

100 Mile Festival of the Arts
Presidents Report 2019

The 100 Mile Festival of the Arts has proudly been a significant event in the community for 43 years. Every year it takes an extraordinary amount of volunteer time to put together this event for the students. Not only time, but attention to detail is required by all to ensure a fair, rewarding and educational experience for our youth to further their education in the performing arts.

This year our committee consists of 12 volunteers who together worked over the year, over 60 additional volunteers helping during the festival. Over 2000 people were either participants, audience members, and volunteers attended the festival over the 10 days. This is not possible without our patrons. Our patrons are always extremely generous. I would like to make note that many of our patrons are individual private donors from the community that love and support the arts. Our patrons donated over \$6000 This year. We also have a number of local businesses that support us with their generosity and also, we would like to acknowledge the Cariboo Regional District, the District of 100 Mile House for their support with funds from the Joint Grant Committee and the Royal Bank of Canada for their financial support again this year. We would also like to thank our local media for their outstanding support.

We were grateful to have four highly qualified adjudicators again this year. Robin Norman for voice, Debbie McGladdery adjudicated speech arts, John Wjite for instrumental and Holly Duff adjudicating for piano. The adjudicators enjoyed the performances from 280 entries with 87 piano entries, 33 Voice entries, 17 Instrumental entries and 37 speech arts entries.

At the end of the Festival we had a very enjoyable showcase concert where participants that were selected by the adjudicators performed and received their awards. The following students were selected to attend the Performing Arts BC Provincials that were held in Chilliwack at the end of May:

Speech Arts Competitor: (Junior) Cate McArthur

Speech Arts Merited Participants: (Junior) Kaitlyn Piccolo and Victoria McIntosh

Instrumental Competitor, (Junior A Strings) Emma Donnelly

Vocal: Junior Classical Voice: Claire Kreschuk (Competitor)
(Merited Participant) Sophie Jensen

Junior Musical Theatre: Melody Watkins (Competitor)
(Alternate/Merited Participant) Emily Thain

Intermediate Musical Theatre:
Baylee Shields (Competitor)

Choral Class 104: PSO Choir

The participants that were able to attend represented the 100 Mile House Festival of the Arts very well at extremely high level of competition.

This is the second year of implementation of our new award system from the extremely logistically challenging trophies to an awards certificate. We have found that this has been a beneficial change and this year we also added a monetary value to each award which was extremely well received. We are also looking at more ways to stream line the awards with the benefit of the students in mind. We would like to thank the awards sponsors and their support with the changes we have made and trusting the committee to provide the best options for awards presentations.

I would like to thank Kathy Coleopy and Lynn McArthur for joining our team this year. Kathy has been outstanding with organizing our award sponsors and will switch to take on the role of adjudicator liaison for the next year. I would also like to thank our outgoing adjudicator liaison and Secretary, Francis Higginson, for her many many years of volunteering for the Festival. Lynn has taken on the task of the website for the Festival and the website has grown in views and use to the students and public. It is such an important part in communication and promotion of the Festival and we are thrilled with the enthusiasm she has put into it. I would also like to thank all the committee members and directors for their efforts and endless hours volunteering for the festival.

The Festival hosted a wonderful workshop in March this year with Emma Jarrett Introducing the Alexander Technique. This workshop was a very great way for students to prepare for the upcoming Festival. A recital wrapped up the workshop in the evening with students performing pieces they had worked on.

Our Annual Concert of Celebration will be held in September this year. Stay tuned for more information of the wonderful community event. Elaine Saunders puts her heart and sole into the event and it is a night to remember.

In closing the Festival of the Arts is going strong due to the volunteers of the community and will continue to do so.

Thank you,
Shelly Morton
President