



Event Press Release

Canada West Performing Arts Festival to Premier in Saskatchewan in the Summer of 2022

The provincial performing arts festival associations of Western Canada (BC, AB, and SK) have partnered to present the Canada West Performing Arts Festival (CWPAF)!

The CWPAF will be held in rotation with Saskatchewan hosting in 2022, Alberta hosting in 2023, and British Columbia hosting in 2024.

The CWPAF will feature the top amateur music and speech arts competitors from each partnering province's provincial performing arts festival. Competitors in three different age categories (12 & under, 17 & under, and 24 & under) will compete in a variety of solo disciplines, including Brass, Classical Vocal, Classical Guitar, Musical Theatre, Piano, Speech, Strings, and Woodwinds, as well as the group disciplines of Chamber and Choral (both Community and School Choral).

Participation at the Canada West Performing Arts Festivals, is gained through an affiliated local festival in a participating province (currently this includes BC, AB, and SK). Competitors who fulfill the eligibility requirements, as set forth by each province, may receive recommendation to their provincial festival. From the provincial level, competitors may be recommended to perform at the Canada West Performing Arts Festival.

To learn more about the Canada West Performing Arts Festival, please contact the administrator in your participating province. If you would like to volunteer or sponsor a scholarship at the CWPAF, please contact the hosting province for the coming year (contact information is below).

Provincial Festival Contact Information:

- BC: **Performing Arts BC** – www.bcprovincials.com
 - Provincial Administrator: Antonia Mahon – 250-493-7279; festival@bcprovincials.com
 - President: Margaret May
- AB: **Alberta Music Festival Association** – www.albertamusicfestival.org
 - Provincial Administrator: Wendy Durieux – 403-556-3038; info@albertamusicfestival.org
 - President: RJ Chambers
- SK: **Saskatchewan Music Festival Association** – www.smfa.ca
 - Provincial Administrator: Carol Donhauser – 306-757-1722; sask.music.festival@sasktel.net
 - President: Tammy Villeneuve