

## BANDS DISCIPLINE

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Due date for registrations:

**Friday, January 19, 2024**

Late registrations will **not** be accepted.

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### WHAT'S NEW FOR 2024

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This section summarises major changes to this discipline for 2024.

- **NEW!** Classes specifically for pops and “pop culture” repertoire are being added.

### IMPORTANT DEFINITIONS

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For the purpose of this Festival, bands can be **concert bands** or **jazz bands**.

- A **concert band** is any band with a minimum of 20 performers, performing standard concert band repertoire, and consisting primarily of brass, percussion, and woodwind instruments. A **school** concert band is any band whose performers are all drawn from the same publicly-funded elementary or secondary school. Intermediate (grade 7-8) bands from mixed intermediate and secondary schools may register in secondary school concert band classes. Any other concert band is a **community** band.
- A **jazz band** is any band of any size, performing standard jazz repertoire, and consisting primarily of brass, rhythm and percussion, and woodwind instruments. Jazz band classes include classes for stage bands and for jazz ensembles.
- A **stage band** is any jazz band with a minimum of 10 performers. The Festival recommends the following instrumentation for stage bands: 4-5 trumpets, 4-5 trombones, 5 saxophones (2 alto, 2 tenor, and 1 baritone), piano and/or synthesiser keyboard, guitar, bass, drums, and optional auxiliary percussion.
- A **jazz ensemble** is an ensemble of any size with any combination of instruments, including voice or synthesised instruments.

### BANDS RULES & REGULATIONS

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These are the rules & regulations specific to the Bands discipline. **Please be sure to also carefully review the Festival Rules and Regulations for generally applicable rules.**

- **ADJUDICATION:** Due to the vagaries of scheduling live-performance classes, in **competitive** classes, the adjudicator will award gold, silver, or bronze standings in lieu of placement. Ensembles will still receive marks on their adjudications in such classes.
- **PROFESSIONAL ACCOMPANIMENT:** In classes for jazz ensembles, the band director or a professional accompanist may perform the keyboard part for any ensemble otherwise consisting entirely of performers aged 14 and under.
- **BAND LEVEL REQUIREMENTS:** Band classes are organised based on standardised grades for band repertoire. **Open** classes are for repertoire of an advanced level of difficulty, approximately equivalent to grade 5 or higher.
- **CHALLENGE CLASS:** The secondary school challenge class is a **quick study** (“Q”) skills class. The repertoire selection(s) for this class will be provided to registered participants **six (6) weeks** prior to the scheduled date of the class if it is undertaken live.

### REPERTOIRE

Each class in this discipline specifies the quantity and nature of repertoire selections required for that class in its description. Unless specified otherwise, general rules for repertoire selections in this discipline are as follows:

- Any selection must be of a level of difficulty matching the class’s grade.
- Selections must be **contrasting** – distinct from one another in style, mood, tempo, etc.
- When in doubt, the adjudicator’s decision on the difficulty level of a selection, or on its suitability for a class, is **final**.

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- **STAGE BANDS & JAZZ ENSEMBLE CLASSES:** Repertoire in these classes may be from the standard jazz repertoire and should allow for one or more partially or fully improvised solo performances.
- **POPS AND POP CULTURE REPERTOIRE:** This repertoire may include arrangements for the specified type of band of music from popular genres or from media such as films, television, or video games.

## AWARDS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Bands participants in both competitive and non-competitive classes are eligible for Festival awards and recommendations.

- A minimum mark of **85** is required to qualify for a trophy or for a recommendation to Provincials.
- A minimum mark of **80** is required to qualify for a scholarship.

## BANDS TROPHIES

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The following are the trophies awarded in this discipline. Trophy categories are defined in the Festival Rules & Regulations.

- Each class that qualifies for one or more trophies lists the trophies it qualifies for in its entry, using a number corresponding to the trophy's entry in the numbered list below.

