

CANADA WEST EXCELLENCE CLASSES

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2023 Canada West Performing Arts Festival Rules & Syllabus

Competitors wishing to represent Saskatchewan at the Canada West Performing Arts Festival (CWPAF) must first enter these classes at the District level. First and second place District Festival winners, receiving a mark of 88 or higher, are eligible to enter the Canada West/Excellence Provincial level. Each District Festival is allowed two District Winners to the Provincial Finals for each of the Canada West/Excellence Classes. Alternates will be contacted by the Provincial Office.

Team Saskatchewan, chosen by the adjudicators at the Provincial Final Competition, will have the opportunity to compete at the CWPAF. See below for the maximum number of representatives, per province, and the award amounts available.

CLASSES OFFERED

VOCAL

- 13 years & under (3)
- 17 years & under (3)
- 22 years & under (3)

PIANO

- 13 years & under (3)
- 17 years & under (3)
- 22 years & under (2)

STRINGS

- 13 years & under (3)
- 17 years & under (3)
- 22 years & under (2)

WOODWINDS

- 17 years & under (2)
- 22 years & under (2)

BRASS

- 17 years & under (2)
- 22 years & under (2)

CLASSICAL GUITAR

- 17 years & under (3)
- 22 years & under (2)

SPEECH

- 13 years & under (3)
- 17 years & under (2)
- 22 years & under (2)

MUSICAL THEATRE

- 13 years & under (3)
- 17 years & under (3)
- 22 years & under (3)

CHAMBER

- 17 years & under (2)
- 22 years & under (2)

CHORAL - Community

- 12 years & under (3)
- 17 years & under (3)
- 24 years & under (3)

CHORAL - School

- Grades 6 & under (3)
- Grades 9 & under (3)
- Grades 12 & under (3)

Number in (*) indicates number of representatives eligible for recommendation from Provincials.

CANADA WEST AWARDS

- 13 years & under1st Place \$800
- 17 years & under1st Place \$1,000
- 22 years & under1st Place \$2,000
- Choral Classes:1st Place \$400 in both age 12/grade 6 & under,
-1st Place \$500 in both age 17/grade 9 & under
-1st Place \$600 in both age 24/grade 12 & under

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REGULATIONS

GENERAL

1. Competitors must read and comply with the rules and regulations. Consult the [2023 Canada West Performing Arts Rules & Syllabus](#).
2. The CWPAF is open to *non-professional musicians who are 22 years or younger as of December 31 preceding the festival (exception: Choral-Community, 24 years & under).
**A non-professional musician is defined as a person whose principal means of livelihood is not obtained from the performance of music in the particular category in which he or she is competing.*
3. Each Chamber Group entry must be a unique make-up of performers. Only one substitution, of performer, is permitted for a Chamber Group.
4. Competitors must:
 - a. perform a well-rounded program that comprises works by different composers/authors representing various styles and periods. Individual movements of multi-movement works may be included.
 - b. (at the Canada West level) perform the repertoire indicated on their entry form which is to include repertoire performed for, and recommended by, the adjudicator at the Provincial Festival.* Entry forms must be submitted complete with the names and numbers of movements identified and the full name of the composer.
**At least one selection performed and adjudicated at the Provincial Festival must be included but additional repertoire (that may or may not have been adjudicated) may be added to fill the program time.*
 - c. Provide one original score or authorized copy of music containing solo and accompaniment in the proper key for the adjudicator. An original score or authorized copy must also be used by the accompanist. All speech competitors must provide authorized originals of their selections. All copyrights must be observed.
 - d. As an aid to the adjudicators, competitors must number the first bar of each line.
5. Repeat performance, of any piece, is not allowed for solo competitors returning in a subsequent festival. This regulation also applies to Chamber Groups, where more than one member returns in a subsequent festival.
6. Memorization is mandatory in all classes, except chamber and choral.
7. Awards are presented at the discretion of the adjudicators.
8. First place winners, in solo/chamber classes in all age groups, will perform and receive their awards at a final concert (schedule permitting).
9. Grievances, accepted in writing accompanied by a \$50 fee, will be reviewed by the Grievance Committee to be called by the President of the host province, with representation from all participating provinces.

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CANADA WEST PERFORMING ARTS FESTIVAL SYLLABUS

RULES

1. Age of competitors will be calculated as of December 31 year preceding the festival.
 - Solo competition groups are as follows:
 - o 13 & under
 - o 17 & under
 - o 22 & under
2. Solo and Chamber competitors must briefly introduce themselves, their repertoire and their accompanist (if applicable). Introductions will be included in the total timing for each competitor.
3. Time limits include introductions (explanation of repertoire and setting), breaks between selections, and any costume changes. The first tuning, before the program or introductions begin, is not included in the timing
4. For each discipline, the competitor will perform a well-rounded program that comprises works by different composers/authors representing various styles and periods. Individual movements of multi-movement works may be included.

