

FEDERATION of MUSIC FESTIVALS of NOVA SCOTIA : NEW for 2021!!

Virtual Competition in 2021

The 2021 NS Provincial Music Festival Finals will be held as a virtual competition due to the ongoing uncertainty of health restrictions and emergency measure orders relating to the COVID-19 pandemic, and their effect on public gatherings and venue use. Virtual Masterclasses will be held with the adjudicator. The New Glasgow Music Festival has agreed to host this event. Details will be emailed to all local festivals as they become known and posted on the NGMF web-site: (www.newglasgowmusicfestival.org).

For 2021, each local festival may send to the Provincial competitions (2)two eligible competitors for each Junior and Senior solo class. As a result of the provincial competitions, the FMFNS may send on to the Virtual National Music Festival (1) one eligible Junior Piano and (1) eligible Junior Strings competitor; and (2) two competitors from each of the Senior solo classes.

New JUNIOR level classes at the FCMF National Music Festival

The FCMF National Music Festival's new Development Artist Stream for Junior level competitors will be partially implemented in 2021 for piano and strings classes. Please check the FCMF or the FMFNS Syllabus for full details.

SENIOR Level Maximum Age - The maximum age for Senior competitors has been raised to 30 years as of December 31 preceding the festival.

Canadian Composer Classes – Memorization is encouraged but not compulsory.

Recommendations to FCMF National Music Festival – A Virtual Festival

In 2021, adjudicators at provincial music festivals may recommend two competitors in each senior class to the FCMF National Music Festival, due to lost opportunities in 2020.

Choral Classes

The FCMF National Music Festival is offering a revised selection of choral classes, including the addition of a Glee Choir, in their recorded competition. FMFNS will be adding these classes to our provincial syllabus. **For 2021, FMFNS will not be receiving any choral entries for provincial competition.**

Classes for Bands and Orchestras

The FCMF National Music Festival is now offering a recorded competition with classes for school and community bands and orchestras. The FMFNS will be adding these classes to our provincial syllabus. **For 2021, the FMFNS not be receiving any orchestra or band entries for provincial competitions.**

Senior Class Requirements

The FCMF National Music Festival has changed their repertoire requirements. There is now more freedom in repertoire choice with the expectation that a well-rounded recital will be presented. Students interested in being recommended to the FCMF National Music Festival should read the national syllabus carefully when planning their repertoire for local and provincial festival participation: <https://www.fcmf.org/syllabus/> or www.newglasgowmusicfestival.org

Maximum time allotted for **Voice, Guitar, Brass and Musical Theatre** has been reduced from 40 to 30 minutes for provincial performances since the maximum time for national performance was reduced from 60 to 45 minutes in these classes.

Senior Musical Theatre

The FCMF National Music Festival has made changes to guidelines for costumes and props. These will apply to our provincial syllabus for the Senior National Class only. Check the fcmf Syllabus for details.

Alternates

Adjudicators may recommend alternates in any class if the standard of performance is met. If a registered competitor is unable to participate, the named alternate can replace the competitor. As much notice as possible should be given to the alternate and FMFNS, but replacements will be accepted until a half hour before the beginning of the class providing all requirements of original music, accompanist etc. can be met.

An alternate will be required to have an entry fee paid in full prior to participation. Entry fees are non-refundable.

Alternates for Chamber Groups

For Chamber groups at all levels, if a recommended competitor from the Local Festival level is unable to participate at the Provincial level, they can be replaced by an alternate. There is a maximum of one substitution permitted for each Chamber group. **There will be no Chamber Group competitions provincially in 2021.**

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