## PERFORMANCE TROPHIES

1. **ST. JOHN'S MUSIC TROPHY:** Awarded to the top-performing ensemble across **all** band classes.
2. **ARTHUR W. VERY MEMORIAL TROPHY:** Awarded to the top-performing school concert band in a Grade 1 or 2 class.
3. **HENRY MORGAN TROPHY:** Awarded to the top-performing school concert band in a Grade 3 class.
4. **CAFFÈ TRATTORIA ITALIA TROPHY:** Awarded to the top-performing school concert band in a Grade 4 or 5 class.
5. **ROTARY CLUB TROPHY:** Awarded to the top-performing school concert band in a Grade 6 class.
6. **RCMP BAND – BRAMWELL SMITH MEMORIAL TROPHY:** Awarded to the top-performing band in the Secondary School Concert Band Challenge Class.

## PROVINCIALS AND BANDS

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If you wish for your ensemble to be considered for Provincials, please consult the [Provincial syllabus](#) for all submission requirements and due dates, and requirements specific to [bands](#), ensuring your ensemble make-up and repertoire are in conformance with Provincials requirements.

- Each class that qualifies for one or more classes at Provincials lists the Provincials classes it qualifies for in its entry, using a number corresponding to the Provincials class entry in the numbered list below.

## BANDS PROVINCIALS CLASS LIST

1. **BANDS CLASS 1** ([Virtual](#)): Elementary School Concert Band up to and including grade 8 students.
2. **BANDS CLASS 2** ([Virtual](#)): Secondary School Concert Band up to and including grade 10 students.
3. **BANDS CLASS 3** ([Virtual](#)): Secondary School Concert Band up to and including grade 12 students.
4. **BANDS CLASS 4** ([Virtual](#)): Community Concert Band.
5. **BANDS CLASS 5** ([Virtual](#)): Elementary School Jazz Band up to and including grade 8 students.
6. **BANDS CLASS 6** ([Virtual](#)): Secondary School Jazz Band up to and including grade 12 students. Vocalist Optional.
7. **BANDS CLASS 7** ([Virtual](#)): Community Jazz Band.

## BANDS CLASSES

### SCHOOL CONCERT BANDS CLASSES

Code	Class	Repertoire	Time Limit	Fee	Trophies	Provincials
90010	Grade 1 Elementary School Concert Band	Two <b>Own Choice</b> selections.	15 minutes	\$ 88.00	1, 2	1
90020	Grade 2 Elementary School Concert Band	Two <b>Own Choice</b> selections.	15 minutes	\$ 88.00	1, 2	1
90030	Grade 3 Elementary School Concert Band	Two <b>Own Choice</b> selections.	15 minutes	\$ 88.00	1, 3	1
90110	Grade 1 Secondary School Concert Band	Two <b>Own Choice</b> selections.	15 minutes	\$ 88.00	1, 2	2, 3
90120	Grade 2 Secondary School Concert Band	Two <b>Own Choice</b> selections.	15 minutes	\$ 88.00	1, 2	2, 3
90130	Grade 3 Secondary School Concert Band	Two <b>Own Choice</b> selections.	15 minutes	\$ 88.00	1, 3	2, 3
90140	Grade 4 Secondary School Concert Band	Two <b>Own Choice</b> selections.	18 minutes	\$ 88.00	1, 4	2, 3
90150	Grade 5 Secondary School Concert Band	Two <b>Own Choice</b> selections.	18 minutes	\$ 88.00	1, 4	3
90160	Grade 6 Secondary School Concert Band	Two <b>Own Choice</b> selections.	20 minutes	\$ 88.00	1, 5	3
90190	Secondary School Concert Band Challenge Class	One <b>Set Piece</b> selection.	n/a	\$ 88.00	1, 6	-

