

**THE
ALBERTA
MUSIC
FESTIVAL
ASSOCIATION**

**2019
Syllabus**



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CHANGES TO 2019 SYLLABUS

Watch for ****NEW IN 2019**** and/or **HIGHLIGHTING** throughout the syllabus.

Area of Change:	Details:
AMFA & FCMF (National Music Festival)	At the 2018 Annual General Meeting (AGM), member festivals voted for the Alberta Music Festival Association (AMFA) to withdraw its membership in the Federation of Canadian Music Festivals (FCMF). See Page 2 for a letter from AMFA President Beth Cook.
Local Rules	There have been a few updates to <i>Rules Governing the Local Festivals</i> . Changes are clearly noted and highlighted.
Local Classes – String	String Solo – Contemporary/Modern Composers has been split into two (2) groups: String Solo – 20th Century Composers 1900-1954 and String Solo – 20th/21st Century Composers 1955-Present with class numbers changed as required.
Local Classes – Percussion	A number of new Local Percussion Classes have been added and numbering adjusted to accommodate the new classes.
Local Classes – Piano	In both Piano Plan I and Piano Plan II , a caveat has been added to state that whichever plan you enter at the Local Level is the same plan you must be recommended to at the Provincial Level.
Local Classes – Piano	In both Piano Plan I and Piano Plan II , Piano Solo – Contemporary/Modern Composers has been changed to Piano Solo – 20th Century Composers 1900-1970 , and Piano Solo – Contemporary Idiom has been changed to Piano Solo – 20th/21st Century Composers 1971-Present .
Local Classes – Speech	Class 80000 Alberta Excellence Speech has been <i>added</i> and Twentieth/Twenty-First Century Poetry Solo has been <i>renamed</i> 20th/21st Century Poetry Solo .
Musical Theatre Props	This has been updated to hopefully provide more clarity.
Provincial Rules	A number of <i>Rules Governing the Provincial Festival</i> have been updated. Changes are clearly noted and highlighted.
Provincial Classes – Additions	There have been additions in Chamber, Speech, and Percussion.
Provincial Piano Class 710	The caveat previously stating “may be from Plan I or Plan II” has been removed, and competitors must have been in Plan II at the Local Level.
Provincial Classes – Name Changes	Classes that were previously called Provincial National are <i>now called</i> Alberta Excellence – including a new Alberta Excellence Speech Class .
Provincial Class Time Limits	There have been changes to the time limits of some of the String Solo classes.
Appendix IV – Alberta Excellence Classes	Appendix IV contains information regarding the requirements for the new Alberta Excellence Classes.
Appendix V – Guidance RE: Recording of Performances and Adjudications	Appendix V gives more detailed background on recording performers and adjudicators.

****NEW IN 2019****

**Please note this letter from the President, Executive, and Delegates to the
Alberta Music Festival Association (AMFA)**

October 22, 2018

Dear AMFA Members and Festival Participants,

It is with some sadness that I have to report that, at the 2018 AMFA Annual General Meeting (AGM), **Alberta voted to leave the Federation of Canadian Music Festivals (FCMF) immediately**. The vote was unanimous with one abstention. Each year, it costs our Festivals about \$40,000 to send participants and delegates to the National Festival. There are usually 6-10 participants and 4 delegates who attend.

As you recognize this is a lot of money; and, it is money from your Local Festivals and participants. Over the past two years, the FCMF has displayed a significant lack of fiscal responsibility, questionable governance, and has clearly shown a lack of transparency. We felt it best to leave. Although we have tried, we don't seem to be able to change things.

The week before our AGM, British Columbia voted to leave as well, and for the same reasons.

The result of this is that there are no longer any Provincial National Classes in Alberta. However, in their place for this year, we have instituted **ALBERTA EXCELLENCE CLASSES** in Voice, Piano, Guitar, Musical Theatre, Percussion, Strings, Brass, Woodwinds, Chamber Music, **AND** Speech. Speech was never a part of the FCMF, and we are very happy to add it. Each Alberta Festival can have one person in each class, and the prize for each **ALBERTA EXCELLENCE CLASS** is \$1,000.00. These competitions will take place at the Alberta Provincial Music Festival — the criteria for each class are outlined under **ALBERTA EXCELLENCE CLASSES** in the **PROVINCIAL SYLLABUS**.

Choirs will also have **ALBERTA EXCELLENCE CLASSES** that reflect the same classes that were in the National Syllabus (i.e. 19 & Under). The criteria for those classes remain the same as in the past. These will continue to be recorded competitions, at least for this year. The prize for each **ALBERTA EXCELLENCE CHOIR CLASS** is \$1,000.00.

