

Federation of Music Festivals of Nova Scotia - Preparing for

FCMF NATIONAL MUSIC FESTIVAL

Competitors entering classes in the hopes of becoming eligible for advancement to the FCMF National Music Festival are STRONGLY encouraged to read the FCMF National Music Festival Syllabus (<https://www.fcmf.org/syllabus/>) to guide their selection of repertoire at the Local and Provincial Music Festivals. Also, an up-dated version of the Federation of Music Festivals of Nova Scotia's Syllabus for 2021 is available on the website of the host festival, the New Glasgow Music Festival (www.newglasgowmusicfestival.org).

There have been significant changes!

The FCMF National Music Festival is open to *non-professional musicians who are:

- i. 30 years or younger as of December 31 preceding the festival
- ii. Canadian citizens, or
- iii. Students living or studying in Canada, who perform at festivals affiliated through affiliated Provincial Music Festival Associations

Competitors advancing to the National Music Festival from the Nova Scotia Provincial Music Festival Finals must either reside or study in Nova Scotia

Competitors must have been recommended from appropriate classes at a local festival to the Provincial competitions, to be eligible to go to the FCMF National Music Festival. Please refer the 2021 syllabus of The Federation of Canadian Music Festivals for more complete rules governing these classes or the Federation of Music Festivals of Nova Scotia Syllabus.

In 2021, adjudicators at the NS Provincial Music Festival Finals may recommend to the FCMF National Music Festival: One (1) competitor from Junior (Developing Artist Stream) in Piano and Strings; and, two (2) competitors in each Senior Class (Emerging Artist Stream) offered at the 2021 Provincial Music Festival . **This change, because there was no National Music Festival in 2020, is for 2021 only.**

Competitors recommended from the NS Provincial Music Festival Finals to the FCMF National Music Festival will have 48 hours to accept or decline the recommendation. If they decline this recommendation then an Alternate recommended by the Adjudicator may be invited to fill this place. Once again, the Alternate will have 48 hours to accept or decline the recommendation.

Please Note: The following are possible under new FCMF regulations but are NOT being offered in Nova Scotia in 2021. "Adjudicators at the Provincial Festival may choose, in each choral, band,

orchestra category submitted one entry that is felt to be of a National standard. Each provincial association may send 2 extra choirs and band/orchestral entries to the FCMF National Music Festival, upon recommendation of the adjudicator. The extra recorded submissions are across the classes, not per class. Each province is permitted no more than one extra submission per class."

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