



June 2-6, 2024

PERFORMING *Arts* BC

ASSOCIATION OF REGIONAL FESTIVALS

- Established in 1964, Performing Arts BC is a not-for-profit charity which acts as the umbrella organization for 34 local/regional performing arts festivals throughout the province. These festivals are as diverse in size and scope as the communities they represent.
- Over 26,000 young musicians, dancers and dramatic artists, ranging in age from 5 to 25, participate each year in one of these regional festivals.
- The most promising young performers from each member festival are recommended to the Provincial Festival where they compete and participate in adjudicated sessions, master classes, coaching, workshops and technique classes with some of North America's finest adjudicators.
- The Provincial Festival is hosted by a different member festival each year.
- The very best performers in all disciplines are recommended by local festivals for the Provincial Excellence classes with a grand award of \$5000.
- Since 2022, outstanding competitors in 3 levels of competition in music and speech arts disciplines may be recommended to the Canada West Performing Arts Festival.



Host Festival for the 2024 Performing Arts Provincial Festival

- Peace River North Festival is an annual Performing Arts Festival held in Fort St. John over 9 days in April, involving more than 600 participants and large audiences.
- Participants get a chance to perform in public and receive instruction from professional adjudicators in music, dance and speech arts.
- We are a member of Performing Arts BC and send delegates to the Provincial Festival every year.
- PRNF hosted a very successful Provincial Festival in Fort St. John in 2016.
- We were asked to step up again in 2024 to host the Festival and our organizing committee has gone to work once again to make the Provincials even better than 2016.

Provincial Delegates

Delegates are selected by adjudicators in one of 34 local or regional festivals around the province. Over 26,000 young musicians, dancers and dramatic artists, ranging in age from 5 to 22, participate each year in PABC affiliated festivals.

Provincial Delegates range in age from 10 to 22.

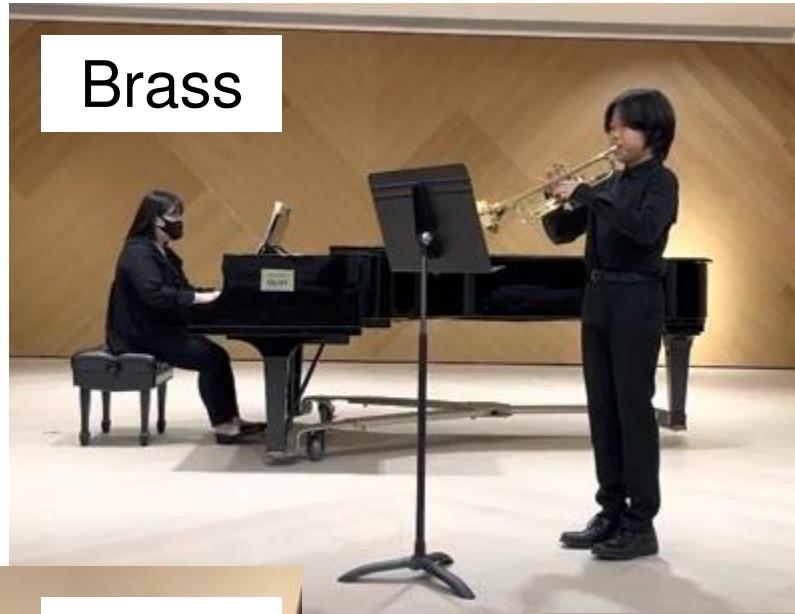
Performances in:



