



*For the Encouragement of Young Musicians*  
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Shuswap Music Festival 2021

Dear Teachers, Music Teachers and Program Directors,

The Shuswap Music Festival Society is working to provide a robust though modified Festival for 2021. To follow protocols for Covid-19 we are in consultation with Interior Health Authority and receiving technical advice on how to proceed. We are also in consultation with Provincial and other local Festivals as they also make adjustments. Please note that we are **adjusting** and will keep you informed of decisions and protocols as we have them. We just want our students to be preparing!

The current plan is to have entrants being recorded on site and live-streamed to our adjudicators who will be able to provide feedback immediately. A minimal number of people will be in the venue at any given time. We will have students perform their complete repertoire at one sitting with the usual wait while adjudication is written. Entries will be adjudicated individually OR as a concert group depending on your registration. Written adjudication, marks and certificates will be sent out ASAP. We know that the group setting will be missed by ALL of us, but hope that our students will still benefit from this learning and performance opportunity. Scholarships will still be awarded. We will plan to present an online Awards Event as well as posting results online.

We've retained the adjudicators who were previously scheduled for 2020:

Strings - Joel Stobbe

Senior piano - Maureen Hollis

Junior piano - Cynthia Goddard

Vocal - Winston Noren

Bands (to be confirmed) - Gordon Waters

Adjudicator biographies and information regarding awards and scholarships are posted online.

**A revised syllabus will be posted in mid-December.** It will have some slight changes, while maintaining the usual requirements. Please check the syllabus for each discipline for details. We will not be providing a second piano this year, so no two-piano ensembles. Duets and small ensembles will probably be OK for strings & piano IF they are family or cohort members. Masks would be worn. Vocal groups are being cut.

Online Registration will not open until January 11th, 2021 and close at January 31, 2021. We need to be aware of updated protocols by that time before finalizing the details. The schedule for sessions will be posted shortly after registration closes. We would direct you to our website: [www.shuswapfestival.com](http://www.shuswapfestival.com). All registrations and payment of accompanying fees using PayPal and credit cards are to be made on-line.

The tentative schedule is: Vocals April 12-14, Strings April 20-21, Senior Piano April 19-22 and Junior Piano April 26-28. Band classes are being considered with direct interaction with teachers.

**We are thankful for the large number of dedicated volunteers** who work behind the scenes to make this festival successful each year. This year their tasks will be DIFFERENT! Please pass the word on to parents and others that we are always happy to welcome new volunteers to join us. Sign up on the website! Many hands make light work - and it's a rewarding experience!

If you know of any new teachers in your area - would you pass our information to them?  
Inquiries can be directed to the Board at [shuswapmusicfestival@gmail.com](mailto:shuswapmusicfestival@gmail.com).

With a smile and a song,

Marlene Engel

Secretary Shuswap Music Festival Board