CANADA WEST CLASSICAL VOICE SOLO

- 10900 Canada West Classical Voice (13 years & under) Class **(P)**
Time Limit: 15 minutes
- 10901 Canada West Classical Voice (17 years & under) Class **(P)**
Time Limit: 20 minutes
- 10902 Canada West Classical Voice (22 years & under) Class **(P)**
Time Limit: 25 minutes

CANADA WEST PIANO SOLO

- 10910 Canada West Piano (13 years & under) Class **(P)**
Time Limit: 15 minutes
- 10911 Canada West Piano (17 years & under) Class **(P)**
Time Limit: 25 minutes
- 10912 Canada West Piano (22 years & under) Class **(P)**
Time Limit: 40 minutes

CANADA WEST STRING SOLO

- 10920 Canada West Strings (13 years & under) Class **(P)**
Time Limit: 15 minutes
- 10921 Canada West Strings (17 years & under) Class **(P)**
Time Limit: 25 minutes
- 10922 Canada West Strings (22 years & under) Class **(P)**
Time Limit: 40 minutes

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CANADA WEST WOODWIND SOLO

- 10930 Canada West Woodwind (17 years & under) Class (P)
Time Limit: 20 minutes
- 10931 Canada West Woodwind (22 years & under) Class (P)
Time Limit: 25 minutes

CANADA WEST BRASS SOLO

- 10940 Canada West Brass (17 years & under) Class (P)
Time Limit: 20 minutes
- 10941 Canada West Brass (22 years & under) Class (P)
Time Limit: 25 minutes

CANADA WEST CLASSICAL GUITAR SOLO

- 10950 Canada West Guitar (17 years & under) Class (P)
Time Limit: 25 minutes
- 10951 Canada West Guitar (22 years & under) Class (P)
Time Limit: 40 minutes

CANADA WEST SPEECH ARTS AND DRAMA SOLO

Simple costumes and hand-held props integral to the performance are allowed. Time limits include all costume changes. An 18"x18"x18" rehearsal block will be provided and will be the only stage prop allowed. Speech competitors must set the scene in their verbal introductions for scenes, prose, or wherever else appropriate.

- 10960 Canada West Speech (13 years & under) Class (P)
Time Limit: 15 minutes
- 10961 Canada West Speech (17 years & under) Class (P)
Time Limit: 20 minutes
- 10962 Canada West Speech (22 years & under) Class (P)
Time Limit: 25 minutes

CANADA WEST MUSICAL THEATRE SOLO

Simple costumes and hand-held props integral to the performance are allowed. Time limits include all costume changes. An 18"x18"x18" rehearsal block will be provided and will be the only stage prop allowed. All selections must come from a published score, in any published key of a **STAGED MUSICAL**. Selections from Revues and Stand Alone Musical Theatre will not be allowed.

- 10970 Canada West Musical Theatre (13 years & under) Class (P)
Time Limit: 15 minutes
- 10971 Canada West Musical Theatre (17 years & under) Class (P)
Time Limit: 20 minutes
- 10972 Canada West Musical Theatre (22 years & under) Class (P)
Time Limit: 25 minutes

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CANADA WEST CHAMBER

Instruments must be stated on entry form. A combination of any recognized orchestral instruments with or without piano. Groups will consist of a minimum of 3 performers to a maximum of 6 performers each having their own part. When piano is included, the piano part must be original and not an orchestral reduction. Memorization is not required in this class.

10980 Canada West Chamber (17 years & under) Class (P)

Time Limit: 25 minutes

10981 Canada West Chamber (22 years & under) Class (P)

Time Limit: 40 minutes

CANADA WEST CHORAL

1. Participation is limited to Canadian choirs, performing in the appropriate class(es) at affiliated festivals.
2. Each choir will perform a well-rounded program that comprises works by different composers representing various styles and periods. Individual movements of multi-movement works may be included. Medleys are not permitted.
3. Recommended choirs must have performance recordings supervised and witnessed by a festival official.
4. **AUDIO** recordings, in mp3/mp4/m4a format, (.wav files are not acceptable) and a clear, PDF/JPEG scanned copy of the score (including a picture of the cover) must be submitted, with entry form and fee, by **June 24**, with the same choir, conductor, and accompanist as in the original performance.
5. No acoustic or electronic compensation, filtering, or other enhancement is to be used while recording, nor should the recording be mastered in any way.
6. All copyright regulations must be followed.

COMMUNITY

- Each choir shall consist of 8 or more members.
- The average age of the choir must fall within the age category.
- Time limit: 15 minutes

10990 Canada West Community Choir (12 years & under) Class (P)

10991 Canada West Community Choir (17 years & under) Class (P)

10992 Canada West Community Choir (24 years & under) Class (P)

SCHOOL

- Each choir shall consist of 8 or more members.
- Time limit: 15 minutes.

10995 Canada West School Choir (Grades 6 & under) Class (P)

10996 Canada West School Choir (Grades 9 & under) Class (P)

10997 Canada West School Choir (Grades 12 & under) Class (P)



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