



Rules & Regulations

Registration Rules

1. Teachers, parents, guardians and/or competitors are responsible for reading and understanding the rules governing the festival. See also specific discipline rules which are outlined at the beginning of each section.
2. It is the responsibility of teachers, parents, guardians and/or competitors to ensure they are entering the correct class(es). If unsure, please contact the festival office.
3. By submitting the registration, the teachers, parents, guardians and/or competitors agree to:
 - a. receive electronic communication from the festival;
 - b. publication of their name in the program.
 - c. agree to information will be used for festival purposes only including social media, website, and publicity.
4. Entry fees must be paid at the time of registration and must be via etransfer norfolk.m.a.f@gmail.com or cheque (payable to the Norfolk Musical Arts Festival). **Entry fees will not be refunded.**
5. Multiple competitors may be registered under one account. Whoever creates the registration(s) must pay the entry fee(s). For instance, if a music teacher registers all his/her students that teacher is responsible for paying the entry fees.
6. Only one person of a duet, trio or quartet needs to register however please provide the names of the other participants.
7. Only one member of a group (such as a teacher or choir conductor) needs to register. **Please include the number of members in the group, specifically where there is some overlap in members such as school bands. This information is needed to ensure adequate seating is available at the venues.**
8. Competitor's age is as of December 31, 2025.
9. Please indicate the length of the piece(s) to assist the festival with scheduling.
10. Piece titles, composers and authors of texts are required (please ensure they are spelled correctly); however, if you do not have that information at the time of registration please put "tba" in those fields. The information must be entered into the registration prior to the registration close date (11:59 pm Monday, January 12, 2026).
11. Competitors cannot perform the same piece in more than one class.
12. Competitors are not allowed to repeat repertoire performed at the previous festival.
13. Competitors will have two options for accompaniment: live or recorded. Either option must be piano, guitar or ukulele only (no singing over recorded voices). Competitors must bring their own sound system. Recorded accompaniment is not permitted in the duet mentor classes. Any competitor who brings accompaniment other than piano, guitar or ukulele will receive an adjudication only. No mark will be awarded.
14. The designation solo "Open" class is intended as competition at the Conservatory Associate level or above. Adults not at the Open level, please see levelled classes (Introductory to Level 10) or non-competitive classes.
15. All competitions, unless otherwise stated, shall be open to amateurs only. An amateur shall be defined as follows: "Any person whose principal means of livelihood is not obtained from the profession or practice of the arts, even if he or she from time to time accepts remuneration for services rendered."



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16. Teachers are eligible and encouraged to enter any of the non-competitive classes. Teachers and professionals are not eligible for awards.
17. Repeats may be omitted at the discretion of the entrant. Da Capo and Dal Segno passages are not considered to be repeats and shall be observed.

Participation

18. All participants must supply an original copy of their music for the adjudicator and accompanist. Bars should be numbered for the use of the adjudicator. It is a violation of the Canadian Copyright Act to copy any portion of music without the authorization from the copyright owner. Downloaded music will be accepted with proof of purchase.
19. Competitors must be prepared to perform any day or time during the festival. Competitors must compete in the order indicated in the program; however, the festival reserves the right to change the order if necessary.
20. Competitors failing to comply with any rule will receive an adjudication and a certificate of merit, but no mark or award placement will be given.
21. Non-competitive classes are not eligible for awards. Competitors will receive an adjudication but no mark. A certificate of merit will be issued.
22. Competitors using music or cue cards (except where noted) will receive an adjudication and a certificate of merit, but no mark or award placement will be given.
23. The marks awarded by the adjudicator are final.
24. All scholarships and trophies are given at the absolute discretion of the adjudicators and do not necessarily have to be awarded if the required standard of performance is not met.
25. Questions, conflicts, or problems should be directed to the Hall Manager, not the adjudicator. Competitors, parents, and teachers are not permitted to enter into any discussion or correspondence with the adjudicators prior to or during the festival.
26. Coaching of competitors by teachers and/or parents is not permitted.
27. The use of any audio and video equipment as well as cell phones is strictly prohibited. Cell phones must be turned off during competition.
28. The festival is a scent-free environment.



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Voice - Solo Syllabus

Voice

Competitors must not enter a class below their current level of study; they may however enter one class one level higher than current level of study.

All classes are defined as "ANY VOICE".

All soloists competing in vocal must memorize their selected piece(s) unless otherwise stated.

Vocal selections from Conservatory syllabi must be performed in the prescribed key for Level 8 to Open repertoire. All other vocal selections may be transposed.

Competitors are required to limit their performance to three verses only.

It is required that anyone wishing to qualify for a scholarship perform in TWO or more solo classes in the same discipline.

