



2023

Syllabus

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Dear Local Festivals, Teachers, and Competitors,

After the difficulty and constant adjustments of the last two years, almost every Local Festival is back to in-person programming!! The Provincial Festival will return in-person for all solo disciplines in Spring of 2023 as well! Please see below for how the decisions made at the 2022 AMFA AGM will affect the Alberta Festivals in the coming year.

2023 Syllabus Changes

Outside of minor edits and corrections, significant changes to the 2023 AMFA Syllabus include:

- **Local Piano Duet Classes Added:** Piano Duets have been removed from Piano Plans I and II and a new stream of Piano Duet classes have been added to the Local Syllabus (found on page 41). These Piano Duet classes are eligible for Provincial recommendation.
- **Provincial Classes Added:** The following classes have been added to the Provincial Festival Syllabus:
 - Piano Duet – Age 12 and Under
 - Piano Duet – Age 13 and Over
 - Piano Plan I – Age 9 and Under
 - Piano Plan I – Age 14 and Under
 - Violin/Viola – Age 14 and Under
 - Cello/Double Bass – Age 14 and Under
 - Speech – Age 14 and Under
 - Musical Theatre Ballad – Age 14 and Under
 - Musical Theatre Up-Tempo – Age 14 and Under
- **17 and Under Provincial Classes** All classes that were 16 and Under at the Provincial Festival in previous years are now 17 and Under.
- **Choral:** All sung Choral at the 2023 Provincial Festival will be submitted by AUDIO Recording (no in-person choral classes in 2023).
- **Choral Speech:** All Choral Speech at the 2023 Provincial Festival will be submitted by VIDEO Recording (no in-person choral speech classes in 2023).

Alberta Hosting the 2023 Canada West Performing Arts Festival

In partnership with the provincial performing arts festival associations of British Columbia and Saskatchewan, AMFA is pleased to host the second annual Canada West Performing Arts Festival (CWPAF) on July 21-22, 2023 in Edmonton!

The CWPAF features the top amateur music and speech arts competitors from each partnering province's provincial performing arts festival. Competitors compete in three different age categories in a variety of solo disciplines as well as Chamber and Choral.

To learn more about the CWPAF, please visit www.canadawestfestival.ca or contact AMFA's Provincial Administrator, Wendy Durieux (info@albertamusicfestival.org). If you would like to volunteer or sponsor a scholarship at the CWPAF, please contact AMFA's President, RJ Chambers (president@albertamusicfestival.org).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'RJ Chambers', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

RJ Chambers
President, Alberta Music Festival Association

RULES GOVERNING LOCAL FESTIVALS

General

1. It is the responsibility of the competitor to be familiar with the *Rules Governing Local Festivals*, the Local Festival Addendum (if any), as well as the definitions of relevant terms found in the *Glossary of Terms* (found on page 73).
2. A Local Festival may establish additional classes and/or rules (as published in the Local Addendum for such festival) that apply only to that festival. Please check your Local Addendum (if any) for changes or modifications to classes, rules, or regulations.
3. Certain Local Addendum classes may be used to satisfy eligibility for the Provincial Festival provided such class have been approved in advance by the Provincial Administrator of AMFA (this to be done by the Local Festival).
4. The festival movement is generally for acoustic performances (no electronic amplification), unless indicated in the score (i.e. singing with a recording of whale song, electric string quartet, etc.). Other exceptions may include Contemporary Vocal classes or certain Family and Community classes. It shall be the responsibility of the competitor to supply all required amplification equipment not provided by the Local Festival (please confirm with the Local Festival on what, if any, amplification equipment shall be provided).
5. Local Festival/s reserve the right to refuse any entry.

Local Festival Management

6. Each Local Festival is managed by a Committee. Questions concerning a Local Festival should be directed to the Local Festival contact person. Decisions of the Local Festival Committee regarding the Local Festival are final.
7. A protest may only be considered if it is made in accordance with the regulations established by the Local Festival.
8. Each Local Festival reserves the right to add classes or delete classes upon request.
9. Adjudicator decisions regarding performances, marks, placings, scholarships, and Provincial Festival recommendations are final. No Local

Festival, or Committee thereof, can change either the mark/s given to a competitor by the adjudicator nor can they change any adjudicator's recommended entrants to the Provincial Festival. If such an activity is discovered, the competitor (the one that was named instead of the adjudicator recommended competitor) shall be disqualified and a \$500 fine will be levied upon the offending Local Festival, per offense.

