



Strathmore Performing Arts Festival Committee
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To whom it may concern:

Re: Strathmore Performing Arts Festival

April 10 - 24, 2024 will mark the fifth annual Strathmore Performing Arts Festival. Our community has offered so much support as we have created and maintained a successful educational, non-competitive festival for so many amateur musicians. Our 2023 festival took place in four different venues over seven days, with 141 participants enrolled in 424 classes. Thanks to the generous donations of our sponsors, we were able to award over \$7700 in scholarships, as well as send 32 provincial nominations to Edmonton to represent our festival at the provincial festival.

We now look forward to our 2024 festival, which we have extended due to high registration numbers in all disciplines. This 10-day festival will include learning and performance to accommodate the growing interest from members of the community. Additionally, we hope to continue to send nominees in every discipline to the provincial festival, providing further opportunities for education, as well as introducing our local participants to talented performers from all across the province of Alberta.

In order to continue to provide scholarship money, as well as cover the cost of festival operations, we are asking for your help in the way of financial donations for operating costs as well as scholarships, made either as corporate or private donations. Money donated for operating costs will be used to help pay for rental of venues, adjudicator fees, and other expenses. Any money designated for scholarships will be given directly to the performers involved in the festival. These scholarships encourage and support students to continue developing their talents through additional training. Strathmore Performing Arts Festival is a registered charitable organization, and as such, we are able to issue tax receipts to organizations who donate to a registered charity.

We ask that you please consider donating to our festival, to encourage the arts and support our performers while they build skills and make memories that will serve them throughout their lives.

Sincerely,

Loralee Laycock, President
On behalf of the Strathmore Performing Arts Festival Committee