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Dear Local Festivals, Teachers, and Competitors,

The Alberta Provincial Festival, as well as all of the AMFA affiliated Local Festivals, continue to work hard to bring you the best festival experience possible. At this point in time, most communities are planning for in-person festivals this festival season and AMFA also anticipates a return to an in-person Provincial Festival in May of 2022. If Covid-19 restrictions make an in-person event impossible, AMFA will shift to planning a virtual Provincial Festival.

AMFA held its annual AGM on October 23, 2021. Please see below for how the decisions made at the 2021 AGM will affect your Local and Provincial Festival in the coming year.

### 2022 Syllabus Changes

Outside of minor edits and corrections, significant changes to the 2022 AMFA Syllabus include:

- **Alberta Excellence Classes:** Removal of all Alberta Excellence Classes from the Local Festival Syllabus and Provincial Festival Syllabus. As AMFA is now partnering with BC and SK to offer the Canada West Performing Arts Festival (CWPAF) beginning in the summer of 2022 (more about this below), the Alberta Excellence Classes have been removed, as eligibility to the CWPAF is fulfilled by entry into most of the other Provincial classes. *Please note that piano competitors desiring to move onto the CWPAF must enter Piano Plan I and/or Piano Concerto class/es.*
- **Viola:** Removal of Viola-specific classes at the Provincial Festival Syllabus. All Local Festivals may now send both a violinist and violist into Provincial classes 301, 302, and 303.
- **Choral:** All sung Choral at the 2022 Provincial Festival will be submitted by Audio Recording (no live choral classes in 2022).
- **Choral Speech:** All Choral Speech at the 2022 Provincial Festival will be submitted by Video Recording (no live choral speech classes in 2022).
- **Speech:** Creation of a non-eligible "Unpublished Solo Scene" class in Speech in the Local Festival Syllabus.
- **Glossary:** Updated Glossary of Terms to include descriptions of new classes added over the last two years (and other small updates to the Glossary).

### Debut of the Canada West Performing Arts Festival

AMFA is pleased to announce a new partnership with the provincial performing arts festival associations of British Columbia and Saskatchewan to present the Canada West Performing Arts Festival (CWPAF)! The CWPAF will be held in rotation, with Saskatchewan hosting July 21-23 at the University of Saskatchewan in Saskatoon in 2022, Alberta hosting in 2023, and British Columbia hosting in 2024 (pending Covid-19 restrictions).

The CWPAF will feature the top amateur music and speech arts competitors from each partnering province's provincial performing arts festival. Competitors will compete in three different age categories in a variety of solo disciplines as well as Chamber and Choral.

To learn more about the CWPAF, please visit <https://www.albertamusicfestival.org/cwpaf> or contact AMFA's Provincial Administrator, Wendy Durieux ([info@albertamusicfestival.org](mailto:info@albertamusicfestival.org)). If you would like to volunteer or sponsor a scholarship at the CWPAF, please contact AMFA's President, RJ Chambers ([president@albertamusicfestival.org](mailto:president@albertamusicfestival.org)).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'RJ Chambers', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

RJ Chambers  
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