10. At no time may a teacher, parent, or competitor engage the adjudicator in conversation prior to or during any performance for that adjudicator. Such contact may result in the competitor's disqualification.

11. The Local Festival may use the following grading system or any other grading system of their choosing.

90% and Over	Superior
85%-89%	Distinction
80%-84%	Honours
79% and Below	Merit

Competitors

12. The age of a competitor is established as of December 31 preceding the Local Festival.
13. The Festival movement is intended for "amateurs." Please refer to the *Glossary of Terms* (found on page 73) for a definition.
14. A competitor may enter only once in a single class or *Group of Classes*. A Group of Classes is determined by a single heading in each discipline. For example, in Piano, "PIANO SOLO – OWN CHOICE" and "PIANO SOLO – BAROQUE" are two separate groups/headings.
15. A member of a Duet or larger ensemble may enter more than once in a class provided that they perform a different part, play a different instrument, or is the conductor.
16. A solo competitor taking private music lessons may not enter School classes.
17. Local Festivals may set their own residency requirements for competitors performing in the Local Festival or for those receiving scholarships or provincial recommendations. Only competitors whose residence or domicile (family home) is within the Province of Alberta or the Northwest Territories may be recommended to

the Provincial Festival from the Local Festival, unless the competitor has studied in their discipline with a teacher who resides in Alberta or the Northwest Territories for a minimum of six months during the previous year. This covers lessons via Skype and/or other electronic means.

18. Solo competitors entering Piano Plan I (by age) may not also enter Plan II (by Grade/Level). As well, solo competitors entering Piano Plan II (by Grade/Level) may not also enter Plan I (by age).
19. Competitors in Piano Plan II are NOT eligible to receive a Canada West Performing Arts Festival recommendation at the Provincial Festival. Piano competitors that want to be considered for the Canada West Performing Arts Festival must enter Piano Plan I and/or a Piano Concerto class at the Local Festival and continue on to the Provincial Festival.

Selections and Performance

Note: Some repertoire may contain themes/language intended for a mature audience.

20. A **Selection** is a stand-alone piece of music. For a full definition, please refer to the *Glossary of Terms* (found on page 73). Studies/Vocalises from RCM or CC may be placed in an era class appropriate to the date of composition.
21. In classes using grades/levels, the syllabus from either the Royal Conservatory of Music (RCM) OR Conservatory Canada (CC) must be used. If an older version of either syllabus is used, the publication date of the syllabus must be included with the entry. If a chosen selection is not listed in either the RCM or CC syllabus, proof of classification must be submitted with the entry. Competitors may contact either CC or RCM and ask for a specific piece to be classified.
22. A solo or group competitor may not perform the same **selection** in the same Festival in the following two (2) festival years. **Exception:** In Concerto or Sonata classes, the first movement may be repeated in a future year provided it is augmented by additional movements in the future year.
23. A solo or group competitor may only perform a specific **selection** once using the same instrument in a single festival year.
24. In classes with “own choice” selections, the total performance must not exceed 20 minutes unless otherwise stated. **Exception:** *Complete Concerto* or *Complete Sonata* Classes.

25. Accompaniments must be played as written. **Exception:** *Contemporary Vocal*, *Musical Theatre*, and all other *Pop/Folk* classes (in any discipline).

26. For all solo classes, any acoustic instrumental accompaniment (single instrument) may be used. Electronic accompaniment is allowed in Contemporary Vocal but must be provided by the competitor (some Local Festivals may provide certain electronic options at their discretion).
27. Each Local Festival reserves the right to disqualify a competitor who is not ready to perform when called.
28. Each Local Festival sets its own regulations regarding memorization.
29. No person – on or off stage – may augment or coach a performance.
30. Transpositions are permitted but any transposed selection must be marked with the key in which it will be performed. **Exception:** The following classes do not allow transpositions: *Classical Vocal Solo – Bach Aria*, *Classical Vocal Solo – Opera*, and *Classical Vocal Solo – Oratorio*.
31. A competitor’s performance may be recorded by their parent/guardian but recordings of any and all adjudications and/or another competitor’s performance/s is strongly discouraged. Please refrain from using any flash or lighted photography of any type.

Copyright

32. One (1) complete **licensed** score/edition, including solo and accompaniment music and speech materials, must be onsite in the performance space (with the exception of Music Composition). Works classified as Public Domain by the Copyright Act are acceptable as photocopies. Additionally, if the Copyright holder has provided written approval, a copy of such work may be accepted. It is the competitor’s responsibility to ensure and provide proof of their claim as to a selection’s valid use (such as a receipt for works purchased online). The Local Festival may disqualify any entry that does not adequately prove valid use of copyrighted material.
33. Date ranges for specific periods (Baroque, Classical, Romantic, etc.) listed in the syllabus are for purposes of AMFA only. For AMFA

festivals, repertoire should be entered into the appropriate class as per the date ranges as presented in the AMFA syllabus.

