

2024 ROTARY MUSIC FESTIVAL

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Registration Dates and Details



Registration will open on November 15, 2023! You will see a few slight changes to the registration software but it should by this time be familiar to most of you and your details remain the same. Don't forget to renew the permission on the profile page before registering!

The deadline for all registrations will be **January 14, 2024** at midnight. As you know, work on the schedule begins immediately after this date, therefore no late registrations are accepted. The deadline has been again extended until mid-January in order to give people more time after the holidays, but it's not too early to register in November!

Venues



We are grateful for our continuing partnership with the Medicine Hat College, which allows us the use of the space in the Cultural Centre, along with the City of Medicine Hat. We are also grateful for our continued arrangement with St. Barnabas Anglican Church, and this year, happy to add St. John's Presbyterian Church into our partner list! We are looking forward to hosting our Choral classes at St. John's! You can find all of the venues/disciplines on our website under "Festival At A Glance".

Sponsorship Changes



As many of you know, the Rotary Club will have been the major sponsor of the Festival for 69 years as of Festival 2024! We are so grateful for their decades of investment. However, due to declining membership and finances, they have outlined a plan to move the sponsorship to the newly formed Medicine Hat Music Festival Society, gradually over a five year plan with the Society taking full oversight for Festival 2026.

As such, the Festival Society is seeking new membership from all interested parties. By interested, we mean you—teachers, parents, volunteers! You are the people for whom the festival is important, and we need you in order to help it continue. Society membership has something for everyone, whether it is volunteering your experience or time, donating, or simply being a member! You can find the information here: <https://rotarymusicfestival.com/home/medicine-hat-rotary-music-festival-society>



Changes to the Provincial Syllabus

Other than minor changes to wording, the AMFA Syllabus remains the same with two exceptions. First, due to discrepancies and difficulties surrounding recommendations to the Canada West Festival, local festivals represented at the AGM voted unanimously to align the local and provincial class offerings with the age categories represented at the Canada West Festival. The changes include moving the 9/under classes to the 10/under category. The new age categories will be uniform across the disciplines, and recommendations will go to Provincials from these categories, and then on to Canada West in the same categories. The new ages are:

- 10/under • 13/under • 15/under • 17/under • 22/under •

Local festivals will continue to offer classes for younger ages, but as before, the younger ages will not be offered as Provincial classes.

The second change is to the provincial Choral classes. This year there will be two streams; either by video recording or in person. These will be adjudicated in their own stream.