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Dear Local Festivals, Teachers, and Competitors,

After the difficulty and constant adjustments of the last two years, almost every Local Festival is back to in-person programming!! The Provincial Festival will return in-person for all solo disciplines in Spring of 2023 as well! Please see below for how the decisions made at the 2022 AMFA AGM will affect the Alberta Festivals in the coming year.

### 2023 Syllabus Changes

Outside of minor edits and corrections, significant changes to the 2023 AMFA Syllabus include:

- **Local Piano Duet Classes Added:** Piano Duets have been removed from Piano Plans I and II and a new stream of Piano Duet classes have been added to the Local Syllabus (found on page 41). These Piano Duet classes are eligible for Provincial recommendation.
- **Provincial Classes Added:** The following classes have been added to the Provincial Festival Syllabus:
  - Piano Duet – Age 12 and Under
  - Piano Duet – Age 13 and Over
  - Piano Plan I – Age 9 and Under
  - Piano Plan I – Age 14 and Under
  - Violin/Viola – Age 14 and Under
  - Cello/Double Bass – Age 14 and Under
  - Speech – Age 14 and Under
  - Musical Theatre Ballad – Age 14 and Under
  - Musical Theatre Up-Tempo – Age 14 and Under
- **17 and Under Provincial Classes** All classes that were 16 and Under at the Provincial Festival in previous years are now 17 and Under.
- **Choral:** All sung Choral at the 2023 Provincial Festival will be submitted by AUDIO Recording (no in-person choral classes in 2023).
- **Choral Speech:** All Choral Speech at the 2023 Provincial Festival will be submitted by VIDEO Recording (no in-person choral speech classes in 2023).

### Alberta Hosting the 2023 Canada West Performing Arts Festival

In partnership with the provincial performing arts festival associations of British Columbia and Saskatchewan, AMFA is pleased to host the second annual Canada West Performing Arts Festival (CWPAF) on July 21-22, 2023 in Edmonton!

The CWPAF features the top amateur music and speech arts competitors from each partnering province's provincial performing arts festival. Competitors 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 [www.canadawestfestival.ca](http://www.canadawestfestival.ca) 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 blue ink handwritten signature, appearing to read 'RJ Chambers', is written over a thin blue horizontal line.

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