Group Classes (Band, Orchestra, Chorus, etc.)

- 34. When a school entry contains combined grades, the grade or grade range having the largest number of students determines the class to be entered.
- 35. Every Community Chorus member must be an official (bona fide) member. Ten percent (10%) of the choir membership may exceed a specified age limit by no more than two years.
- 36. Every choir must consist of at least thirteen (13) members. Choirs with fewer members should enter ensemble classes (or should consult with the Local Festival contact person prior to entry).
- 37. A School Chorus, School Band or School Orchestra entry with members from two or more schools, and trained as a single unit, may compete as a school entry ONLY if the members have not been selected on the basis of performing ability. Otherwise, such auditioned school ensembles that are made up from singers/players of more than one school must compete as a Community group.

VOCAL – CONTEMPORARY/POP

**Does NOT include Classical Vocal music. Please refer to the Vocal – Classical section of the syllabus for more classes.*

**Does NOT include music performed using costumes or choreography. For Musical Theatre Classes (with costume and choreography), please refer to the Vocal – Musical Theatre section of the syllabus for more classes.*

**Microphone/s for Contemporary Vocal may be provided and/or required at the discretion of the Local Festival. Please consult with the Local Festival Administrator for more information.*

**Any instrumental accompaniment (single instrument) may be used. Electronic accompaniment is allowed but must be provided by the competitor (some Local Festivals may provide certain electronic options at their discretion).*

**Unpublished editions are not allowed but published and notated lead sheets are accepted.*

Selections should be entered based on the **original publication date by the original composer.*

CONTEMPORARY VOCAL SOLO – OWN CHOICE

ONE selection, own choice

94006	6 AND UNDER
94008	8 AND UNDER
94010	10 AND UNDER
94012	12 AND UNDER
94014	14 AND UNDER
94016	16 AND UNDER
94018	18 AND UNDER
94019	19 AND OVER

CONTEMPORARY VOCAL SOLO – CANADIAN COMPOSERS

ONE selection, own choice

94106	6 AND UNDER
94108	8 AND UNDER
94110	10 AND UNDER
94112	12 AND UNDER
94114	14 AND UNDER
94116	16 AND UNDER
94118	18 AND UNDER
94119	19 AND OVER

CONTEMPORARY/POP VOCAL SOLO – 1940-1964

- Excludes Jazz, Motown, Disco, R&B, Rap, Punk, Emo, Folk, and all Country genres.

ONE selection, own choice

94206	6 AND UNDER
94208	8 AND UNDER
94210	10 AND UNDER
94212	12 AND UNDER
94214	14 AND UNDER
94216	16 AND UNDER
94218	18 AND UNDER
94219	19 AND OVER

CONTEMPORARY/POP VOCAL SOLO – 1965-1979

- Excludes Jazz, Motown, Disco, R&B, Rap, Punk, Emo, Folk, and all Country genres.

ONE selection, own choice

94306	6 AND UNDER
94308	8 AND UNDER
94310	10 AND UNDER
94312	12 AND UNDER
94314	14 AND UNDER
94316	16 AND UNDER
94318	18 AND UNDER
94319	19 AND OVER

CONTEMPORARY/POP VOCAL SOLO – 1980-1989

- Excludes Jazz, Motown, Disco, R&B, Rap, Punk, Emo, Folk, and all Country genres.

ONE selection, own choice

94406	6 AND UNDER
94408	8 AND UNDER
94410	10 AND UNDER
94412	12 AND UNDER
94414	14 AND UNDER
94416	16 AND UNDER
94418	18 AND UNDER
94419	19 AND OVER

CONTEMPORARY/POP VOCAL SOLO – 1990-1999

- Excludes Jazz, Motown, Disco, R&B, Rap, Punk, Emo, Folk, and all Country genres.

ONE selection, own choice

94506	6 AND UNDER
94508	8 AND UNDER
94510	10 AND UNDER
94512	12 AND UNDER
94514	14 AND UNDER
94516	16 AND UNDER
94518	18 AND UNDER
94519	19 AND OVER

CONTEMPORARY/POP VOCAL SOLO – 2000-PRESENT

- Excludes Jazz, Motown, Disco, R&B, Rap, Punk, Emo, Folk, and all Country genres.

