

January 2021



Lafleche & District Music Festival 2021 Annual Newsletter

It's Music Festival season once again! After the disappointment of the cancellation of the 2020 Lafleche & District Music Festival, we are excited to be planning to host an in person, live festival at the Lafleche United Church from Sunday, March 21 to Friday, March 26, 2021. This year, voice, musical theatre and speech arts will be March 21 to March 23. Piano will be March 24 to March 26. The Final Concert will be held Sunday, March 28, 2021 at 2:00pm.

We are forming our safe plan for the 2021 live music festival based on the Saskatchewan Music Festival Association Covid-19 Recommendations Document, which they created based on the Saskatchewan Health Authority guidelines. Here are a few of the SMFA recommendations:

- Masks will be worn at all times by all participants and audience members.
- Audiences will be limited. They will need to pre-book and do a Covid-19 screen.
- Duet entries are limited to the same households.

As things seem to always be changing in regards to Covid-19, we will be trying to keep everyone involved with the festival UpToDate with Facebook and email announcements.

Once again, the Lafleche & District Music Festival will be using an **ONLINE ENTRY** method. The entry deadline for piano, voice and musical theatre is **February 1, 2021**. The entry deadline for speech arts is February 15, 2020. All entries must be made by the appropriate dates. The online registration web site for the Lafleche and District 2020 Music Festival is:

<https://form.jotform.com/210065008031235>

You can make payments by e-transfer: laflechemusicfestival@gmail.com or by mailing a cheque to: **Karrie Gross, Box 127, Hazenmore SK, S0N 1C0, 306-264-7737**

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Karrie Gross by email karrieg@sasktel.net or by cell 306-264-7737 **prior** to the festival.

Reminder... Competitors **12 & under** need to only compete in a total of two (2) solo voice or musical theatre classes, *regardless of discipline*, to qualify for voice or musical theatre awards and scholarships. However, they must compete in two (2) piano solos to qualify for piano scholarships. Our musical theatre and voice scholarships are now separated.

Competitors **13 & over** must continue to compete in two (2) solo classes in the same discipline (ex 2 piano, 2 voice, 2 musical theatre) to qualify for the corresponding awards and scholarships.

Competitors of all ages must only compete in one (1) solo speech arts class to qualify for scholarships.

As in the past, duets, small ensembles, family ensembles, choral groups and/or choir performances do not qualify as an individual (solo) entry. These groups, however, can qualify for the corresponding awards and scholarships with one entry.

Entry fees are \$10 per solo or duet piece and \$15 per choir/ensemble (3+ performers) piece. *Please note that no refund of entry fees can be given after the entry deadline.*

Competitors must be available for each date of the festival. Please keep scheduling requests to a minimum. All special requests will be considered.

The **Adrian Frank Competition** will be tentatively held on Friday, March 26, 2021 at 7:00pm. A maximum of eight performers will be chosen by the adjudicators: one speech art performance, two musical theatre performances, two voice performances and three piano performances. The winner will be awarded \$150.⁰⁰ and each performer will receive \$50.⁰⁰.

All awards and scholarships are the adjudicators' decisions. The adjudicators are also responsible for the selection of performers in our final concert and for our Adrian Frank Competition.

NEW for 2021 - The Saskatchewan Music Festival Association has created new Music Festival Provincial Excellence classes which are available for all of the disciplines that we have at the Lafleche & District Music Festival. The age categories are: 12 and under, 17 and under and 18 and over. Students are asked to perform a group of pieces when they enter the Excellent Classes. They may have entered the same pieces individually in separate classes. The adjudicator will choose one participant from each Excellence class to represent the LDMFA at the Saskatchewan Provincial Finals 2021 virtual competition.

All program and entry inquiries should be directed to Karrie Gross. Any other questions concerning the LDMF can be directed to our president, Sharla Girardin.

We look forward to another educational and entertaining festival and we wish all participants the best of luck!!

Melinda Massé
Corresponding Secretary

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