

TAKE THE STAGE MUSIC FESTIVAL

Rules & Regulations

2026

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REGISTRATION (subject to change)

1. Deadline to register: **December 27th, 2025** at 11:59pm EST.
2. Registration forms must be submitted through the registration page on the website..
3. Take The Stage Music Festival does not provide refunds FOR ANY REASON including inclement weather. The festival will proceed and will not be canceled for any reason.
4. Participants in all classes will declare their selection on their entry forms
5. It is the participant's responsibility to ensure the number is registered under the correct category. Registering under an incorrect category will result in the number being disqualified for Provincial recommendations. Take The Stage Festival will not be verifying the accuracy of each registration.
6. Late entries will be subject to a \$20 late fee until January 12th, 2026. Changes to entries can be made with a \$15 fee/class until January 19th, 2026

ELIGIBILITY

1. The Participant's age is as of December 31st, 2025.
2. Participants are eligible to compete in all classes as long as age or grade level specifications are met.
3. Once a class reaches the size of 8 entrants or more, the class will be divided.
4. Deportment and appearance are important to a polished performance. Footwear and suitable stage attire should be worn. Costumes may be worn in musical theatre, but are not taken into consideration in the adjudication.
5. A selection may be used in one class only at the festival and cannot be used in future years in the festival.
6. Songs may be transposed to suit the entrant's voice within reason.
7. All hard copies of scores, books, and music must be submitted to the festival secretary for the adjudicator. For digital copies, a purchase receipt must be provided. Please note that photocopies will not be accepted.

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8. Scholarship recipients will be chosen at the adjudicator's discretion. Participants **MUST** enter a minimum of 2 classes to be eligible to qualify for a scholarship. Each scholarship has specific requirements as to age, residency, and class entered and may change year to year. Scholarship winners and their teachers will be notified by email. Scholarship winners may or may not be chosen by the adjudicator to perform at the Gala concert.
9. The adjudicator can recommend up to 3 competitors per level/age category to the Provincial Music Festival. Participants are responsible to provide their own accompanist and entry fees for the Provincial festival. If a participant receives recommendations more than 1 level, the participant is only allowed to accept the highest level of the recommendation.

ADJUDICATION

1. A listing of classes and competitors will be announced by January 24th, 2026
2. The minimum mark to win a scholarship and to be recommended to the Provincial Music Festival is 85 in competitive classes.
 - 2.1. Piano participants will be required to play a minimum of 2 Lists within the same level in order to receive provincial recommendation by the adjudicator.
3. All competitors will receive the adjudicator's written comments.
4. The adjudicator's decisions are final.
5. Certificates will be presented at a time decided upon by the Association and in accordance with the following classification and minimum standard:
 - Platinum 92 and above
 - Gold 85-91
 - Silver 80-84
 - Bronze 75-79
 - Participant who received 1st Place with Platinum will receive a medal from Take The Stage Festival

MANAGEMENT

1. The competition shall operate under the direction of the Take The Stage Committee members.
2. All matters not dealt with in these rules shall be referred to the Committee whose decisions on such matters shall be final.
3. All concerns or complaints must be submitted within 48 hours to the Competition Director at "email". Under no circumstances are such concerns to be made to the adjudicator.