ONE selection, own choice

94606	6 AND UNDER
94608	8 AND UNDER
94610	10 AND UNDER
94612	12 AND UNDER
94614	14 AND UNDER
94616	16 AND UNDER
94618	18 AND UNDER
94619	19 AND OVER

**CONTEMPORARY VOCAL SOLO – CONTEMPORARY
SACRED**

Including music originally performed by Twila Paris, Amy Grant, Michael W. Smith, Casting Crowns, TobyMac, Skillet, and others.

- Excludes Sacred R&B, Traditional Gospel, and Praise and Worship.

ONE selection, own choice

94706	6 AND UNDER
94708	8 AND UNDER
94710	10 AND UNDER
94712	12 AND UNDER
94714	14 AND UNDER
94716	16 AND UNDER
94718	18 AND UNDER
94719	19 AND OVER

**CONTEMPORARY VOCAL SOLO – SACRED R&B /
TRADITIONAL GOSPEL**

Including music originally performed by Kirk Franklin, Mary Mary, Yolanda Adams, J. Moss, CeCe Winans, and others.

ONE selection, own choice

94806	6 AND UNDER
94808	8 AND UNDER
94810	10 AND UNDER
94812	12 AND UNDER
94814	14 AND UNDER
94816	16 AND UNDER
94818	18 AND UNDER
94819	19 AND OVER

CONTEMPORARY VOCAL SOLO – PRAISE / WORSHIP

Music typically written for use in congregational music, including music originally performed by Chris Tomlin, Matt Redman, Ben Fielding, Brooke Ligertwood, Keith and Kristyn Getty, Hillsong, and others.

ONE selection, own choice

94906	6 AND UNDER
94908	8 AND UNDER
94910	10 AND UNDER
94912	12 AND UNDER
94914	14 AND UNDER
94916	16 AND UNDER
94918	18 AND UNDER
94919	19 AND OVER

CONTEMPORARY VOCAL SOLO – JAZZ

Styles including Blues, Ragtime, The Great American Songbook, etc., including music performed by Louis Armstrong, Ella Fitzgerald, Billie Holiday, Count Basie, Diana Krall, and others.

ONE selection, own choice

95006	6 AND UNDER
95008	8 AND UNDER
95010	10 AND UNDER
95012	12 AND UNDER
95014	14 AND UNDER
95016	16 AND UNDER
95018	18 AND UNDER
95019	19 AND OVER

CONTEMPORARY VOCAL SOLO – COUNTRY

Styles including Honky Tonk, Country/Western, Rockabilly, Bluegrass, and Country Folk, including music originally performed by Roy Rogers, Hank Williams, Elvis, Johnny Cash, Dolly Parton, John Denver, Trisha Yearwood, Garth Brooks, Vince Gil, and others.

ONE selection, own choice

95106	6 AND UNDER
95108	8 AND UNDER
95110	10 AND UNDER
95112	12 AND UNDER
95114	14 AND UNDER
95116	16 AND UNDER
95118	18 AND UNDER
95119	19 AND OVER

CONTEMPORARY VOCAL SOLO – POETIC

Styles including alternative folk and coffeehouse, including music originally performed by Bob Dylan, Joni Mitchell, Simon and Garfunkle, Joan Osbourne, Tori Amos, Kate Bush, Pete Seeger, Ingrid Michaelson, and others.

ONE selection, own choice

95206	6 AND UNDER
95208	8 AND UNDER
95210	10 AND UNDER
95212	12 AND UNDER
95214	14 AND UNDER
95216	16 AND UNDER
95218	18 AND UNDER
95219	19 AND OVER

CONTEMPORARY VOCAL SOLO – MOTOWN

Motown genre (circa 1950s-1960s), including music originally performed by The Supremes, The Temptations, The Four Tops, Smokey Robinson and The Miracles, and others.

ONE selection, own choice

95306	6 AND UNDER
95308	8 AND UNDER
95310	10 AND UNDER
95312	12 AND UNDER
95314	14 AND UNDER
95316	16 AND UNDER
95318	18 AND UNDER
95319	19 AND OVER

CONTEMPORARY VOCAL SOLO – DISCO

Disco genre (circa 1970s), including music originally performed by Donna Summer, The Bee Gees, Barry White, Earth Wind and Fire, Parliament, Sly and the Family Stone, and others.