Woodwinds



Brass



Guitar



Vocal



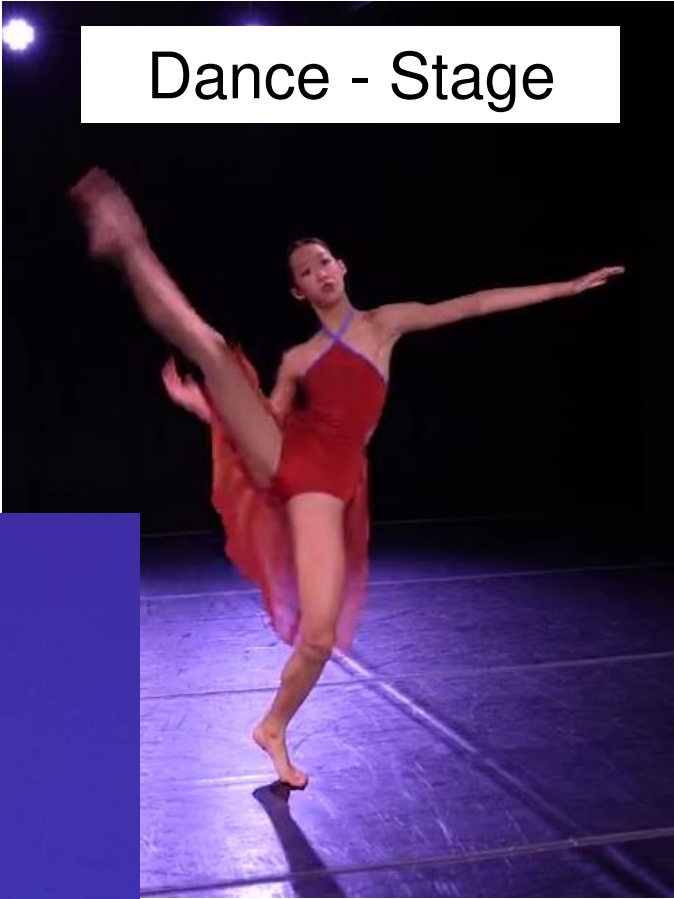
Speech Arts



Chamber groups



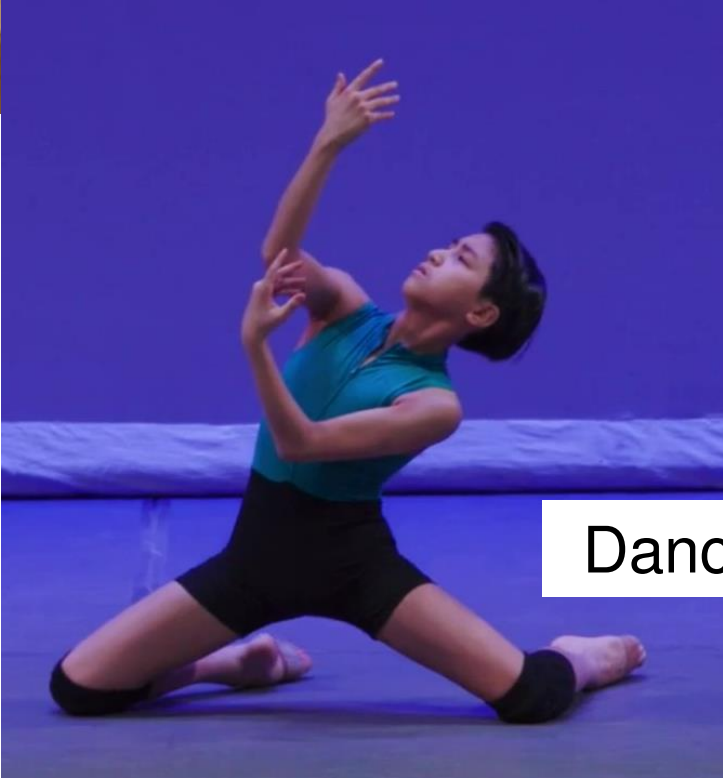
Dance - Stage



Dance - Ballet



Dance - Modern



At the Provincials



Having fun
with friends



The Provincials in Fort St. John

- Around **600 delegates** come to Fort St. John along with their families, teachers & accompanists.
- Have blocked more than **300 hotel rooms** for delegates.
- Will book more than **100 nights** at local hotels Adjudicators and board members alone.
- Performances take place in more than **10 venues** around the city.
- Delegates and their families eat at local restaurants, rent cars and use local transportation.
- ❖ In 2016, during the Provincial Festival, Whole Wheat & Honey reported their three top days of business ever.
- ❖ Local businesses welcomed delegates and their families by giving discounts and displaying festival posters.
- Local pianists hired as accompanists.
- Festival gives positive exposure for the City of Fort St. John around the province.



Community Engagement

More than 100 local volunteers are needed to run the Provincial Festival. Sometime we even manage to have some fun doing it!



Thank-you to our Generous Sponsors



Sponsorship opportunities

- Venues
- Concerts
- Delegate gifts and souvenirs
- Volunteer t-shirts
- Provincial Excellence Grand Prize

All performance sessions and music workshops and adjudications are open to the public at minimal cost.



Concerts featuring the best performances of the Provincial Festival

- Provincial Highlights
- Merited Participant Performances
- Dance Finals
- Provincial Excellence Gala Concert

Artistic Development



Local artists can watch and be inspired by the best young performers in the province.

Local delegates engage with other performers and receive instruction from top professionals in each discipline.



Promising performers can attend as Merited Participants.

Community pride in our young artists and hosting a great event.



How can the City get involved?

- Financial Assistance – Invest in bringing this great event to our City.
- Promote – Help to promote the festival around the City and beyond. We want to encourage people from around the Peace region to come and enjoy the Provincial Festival, especially the concerts.
- Welcome our visitors to Fort St. John. We want delegates and their families to take away a positive impression of our City as many did when we hosted in 2016.
- Get involved – volunteer and come out to the performances and concert and encourage others to do the same. Possibly City hosted activities during the festival.
- We would like to invite the Mayor to present the People's Choice award at the Provincial Excellence Gala Concert.

Welcome the Province to Fort St. John