Following this Festival, we hope to be able to join with BC and any other province who has chosen to leave FCMF and form either a Western Festival, or a new Canadian Festival.

This was a hard decision to make, but we felt that the money currently being sent to the FCMF could be better used to support our young artists and choirs in Alberta.

Most sincerely,

E. (Beth) Cook
President AMFA

Appendix II: List of Provincial Classes & Fees

LIST OF PROVINCIAL CLASSES & FEES

ALL PROVINCIAL & ALBERTA EXCELLENCE CLASSES

Please refer to Rule 102 (page 75) and Rule 220 (pages 76, 77 & 78) regarding the number of competitors a Local Festival may send to the Provincial Festival.

PROVINCIAL ENTRY FORMS

The Provincial Administrator will notify each Local Festival when the forms are available. They will be posted on the Provincial website www.albertamusicfestival.org. A log-in and password to the entry forms and other Provincial forms will be provided by the Provincial Administrator.

NAME & DESCRIPTION OF PROVINCIAL CLASS		**NEW IN 2019** Time Limit in minutes	Class Fee
PROVINCIAL CHAMBER			
170	**NEW IN 2019** ALBERTA EXCELLENCE CHAMBER GROUP	60	\$300
171	**NEW IN 2019** CHAMBER GROUP – 16 YEARS & UNDER	30	\$150
172	**NEW IN 2019** CHAMBER GROUP – SENIOR	40	\$175
PROVINCIAL MUSIC COMPOSITION			
201	MUSIC COMPOSITION – 12 YEARS & UNDER	18	\$100
202	MUSIC COMPOSITION – 16 YEARS & UNDER	28	\$100
203	MUSIC COMPOSITION – SENIOR	40	\$125
PROVINCIAL STRING SOLO			
300	**NEW IN 2019** ALBERTA EXCELLENCE STRING SOLO	60	\$200
301	VIOLIN SOLO – 12 YEARS & UNDER	20	\$100
302	VIOLIN SOLO – 16 YEARS & UNDER	30	\$100
303	VIOLIN SOLO – SENIOR	40	\$125
304	VIOLA – 16 YEARS & UNDER	30	\$100
305	VIOLA SOLO – SENIOR	40	\$125
311	CELLO OR DOUBLE BASS SOLO – 12 YEARS & UNDER	20	\$100
312	CELLO OR DOUBLE BASS SOLO – 16 YEARS & UNDER	30	\$100
313	CELLO OR DOUBLE BASS SOLO – SENIOR	40	\$125
320	STRING SOLO – STRING AND KEYBOARD SONATA – 1 MOVEMENT	30	\$125
PROVINCIAL CLASSICAL GUITAR SOLO			
390	**NEW IN 2019** ALBERTA EXCELLENCE CLASSICAL GUITAR SOLO	60	\$200
381	CLASSICAL GUITAR SOLO – 12 YEARS AND UNDER	15	\$100
382	CLASSICAL GUITAR SOLO – 16 YEARS AND UNDER	20	\$100
383	CLASSICAL GUITAR SOLO – SENIOR	30	\$125
PROVINCIAL WOODWIND SOLO			
400	**NEW IN 2019** ALBERTA EXCELLENCE WOODWIND SOLO	60	\$200
401	WOODWIND SOLO – 16 YEARS AND UNDER	28	\$100
402	WOODWIND SOLO – SENIOR	40	\$125
PROVINCIAL BRASS SOLO			
500	**NEW IN 2019** ALBERTA EXCELLENCE BRASS SOLO	60	\$200
501	BRASS SOLO – 16 YEARS & UNDER	28	\$100
502	BRASS SOLO – SENIOR	40	\$125
PROVINCIAL PERCUSSION SOLO			
600	**NEW IN 2019** ALBERTA EXCELLENCE PERCUSSION SOLO	60	\$200
601	**NEW IN 2019** PERCUSSION SOLO – 16 YEARS & UNDER	28	\$100
602	**NEW IN 2019** PERCUSSION SOLO – SENIOR	40	\$125
PROVINCIAL PIANO SOLO			
700	**NEW IN 2019** ALBERTA EXCELLENCE PIANO SOLO	60	\$200
701	PIANO SOLO – 12 YEARS & UNDER (Minimum Grade/Level 5 Standard)	18	\$100
702	PIANO SOLO – 16 YEARS & UNDER	28	\$100
703	PIANO SOLO – SENIOR	40	\$125