Songs from the Screen and More

Please refer to the SSAM list for guidelines on songs that are acceptable in this category.

<https://nmaf.ca/ssam-chart>

Please contact the festival office if:

1. You are not sure which category best fits your song choice.
2. If your song choice is not included on the SSAM list. We will be updating the list to include any song that is not currently listed.

1200 - 20 years and over	\$28.00
1201 - 16 to 19 years	\$28.00
1202 - 13 to 15 years	\$28.00
1203 - 9 to 12 years	\$22.00
1204 - 8 years and under	\$22.00



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Voice - Solo Syllabus

Solo - Musical Theatre

All selections in this category must be from a STAGED musical theatre production only. Refer to the SSAM list for suggested repertoire. <https://nmaf.ca/ssam-chart>

Please contact the festival office if:

1. You are not sure which if the piece is from a staged production.
2. If the piece is not included on the SSAM list. We will be updating the list to include any piece that is not currently listed.

1205 - 20 years and over	\$28.00
1206 - 16 to 19 years	\$28.00
1207 - 13 to 15 years	\$28.00
1208 - 9 to 12 years	\$22.00
1209 - 8 years and under	\$22.00

Solo - Contemporary / Popular

Please refer to the SSAM list for popular voice repertoire. <https://nmaf.ca/ssam-chart>

Please contact the festival office if:

1. You are not sure which category best fits your song choice.
2. If your song choice is not included on the SSAM / popular voice list. We will be updating the list to include any song that is not currently listed.

1210 - 20 years and over	\$28.00
1211 - 16 to 19 years	\$28.00
1212 - 13 to 15 years	\$28.00
1213 - 9 to 12 years	\$22.00
1214 - 8 years and under	\$22.00



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Voice - Solo Syllabus

Solo - Canadian Composers

All selections must be from a current Conservatory syllabus. Please research composers carefully when selecting pieces for these classes. Incorrect selections will receive adjudication only.

1215 - Open	\$28.00
1216 - Level 10	\$28.00
1217 - Level 9	\$28.00
1218 - Level 8	\$25.00
1219 - Level 7	\$25.00
1220 - Level 6	\$25.00
1221 - Level 5	\$25.00
1222 - Level 4	\$25.00
1223 - Level 3	\$22.00
1224 - Level 2	\$22.00
1225 - Level 1	\$22.00

Solo - Classical Sacred, Before 1900

1226 - 20 years and over	\$28.00
1227 - 16 to 19 years	\$28.00
1228 - 13 to 15 years	\$28.00
1229 - 9 to 12 years	\$22.00
1230 - 8 years and under	\$22.00



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Voice - Solo Syllabus

Solo - Concert Group

Three selections from a current Conservatory syllabus (excluding Disney or Broadway) from list A, B, C or D including one Canadian composer. Selections must be sung in the original language and in the prescribed key.

1231 - Open <i>3 pieces 20 minutes or less</i>	\$35.00
1232 - Level 10 <i>3 pieces 20 minutes or less</i>	\$35.00
1233 - Level 9 <i>3 pieces 15 minutes or less</i>	\$35.00
1234 - Level 8 <i>3 pieces 15 minutes or less</i>	\$28.00

Solo - Conservatory - Age

All selections must be from a current Conservatory syllabus excluding Disney or Broadway.

1235 - 20 years and over	\$28.00
1236 - 16 to 19 years	\$28.00
1237 - 13 to 15 years	\$28.00
1238 - 9 to 12 years	\$22.00
1239 - 8 years and under	\$22.00

Solo - Conservatory - Level

All selections must be from a current Conservatory syllabus excluding Disney or Broadway.

1240 - Open	\$28.00
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Voice - Solo Syllabus

Solo - Conservatory - Level (continued)

1241 - Level 10	\$28.00
1242 - Level 9	\$28.00
1243 - Level 8	\$25.00
1244 - Level 7	\$25.00
1245 - Level 6	\$25.00
1246 - Level 5	\$25.00
1247 - Level 4	\$25.00
1248 - Level 3	\$22.00
1249 - Level 2	\$22.00
1250 - Level 1	\$22.00
1251 - Introductory	\$22.00

Solo - Conservatory Examination Repertoire

All selections must be from a current Conservatory syllabus. Competitors may enter only ONE class in this section. Selections must be made from the level in which the student is currently working. Selections must NOT have been used in a previous examination. Contrast in balance in the program should be considered. Vocalizes need not be memorized, however, if using the music, an original score MUST be provided for the adjudicator.