ONE selection, own choice

95406	6 AND UNDER
95408	8 AND UNDER
95410	10 AND UNDER
95412	12 AND UNDER
95414	14 AND UNDER
95416	16 AND UNDER
95418	18 AND UNDER
95419	19 AND OVER

CONTEMPORARY VOCAL SOLO – R&B / RAP

Styles including Hip-Hop, Gospel, Blues, and Neo-Soul (circa 1990-present), including music originally performed by N.W.A., Sean Combs, Mariah Carey, Mary J. Blige, Dusty Springfield, and others.

ONE selection, own choice

95506	6 AND UNDER
95508	8 AND UNDER
95510	10 AND UNDER
95512	12 AND UNDER
95514	14 AND UNDER
95516	16 AND UNDER
95518	18 AND UNDER
95519	19 AND OVER

CONTEMPORARY VOCAL SOLO – PUNK / EMO

Punk and Emo music (circa 1990-present), including music originally performed by The Ramones, Green Day, The Clash, The Cure, My Chemical Romance, Death Cab for Cutie, and others.

ONE selection, own choice

95606	6 AND UNDER
95608	8 AND UNDER
95610	10 AND UNDER
95612	12 AND UNDER
95614	14 AND UNDER
95616	16 AND UNDER
95618	18 AND UNDER
95619	19 AND OVER

CONTEMPORARY VOCAL SOLO – MOVIE / TV

Includes Contemporary music written for a movie or television program, or a theme song from a movie or TV show (such as "A Thousand Years" from Twilight, "You've Got a Friend in Me" from Toy Story, "Thank You for Being a Friend" from Golden Girls, etc.).

- MUST be from a published edition for provincial eligibility.
- Must not include costume or choreography.

ONE selection, own choice

95706	6 AND UNDER
95708	8 AND UNDER
95710	10 AND UNDER
95712	12 AND UNDER
95714	14 AND UNDER
95716	16 AND UNDER
95718	18 AND UNDER
95719	19 AND OVER

CONTEMPORARY VOCAL SOLO – CONCERT

TWO or **THREE** selections, own choice, from any Contemporary repertoire (single period/genre or any combination of period/genre is allowed).

95806	6 AND UNDER
95808	8 AND UNDER
95810	10 AND UNDER
95812	12 AND UNDER
95814	14 AND UNDER
95816	16 AND UNDER
95818	18 AND UNDER
95819	19 AND OVER

CONTEMPORARY VOCAL SOLO – COVER

NOT ELIGIBLE FOR A PROVINCIAL MUSIC FESTIVAL RECOMMENDATION

- A "cover" is an existing contemporary song that has been arranged/re-arranged by the Competitor.
- A notated lead sheet (published or unpublished) should be submitted with the entry.

ONE selection, own choice

96006	6 AND UNDER
96008	8 AND UNDER
96010	10 AND UNDER
96012	12 AND UNDER
96014	14 AND UNDER
96016	16 AND UNDER
96018	18 AND UNDER
96019	19 AND OVER

CONTEMPORARY VOCAL SOLO – SINGER/SONGWRITER

NOT ELIGIBLE FOR A PROVINCIAL MUSIC FESTIVAL

RECOMMENDATION - For Consideration for the Provincial Festival see Composition section of syllabus.

- An original contemporary song written by the competitor that includes original lyrics and original music (written by the competitor).
- A notated lead sheet (published or unpublished) should be submitted with the entry.

ONE selection, own choice

96106	6 AND UNDER
96108	8 AND UNDER
96110	10 AND UNDER
96112	12 AND UNDER
96114	14 AND UNDER
96116	16 AND UNDER
96118	18 AND UNDER
96119	19 AND OVER

CONTEMPORARY VOCAL DUET

NOT ELIGIBLE FOR A PROVINCIAL MUSIC FESTIVAL RECOMMENDATION

ONE selection, own choice

96206	6 AND UNDER
96208	8 AND UNDER
96210	10 AND UNDER
96212	12 AND UNDER
96214	14 AND UNDER
96216	16 AND UNDER
96218	18 AND UNDER
96219	19 AND OVER

CONTEMPORARY VOCAL GROUP

NOT ELIGIBLE FOR A PROVINCIAL MUSIC FESTIVAL RECOMMENDATION

- Three or more singers. *For choral groups, please see Community or School Chorus section of the syllabus.*
- Please state ages upon entry into Local Festival.

ONE selection, own choice

96505	CONTEMPORARY VOCAL GROUP
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****For Contemporary classes that allow more than one accompanying instrument (such as Garage Bands or other unique make-ups that do not fit in other group disciplines), please refer to the Family and Community section of the syllabus.***