

Shaunavon & District Music Festival Association
Shaunavon, SK
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January 15, 2020

Dear Music Teachers,

The 2020 Shaunavon & District Music Festival will take place from March 30th to April 2, with an entry deadline of February 17, 2020.

Provincial Syllabus

IT IS ESSENTIAL that you refer to the new syllabus when selecting classes—there have been several changes. Please ensure that class numbers and names are correct. If you would like to purchase a copy of the syllabus, please contact one of our Board members (they are \$20 or it can be accessed online at: www.smfa.ca). Our local addendum is also available on the website. There have been no recent additions/deletions to this local addendum this year. If there are additional classes you wish to see in the future, please forward a request to me or to our board.

Scholarships & Awards

- Scholarship recipients must be entered in two or more *solo* classes in the same discipline.
- No scholarship will be awarded to participants 8 years & under.
- All scholarships & awards need not be awarded. Scholarships will be awarded at the discretion of the adjudicator, following provincial guidelines found in the SMFA Directory.
- Final Concert performances are recommended by the adjudicator, and do not have to be scholarship and/or award winners.
- A list of *possible* scholarships and awards is attached.

Parent Letter

Please ensure that each family receives a copy of the parent letter, available on SMFA.ca under District Festivals / Shaunavon We also encourage you to inform families about performance times as soon as the final draft program is forwarded to you. Our goal is to have programs available ahead of time, but you can give your families further advance notice by letting them know.

VERY IMPORTANT:

We need your Help

Our Board consists of 7 people. Some of our Board is looking at stepping down. We are in need of volunteers to come to our meetings and we need volunteers to show some interest for any positions that may come available! We only meet 3 or 4 times a year, the commitment is very minimal but it is essential to the life of our Shaunavon & District Music Festival. We are going to be reaching out to parents in the parent letter.

Facebook

Please like our Shaunavon & District Music Festival Association Facebook Page.

Festival Entries

1. Please complete your festival entries through the attached forms and send to Wendy Thienes Box 573 Shaunavon SK S0N 2M0 or shdistmusicfest@gmail.com. Alternately you can find it on the SMFA website SMFA.ca under District Festivals. Entries received after midnight Feb 17, 2020 will not be accepted. The online program we have been using is no longer being supported, our entry secretary position was vacant at the time we found out, so decided it easier to facilitate with paper forms this year, giving us a chance to research options and make the best decision possible for our festival.
2. Entry fees are \$12 for solo, \$17 for duet/ensemble, and school group fees are waived. Please make payment using etransfer to the email shdistmusicfest@gmail.com.
3. If you would prefer to pay by cash or cheque, please complete your entry and mail your payment to Wendy Thienes Box 573 Shaunavon, SK S0N 2M0. Cheques should be made payable to the Shaunavon & District Music Festival.
4. Know the parameters of the class you are entering students in (eg. classical vs baroque). Teachers, please double check class numbers in the syllabus with the ones entered on the forms. There are very strict guidelines concerning 'pop' music. Please refer to pages 47, 48 of the current syllabus for reference. A copy of the child's schedule will be emailed to their music teacher, please ensure teacher email address is entered properly.
5. You may change an entry at any time up until the deadline. If your student is unprepared to perform a piece, you may request that he/she play the song simply for adjudication, not competition. ***As well, we cannot accommodate changes in the program once it has been sent to the printer.*** It was noted by a past adjudicator that this situation creates chaos and is unfair to other participants. We ask that teachers continue to indicate in each student's notebook when they will perform, in order to avoid conflicts.
6. A second copy of music is required for the adjudicator if selections are not memorized and/or an accompanist is using the score. Please mark the pages of the second copy with a sticky note including: 1. the student's name, 2. the class #, 3. the name of the selection, and 4. the page number of the song. The first bar of each line of music should also be numbered so that the adjudicator can reference particular sections more easily in their adjudication.
7. Once again, Faye Anderson will be the Adjudicator Liaison for the festival. If you experience any difficulties involving the adjudicator, Faye will assist you in solving the problem.

Thank you for your ongoing support of Festival! Please contact me at 306-921-3709 or kep73@live.com if you have any questions.

Musically yours,

Nancy Phillips, President
Shaunavon & District Music Festival Association

SCHOLARSHIP LIST 2020

PIANO, VOICE, MUSICAL THEATRE, SPEECH SCHOLARSHIPS

Senior Ages 15-18

Elementary Ages 13-14

Junior Ages 11-12

Novice Ages 9-10

AWARDS

Choral Groups

School Groups

Arnal Brothers Memorial Award-Awarded to a young man who stands out.

Best Duet (piano & voice)