1252 - Open <i>2 pieces and 1 vocalize</i>	\$35.00
1253 - Level 10 <i>2 pieces and 1 vocalize</i>	\$35.00
1254 - Level 9 <i>2 pieces and 1 vocalize</i>	\$35.00

Solo - Conservatory Examination Repertoire (continued)

1255 - Level 8 <i>2 pieces and 1 vocalize</i>	\$28.00
1256 - Level 7 <i>2 pieces and 1 vocalize</i>	\$28.00
1257 - Level 6 <i>2 pieces and 1 vocalize</i>	\$28.00
1258 - Level 5 <i>2 pieces</i>	\$28.00
1259 - Level 4 <i>2 pieces</i>	\$28.00
1260 - Level 3 <i>2 pieces</i>	\$28.00
1261 - Level 2 <i>2 pieces</i>	\$28.00
1262 - Level 1 <i>2 pieces</i>	\$28.00

Solo - Contemporary Sacred, After 1900

1263 - 20 years and over	\$28.00
1264 - 16 to 19 years	\$28.00
1265 - 13 to 15 years	\$28.00
1266 - 9 to 12 years	\$22.00
1267 - 8 years and under	\$22.00



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Voice - Solo Syllabus

Solo - Folk Style Song

Any contemporary folk song composed by 20th and 21st century songwriters, not listed in the current Conservatory syllabus.

1268 - 20 years and over	\$28.00
1269 - 16 to 19 years	\$28.00
1270 - 13 to 15 years	\$28.00
1271 - 9 to 12 years	\$22.00
1272 - 8 years and under	\$22.00

Solo - Foreign Language

1273 - Any age	\$28.00
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Solo - French Art Song

All selections must be from a current Conservatory syllabus.

1274 - Open	\$28.00
1275 - Level 10	\$28.00
1276 - Level 9	\$28.00
1277 - Level 8	\$25.00
1278 - Level 7	\$25.00
1279 - Level 6	\$25.00
1280 - Level 5	\$25.00



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Voice - Solo Syllabus

Solo - Italian Song

All selections must be from a current Conservatory syllabus.

1281 - Open	\$28.00
1282 - Level 10	\$28.00
1283 - Level 9	\$28.00
1284 - Level 8	\$25.00
1285 - Level 7	\$25.00
1286 - Level 6	\$25.00
1287 - Level 5	\$25.00

Solo - Non-Competitive

1288 - Any age	\$22.00
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Solo - Opera, Secular Cantata, etc.

All selections must be from a current Conservatory syllabus which may belong to any musical period and any operatic style but must be part of a recognized opera or other secular musical work with more than one movement. If the selection is an aria which has a recitative associated with it, then the recitative must also be performed. The selection must be sung in the original language.

1289 - Open	\$28.00
1290 - Level 10	\$28.00

Solo - Oratorio, Sacred Cantata, etc.

All selections must be from a current Conservatory syllabus. The selection must have religious lyrics and be part of a larger work such as an oratorio, mass, sacred cantata or opera, etc. with more than one movement or section. If the selection is an aria which has a recitative associated with it, then the recitative must also be performed. Selections from masses or cantatas must be sung in the original language.

1291 - Open	\$28.00
1292 - Level 10	\$28.00

Solo - Original Composition

Own choice of a piece composed by the competitor. If desired competitor may accompany him/herself on piano or acoustic guitar. Please provide melody line and chord symbols for the Adjudicator.

1293 - Any age	\$22.00
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Solo - Other - Classical

1294 - 20 years and over	\$28.00
1295 - 16 to 19 years	\$28.00
1296 - 13 to 15 years	\$28.00
1297 - 9 to 12 years	\$22.00
1298 - 8 years and under	\$22.00



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Voice - Solo Syllabus

Solo - Recitatives

All selections must be from a current Conservatory syllabus.

1299 - Open	\$28.00
1300 - Level 10	\$28.00
1301 - Level 9	\$28.00
1302 - Level 8	\$25.00
1303 - Level 7	\$25.00

Solo - Special Needs

Memorization is not required.

1304 - Any age	\$22.00
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Solo - Traditional Folk Song

Any folk song from the current Conservatory syllabus or any school music textbook. A traditional folk song may be arranged but not composed. A folk song is a song that is traditionally sung by the common people of a region and forms part of their culture.

1305 - 20 years and over	\$28.00
1306 - 16 to 19 years	\$28.00
1307 - 13 to 15 years	\$28.00
1308 - 9 to 12 years	\$22.00
1309 - 8 years and under	\$22.00



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Voice - Solo Syllabus

Solo - Master Class

Participants perform for and work one-on-one with the adjudicator within a class setting. Master classes will be scheduled upon completion of the Vocal discipline. No marks will be awarded, and each participant will receive a certificate of merit.

1324 - Any age

\$28.00