### COMMUNITY CONCERT BANDS CLASSES

Code	Class	Repertoire	Time Limit	Fee	Trophies	Provincials
90210	Grade 1 Community Concert Band	Two <b>Own Choice</b> selections.	15 minutes	\$ 88.00	1	4
90220	Grade 2 Community Concert Band	Two <b>Own Choice</b> selections.	15 minutes	\$ 88.00	1	4
90230	Grade 3 Community Concert Band	Two <b>Own Choice</b> selections.	15 minutes	\$ 88.00	1	4
90235	Grade 3 & 4 Mixed Community Concert Band	Two <b>Own Choice</b> selections.	15 minutes	\$ 88.00	1	4
90240	Grade 4 Community Concert Band	Two <b>Own Choice</b> selections.	18 minutes	\$ 88.00	1	4
90245	Grade 4 & 5 Mixed Community Concert Band	Two <b>Own Choice</b> selections.	18 minutes	\$ 88.00	1	4
90250	Grade 5 Community Concert Band	Two <b>Own Choice</b> selections.	18 minutes	\$ 88.00	1	4
90260	Grade 6 Community Concert Band	Two <b>Own Choice</b> selections.	20 minutes	\$ 88.00	1	4

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### JAZZ BAND CLASSES

Code	Class	Repertoire	Time Limit	Fee	Trophies	Provincials
90310	Grade 1 Stage Band	Two <b>Own Choice</b> selections.	15 minutes	\$ 88.00	1	5, 6, 7
90320	Grade 2 Stage Band	Two <b>Own Choice</b> selections.	15 minutes	\$ 88.00	1	5, 6, 7
90330	Grade 3 Stage Band	Two <b>Own Choice</b> selections.	15 minutes	\$ 88.00	1	5, 6, 7
90340	Grade 4 Stage Band	Two <b>Own Choice</b> selections.	18 minutes	\$ 88.00	1	6, 7
90370	Open Stage Band	Two <b>Own Choice</b> selections.	20 minutes	\$ 88.00	1	6, 7
90410	Grade 1 Jazz Ensemble	Two <b>Own Choice</b> selections.	15 minutes	\$ 88.00	1	5, 6, 7
90420	Grade 2 Jazz Ensemble	Two <b>Own Choice</b> selections.	15 minutes	\$ 88.00	1	5, 6, 7
90430	Grade 3 Jazz Ensemble	Two <b>Own Choice</b> selections.	15 minutes	\$ 88.00	1	5, 6, 7
90440	Grade 4 Jazz Ensemble	Two <b>Own Choice</b> selections.	18 minutes	\$ 88.00	1	6, 7
90470	Open Jazz Ensemble	Two <b>Own Choice</b> selections.	20 minutes	\$ 88.00	1	6, 7

### POPS AND POP CULTURE BAND CLASSES

Code	Class	Repertoire	Time Limit	Fee	Trophies	Provincials
90510	Grade 1 Pops and Pop Culture (Concert Band)	Two <b>Own Choice</b> selections.	15 minutes	\$ 88.00	1	5, 6, 7
90520	Grade 2 Pops and Pop Culture (Concert Band)	Two <b>Own Choice</b> selections.	15 minutes	\$ 88.00	1	5, 6, 7
90530	Grade 3 Pops and Pop Culture (Concert Band)	Two <b>Own Choice</b> selections.	15 minutes	\$ 88.00	1	5, 6, 7
90540	Grade 4 Pops and Pop Culture (Concert Band)	Two <b>Own Choice</b> selections.	18 minutes	\$ 88.00	1	6, 7
90570	Open Pops and Pop Culture (Concert Band)	Two <b>Own Choice</b> selections.	20 minutes	\$ 88.00	1	6, 7
90610	Grade 1 Pops and Pop Culture (Jazz)	Two <b>Own Choice</b> selections.	15 minutes	\$ 88.00	1	5, 6, 7
90620	Grade 2 Pops and Pop Culture (Jazz)	Two <b>Own Choice</b> selections.	15 minutes	\$ 88.00	1	5, 6, 7
90630	Grade 3 Pops and Pop Culture (Jazz)	Two <b>Own Choice</b> selections.	15 minutes	\$ 88.00	1	5, 6, 7
90640	Grade 4 Pops and Pop Culture (Jazz)	Two <b>Own Choice</b> selections.	18 minutes	\$ 88.00	1	6, 7
90670	Open Pops and Pop Culture (Jazz)	Two <b>Own Choice</b> selections.	20 minutes	\$ 88.00	1	6, 7