



Strathmore Performing Arts Festival Committee  
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To whom it may concern:

Re: Strathmore Performing Arts Festival Donations

The Strathmore Performing Arts Festival is excited to announce our upcoming festival from March 18 - April 1, 2026. As a committee, we recognize the overwhelming support of generous donors as we have created and maintained a successful educational, non-competitive festival for so many amateur musicians. Our 2025 festival took place in five different venues over ten days, with 428 entries, and over 1000 participants in attendance. Last year we awarded 129 awards totalling \$9775, and sent 29 entrants to compete at the Alberta Provincial Music Festival. Our SPAF participants were well represented, with several receiving placements in their respective classes and all receiving high quality instruction from world-class adjudicators. Additionally, three of our participants went on to represent the province of Alberta at the Canada West Music Festival in Saskatchewan. People are paying attention to the participants from our local festival!

We are looking forward to our 2026 festival, which will include learning and performance opportunities 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 form 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