



## FALL 2021 CHOIR, BAND & ORCHESTRA FESTIVAL

### FAQs

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Wednesday, December 15, 2021 – 11:59pm.**  
**Registrations arriving after this date will be subject to a \$7.50 late fee.**

<b>Video submission deadline:</b> December 15, 2021	<b>Adjudications returned by:</b> January 3, 2022
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#### TO PARTICIPATE IN THE FALL 2021 ONLINE VAYA INTERNATIONAL BAND, CHOIR AND ORCHESTRA FESTIVAL:

- Film a video of your performance(s) – one video for each group.**
  - If it is not possible to record and upload your group's selections together, you can submit separate links for each piece.
  - Recordings of groups performing via Zoom are acceptable.
- Upload your recording(s) to your own YouTube channel as "UNLISTED" – so anyone with the link can view it. We cannot accept Google Drive and Dropbox links.**
- Email your YouTube performance link to [gm@vayafestivals.ca](mailto:gm@vayafestivals.ca).**

#### **What are the guidelines for filming?**

We understand that video and audio quality will vary from group to group. Use the highest resolution you have available with your equipment. Any performance from the current school year will be acceptable.

#### **Do we need to submit a different version for the optional conductor critique?**

Yes, we will need a version of your group's performance with the conductor filmed from the front.

#### **How much repertoire do I submit?**

Submit up to three contrasting selections for adjudication. See the syllabus for time limits.

### **Are scores required to be submitted?**

Yes, we do need PDF copies of all your scores.

### **Is this a competition?**

Yes and no. This is first and foremost an educational experience. Each of the ensembles and their director(s) will receive carefully thought-out feedback based on their performances. We do however have cash awards and medals for outstanding groups.

### **What sort of repertoire can my group perform?**

All repertoire is own choice. Christmas and other seasonal selections are most welcome. Canadian ensembles achieving 90% or more will receive an invitation to MusicFest Canada, the prestigious National competition. Jazz and Concert Bands hoping for a MusicFest Canada invitation will need to perform at least one selection from their syllabus.

### **What rubric will the adjudicators follow?**

Tone, Balance, Blend, Intonation, Rhythm, Dynamics, Musicianship, Interpretation and Choice of Repertoire will be considered.

### **How does your marking system work?**

Our marking system has been updated:

- Platinum standard (95% +) signifies excellence in all facets of performance.
- Gold standard (90 - 94%) signifies an exceedingly high standard of musical performance.
- Silver standard (85 - 89%) signifies a high standard of musical performance.
- Bronze standard (84% -) signifies a performance with latitude for improvement.

### **What is included in the adjudication?**

- A detailed written critique of the ensemble
- A voice over audio adjudication of the ensemble
- An optional voice over audio adjudication of the director
- A full colour, printable Platinum, Gold, Silver, or Bronze-level certificate

### **How many groups may participate in this festival?**

There is no limit to the number of groups that can register, and international groups are most welcome.

### **How long will it take to receive our results?**

Results will be forwarded, and award announcements posted to our website no later than January 3, 2022.

### **If my group wins an award, how will it be sent to us?**

- All Canadian monetary awards will be paid by cheque and sent through regular mail.
- All International monetary awards will be paid via PayPal.
- All full colour printable PDF certificates will be sent via email along with adjudications.
- Medals for outstanding ensembles will be sent through regular mail. Unfortunately, due to high postage rates, we are unable to continue awarding trophies and plaques.