NAME & DESCRIPTION OF PROVINCIAL CLASS		Time Limit in minutes	Class Fee
PROVINCIAL PIANO SOLO (continued)			
710	**NEW IN 2019** PIANO SOLO – GRADES/LEVELS 2-4 (MUST be from Plan II)	10	\$100
704	PIANO SOLO – GRADES/LEVELS 5 & 6	10	\$100
705	PIANO SOLO – GRADES/LEVELS 7 & 8	20	\$100
706	PIANO SOLO – GRADES/LEVELS 9 & 10	40	\$125
707	PIANO SOLO – CONCERTO – 1 Movement	40	\$100
708	PIANO SOLO – CONCERTO – 2 Movements	40	\$100
709	PIANO SOLO – CONCERTO – Complete	40	\$125
PROVINCIAL SPEECH SOLO			
800	**NEW IN 2019** ALBERTA EXCELLENCE SPEECH SOLO	30	\$200
801	SPEECH SOLO – 12 YEARS & UNDER	15	\$100
802	SPEECH SOLO – 16 YEARS & UNDER	20	\$100
803	SPEECH SOLO – SENIOR	25	\$125
PROVINCIAL SCHOOL CHORAL SPEECH			
851	CHORAL SPEECH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – GRADES 1-3	15	\$150
852	CHORAL SPEECH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – GRADES 4-6	15	\$150
NEW IN 2019 ALBERTA EXCELLENCE CHORAL			
900	ALBERTA EXCELLENCE CHORAL – 19 YRS AND OVER	30	\$150
901	ALBERTA EXCELLENCE CHORAL – MALES	30	\$150
902	ALBERTA EXCELLENCE CHORAL – 19 YRS AND UNDER	30	\$150
903	ALBERTA EXCELLENCE CHORAL – SCHOOL – 19 YRS AND UNDER	30	\$150
904	ALBERTA EXCELLENCE CHORAL – ENSEMBLE	30	\$150
905	ALBERTA EXCELLENCE CHORAL – 16 YRS AND UNDER	30	\$150
906	ALBERTA EXCELLENCE CHORAL – SCHOOL – 16 YEARS AND UNDER	30	\$150
907	ALBERTA EXCELLENCE CHORAL – 12 YEARS AND UNDER	30	\$150
908	ALBERTA EXCELLENCE CHORAL – SCHOOL – 12 YEARS AND UNDER	30	\$150
909	ALBERTA EXCELLENCE CHORAL – 25 YEARS AND UNDER	30	\$150
PROVINCIAL CHORAL			
911	CHORAL – 10 YEARS & UNDER	15	\$150
912	CHORAL – 14 YEARS & UNDER	20	\$150
913	CHORAL – 16 YEARS & UNDER	25	\$150
914	CHORAL – 19 YEARS & UNDER	30	\$150
915	CHORAL – ENSEMBLE	30	\$150
916	CHORAL – SENIOR	30	\$150
PROVINCIAL SCHOOL CHORAL CLASSES			
971	ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CHOIR – GRADES 1-3	15	\$150
972	ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CHOIR – GRADES 4-6	15	\$150
973	JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL CHOIR	20	\$150
974	SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL CHOIR	25	\$150
PROVINCIAL VOCAL SOLO			
920	**NEW IN 2019** ALBERTA EXCELLENCE VOCAL SOLO	60	\$200
921	VOCAL SOLO BOYS – 12 YEARS AND UNDER	10	\$100
922	VOCAL SOLO GIRLS – 12 YEARS AND UNDER	10	\$100
923	VOCAL SOLO BOYS – 16 YEARS AND UNDER	15	\$100
924	VOCAL SOLO GIRLS – 16 YEARS AND UNDER	15	\$100
925	VOCAL SOLO – SENIOR	25	\$125
PROVINCIAL MUSICAL THEATRE SOLO			
937	**NEW IN 2019** PROVINCIAL NATIONAL MUSICAL THEATRE SOLO	30	\$200
931	MUSICAL THEATRE SOLO BALLAD – 12 YEARS AND UNDER	7	\$100
932	MUSICAL THEATRE SOLO UPTEMPO – 12 YEARS AND UNDER	7	\$100
933	MUSICAL THEATRE SOLO BALLAD – 16 YEARS AND UNDER	8	\$100
934	MUSICAL THEATRE SOLO UPTEMPO – 16 YEARS AND UNDER	8	\$100
935	MUSICAL THEATRE SOLO BALLAD – SENIOR	10	\$125
936	MUSICAL THEATRE SOLO UPTEMPO – SENIOR	10	\$125