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## CELEBRATING 2022!

The 69th Annual Rotary Music Festival marked a joyous return to semi-normal, after 2021's Virtual Festival. Although there were some changes from normal years, we were so pleased to welcome back our performers and add many new ones! One of the substantial differences in last year was the need to use other venues than normal: to that end, we are very grateful to St. Barnabas Anglican Church for stepping up and allowing us to use their lovely venue for our Piano and Opera classes, as well as office space and the Stars of the Festival evening. Due to the popularity of this venue we will be holding a select number of classes at St. Barnabas in 2023.

The 2023 FESTIVAL will be held  
March 5 - 19, 2023

REGISTRATION OPENS  
NOVEMBER 20, 2022!

Deadline January 15, 2023

### PROVINCIALS 2022



Represented by 22 performers at the Provincial Festival,  
we had 15 overall placements between our 11 winners!



*We had a full house at the Studio Esplanade for the 2022 Rose Bowl, and a fantastic show with our wonderful performers!  
Pictured here: Winner Laec Lorentzen and Runner Up Lucas Semrau.*

## BIG CHANGES AHEAD!

2023 marks the 70th anniversary of the Medicine Hat Rotary Club sponsorship of our Festival. We are extremely grateful for the decades of commitment not only of financial support, but the many volunteer hours the Club has faithfully spent in support of our youth in the arts and allowing them the opportunities they've had. In 2020, the Rotary Club made the decision to gradually phase out their support as the Major Sponsor of the Music Festival. At that time, they made a 5 year financial commitment, which would gradually taper off, bringing us through to 2025 with reduced funding each year. We are now at the half-way point of this commitment, and you may see some

changes as we transition. In the meantime, the Medicine Hat Music Festival Society is actively seeking membership - **this means you**, as a supporter of the Festival with a vested interest in keeping things going! Executive members for the Society are needed and include, Society Secretary, Society Vice President, and other SoExecutive positions as well as general members. If help and support is not provided, there may no longer be a Music Festival In Medicine Hat in the near future. Please help us keep the Festival alive and thriving. You can find the membership form on our website at [www.rotarymusicfestival.com](http://www.rotarymusicfestival.com).





## Rotary Club of Medicine Hat 2023 Music Festival



We would like to remind all instrumentalists about the **Instrumental Scholarship Class**! Sponsored by her family, the Beth Nickel Memorial Scholarship class is open to performers in the disciplines of Piano, Guitar, Strings, Brass, and Woodwind. It is open to performers age 13+, who are performing at an advanced level. Performers will have a limit of up to 20 minutes in which to play three contrasting pieces for a panel of adjudicators, and the winner receives a \$250 scholarship. Beth (October 2, 1979—February 2, 2021) is remembered for her humble spirit as she performed selflessly in so many areas of leadership and music, always with a smile and a kind word, and showing interest in other people's lives. Beth grew up in Bow Island, and spent many hours on the road to and from Medicine Hat, where she studied violin and viola with Bill van der Sloot at the Medicine Hat College. Beth participated in Festival for many years, taking home the Rose Bowl on more than one occasion, for both solo and chamber music. We are happy to play a small part in honouring her memory in this way.



### 2023 Provincial Music Festival

May 30—June 3, 2023  
Grant MacEwan University  
Edmonton, Alberta

[www.albertamusicfestival.org](http://www.albertamusicfestival.org)

#### Changes of Note from the 2022 AMFA AGM affecting our local Festival:

- 16 & Under Provincial Classes have been changed to 17 & under.
- 14 & Under Provincial Classes have been added for Musical Theatre, Strings, Piano, and Speech.
- 9 & Under Provincial Class has been added for Piano Plan I (minimum grade 3).
- Piano Duets have been removed from Plan I & II and are their own class now. Two new Provincial duet classes have been added, one for 12 & under, one for 13 & over.
- All Choral Classes at Provincials will be in Audio Recorded format as opposed to in person.

We will be aligning our classes locally with the Provincial classes. As such, we will be using a modified Syllabus which has the age categories as well as includes our own local addenda classes. The new syllabus will also align with our registration software so it should be easier for everyone to find the right class now! You will be able to find the Syllabus on our website, and your teachers will also be emailed a copy when it is ready.

