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Dear Local Festivals, Teachers, and Competitors,

Over the last few months, the AMFA Executive had communicated that we would make a final decision regarding the format of the 2022 Provincial Festival (in-person or virtual) at the January 15, 2022 meeting of the AMFA Executive. Due to the rapid rise of the Omicron variant in recent weeks throughout Alberta and the continued increase in Covid numbers projected in both Provincial and National pandemic modeling, the AMFA Executive has made the extremely difficult and heartbreaking decision to keep the Provincial Festival fully virtual for 2022. Please see below about how this will affect the 2022 Festival.

2022 Virtual Provincial Festival

In 2022, the Alberta Provincial Festival will once again be held in a fully virtual format. *Please note that Provincial Festival entry fees will be lowered again in 2022 to reflect this change of format.* However, this does not necessarily mean that your Local Community Festival will be held virtually. Please check in with your Local Festival directly to learn more about how your Local Festival plans to operate in 2022. As entry guidelines for the Provincial Festival have changed for 2022 to accommodate a virtual festival format, many local festivals will only have twenty days (or less) to submit their provincial entries on a competitor's behalf (including YouTube link and scans of music). As such, please comply with any and all deadlines set by your Local Festival.

Two Entries from Local Festivals

As in 2021, each AMFA affiliated Local Festival will have the option of sending two competitors to the Provincial Festival in every Provincial class in 2022 (*Local Festivals are not required to send two entries but have this option*). This change will be for one more year only (for the 2022 virtual Provincial Festival) as the Provincial Festival will not have the same time/venue constraints due to the festival being fully virtual.

Provincial Festival Results

The Provincial Festival results will be posted on the AMFA website (www.albertamusicfestival.org) no later than June 25, 2022. Results will be posted as they are received from each adjudicator so it is possible some discipline's results will appear prior to other disciplines. Winners of each class will be notified by AMFA when results are received with information on how to collect scholarships.

Canada West Performing Arts Festival – Premiers in July 2022

The Canada West Performing Arts Festival (CWPAF), in partnership with AB, BC, and SK, premiers July 21-23, 2022 in Saskatoon, SK. Though the Provincial Festival will be fully virtual, the plan is for the CWPAF to be in-person in the hope that Covid numbers and gathering restrictions will decrease in the summer. Competitors at the Provincial Festival will have the opportunity to receive a recommendation to the Canada West Performing Arts Festival. For more information, please visit <https://www.albertamusicfestival.org/cwpaf>.

Sincerely,

A blue ink handwritten signature, appearing to be 'RJ Chambers', written over a horizontal line.

RJ Chambers
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