



2026 FESTIVAL PARTICIPANT GUIDE

How to find out when your performance will take place:

There are two ways to find out when your performance will take place.

1. Login to your account with our festival [here](#). Click on 'registrations' in the drop down menu and expand each registration to view the performance date and time.
2. Check our online 'program' which will be on the front page of our website by March 1.

How to prepare for your performance:

- Musical Theatre, Voice and Strings sessions will take place at the Okotoks Alliance Church (322183 15 St E, NW corner of 338 & Hwy 2A, Okotoks). All other performance sessions will take place at the High River United Church (123 Macleod Trail SW, High River).
- Ensure you have an original copy of your music with you for the adjudicator. Photocopies will not be permitted. If your music was purchased online, proof of purchase must be provided.
- Arrive 15 minutes prior to the start of your adjudication session.
- Check in with our volunteers at the registration table. They will collect your music and record that you have arrived. When the session before yours is complete, you can enter the venue and wait for your group to start.

What will happen during your performance and adjudication:

- When it is your turn, you will be introduced by the secretary. You'll perform your piece and then wait for the rest of the group to perform.
- After everyone has performed, the adjudicator will interact with each of you. They may get you to perform sections of your piece again. This will be similar to a 'mini-lesson'. Enjoy learning from your adjudicator's wealth of knowledge! You will receive a mark, written feedback and a certificate when your session is finished.
- If you have won an award, you will be contacted by our festival director by March 28.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

Can I reschedule my adjudication session?

Because we are working with a large amount of registrations and as well as the schedules of our adjudicators, we are unable to accommodate schedule changes.

Can friends or family members watch the adjudication sessions?

Absolutely! You're welcome to invite friends or family to watch your performance. There is no charge for admission, but donations will be gratefully accepted.

Do I need to perform my piece(s) from memory?

Memorization is strongly encouraged, but not mandatory. Performers who use music will still be adjudicated and receive a mark, feedback page and certificate. However, to be eligible for awards, scholarships or provincial recommendations, pieces must be performed from memory.

There are many other FAQ's located on our website [HERE](#).

If you have specific questions, please email our Festival Director at help@highwoodmusicfestival.com.