round is allowed to send 2 extra submissions, chosen from across the classes, with no more than one extra submission per class. The signed recommendation along with the recording, a digital copy of the music score, and the entry fee as outlined above must be submitted by **June 30th**.

National Festival

Competitors recommended to National level of competition must submit the same original composition on which they were recommended by the adjudicator at the Local and Provincial/Local Stream Qualifying Round levels. Compositions are adjudicated and the participants are notified.

ADJUDICATORS

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CLASS 9500 – SOLO/DUO COMPOSITION

- A composition for one or two instruments[s] or voice[s]
- An accompaniment is permitted.

Class	9501 - Advanced	9502 - Intermediate	9503 - Junior
Age	30 years of age and under	18 years of age and under	14 years of age and under
Entry Fee	\$125	\$125	\$125
Registration Deadline	June 30	July 30	July 30

CLASS 9500 – ENSEMBLE COMPOSITION

- A composition for any combination of three or more instruments and/or voices, including orchestral and choral scores.

Class	9504 - Advanced	9505 - Intermediate	9506 - Junior
Age	30 years of age and under	18 years of age and under	14 years of age and under
Entry Fee	\$125	\$125	\$125
Registration Deadline	June 30	July 30	July 30