



# **2021**

# **Syllabus**

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# RULES GOVERNING LOCAL FESTIVALS

## General

1. It is the responsibility of the competitor to be familiar with the *Rules Governing Local Festivals*, the Local Festival Addendum (if any), as well as the definitions of relevant terms found in the *Glossary of Terms* (found on page 73).
2. A Local Festival may establish additional classes and/or rules (as published in the Local Addendum for such festival) that apply only to that festival. Please check your Local Addendum (if any) for changes or modifications to classes, rules, or regulations.
3. Certain Local Addendum classes may be used to satisfy eligibility for the Provincial Festival provided such class have been approved in advance by the Provincial Administrator of AMFA (this to be done by the Local Festival).
4. The festival movement is generally for acoustic performances (no electronic amplification), unless indicated in the score (i.e. singing with a recording of whale song, electric string quartet, etc.). Other exceptions may include Contemporary Vocal classes or certain Family and Community classes. It shall be the responsibility of the competitor to supply all required amplification equipment not provided by the Local Festival (please confirm with the Local Festival on what, if any, amplification equipment shall be provided).
5. Local Festival/s reserve the right to refuse any entry.

## Local Festival Management

6. Each Local Festival is managed by a Committee. Questions concerning a Local Festival should be directed to the Local Festival contact person. Decisions of the Local Festival Committee regarding the Local Festival are final.
7. A protest may only be considered if it is made in accordance with the regulations established by the Local Festival.
8. Each Local Festival reserves the right to add classes or delete classes upon request.
9. Adjudicator decisions regarding performances, marks, placings, scholarships, and Provincial Festival recommendations are final. No Local

Festival, or Committee thereof, can change either the mark/s given to a competitor by the adjudicator nor can they change any adjudicator's recommended entrants to the Provincial Festival. If such an activity is discovered, the competitor (the one that was named instead of the adjudicator recommended competitor) shall be disqualified and a \$500 fine will be levied upon the offending Local Festival, per offense.

10. At no time may a teacher, parent, or competitor engage the adjudicator in conversation prior to or during any performance for that adjudicator. Such contact may result in the competitor's disqualification.
11. The Local Festival may use the following grading system or any other grading system of their choosing.

90% and Over	Superior
85%-89%	Distinction
80%-84%	Honours
79% and Below	Merit

## Competitors

12. The age of a competitor is established as of December 31 preceding the Local Festival.
13. The Festival movement is intended for "amateurs." Please refer to the *Glossary of Terms* (found on page 73) for a definition.
14. A competitor may enter only once in a single class or *Group of Classes*. A Group of Classes is determined by a single heading in each discipline. For example, in Piano, "PIANO SOLO – OWN CHOICE" and "PIANO SOLO – BAROQUE" are two separate groups/headings.
15. A member of a Duet or larger ensemble may enter more than once in a class provided that they perform a different part, play a different instrument, or is the conductor.
16. A solo competitor taking private music lessons may not enter School classes.

## Selections and Performance

17. A **Selection** is a stand-alone piece of music. For a full definition, please refer to the *Glossary of Terms* (found on page 73).

18. In classes using grades/levels, the syllabus from either the Royal Conservatory of Music (RCM) OR Conservatory Canada (CC) must be used. If an older version of either syllabus is used, the publication date of the syllabus must be included with the entry. If a chosen selection is not listed in either the RCM or CC syllabus, proof of classification must be submitted with the entry. Competitors may contact either CC or RCM and ask for a specific piece to be classified.
19. A solo or group competitor may not perform the same **selection** in the same Festival in the following two (2) festival years. **Exception:** In Concerto or Sonata classes, the first movement may be repeated in a future year provided it is augmented by additional movements in the future year.
20. A solo or group competitor may only perform a specific **selection** once using the same instrument in a single festival year.
21. In classes with “own choice” selections, the total performance must not exceed 20 minutes unless otherwise stated. **Exception:** *Alberta Excellence Classes*, and *Complete Concerto* or *Complete Sonata* Classes.
22. Accompaniments must be played as written. **Exception:** *Contemporary Vocal*, *Musical Theatre*, and all other *Pop* classes (in any discipline).
23. Each Local Festival reserves the right to disqualify a competitor who is not ready to perform when called.
24. Each Local Festival sets its own regulations regarding memorization.
25. No person – on or off stage – may augment or coach a performance.
26. Transpositions are permitted but any transposed selection must be marked with the key in which it will be performed. **Exception:** The following classes do not allow transpositions: *Classical Vocal Solo – Bach Aria*, *Classical Vocal Solo – Opera*, and *Classical Vocal Solo – Oratorio*.
27. A competitor’s performance may be recorded by their parent/guardian but recordings of any and all adjudications and/or another competitor’s performance/s is strongly discouraged. Please refrain from using any flash or lighted photography of any type.

## Copyright

28. One (1) complete **licensed** score/edition, including solo and accompaniment music and speech materials, must be onsite in the performance space (with the exception of Music Composition). Works classified as Public Domain by the Copyright Act are acceptable as photocopies. Additionally, if the Copyright holder has provided written approval, a copy of such work may be accepted. It is the competitor’s responsibility to ensure and provide proof of their claim as to a selection’s valid use (such as a receipt for works purchased online). The Local Festival may disqualify any entry that does not adequately prove valid use of copyrighted material.
29. Date ranges for specific periods (Baroque, Classical, Romantic, etc.) listed in the syllabus are for purposes of AMFA only. For AMFA festivals, repertoire should be entered into the appropriate class as per the date ranges as presented in the AMFA syllabus.

## Group Classes (Band, Orchestra, Chorus, etc.)

30. When a school entry contains combined grades, the grade or grade range having the largest number of students determines the class to be entered.
31. Every Community Chorus member must be an official (bona fide) member. Ten percent (10%) of the choir membership may exceed a specified age limit by no more than two years.
32. Every choir must consist of at least thirteen (13) members. Choirs with fewer members should enter ensemble classes (or should consult with the Local Festival contact person prior to entry).
33. A School Chorus, School Band or School Orchestra entry with members from two or more schools, and trained as a single unit, may compete as a school entry **ONLY** if the members have not been selected on the basis of performing ability. Otherwise, such auditioned school ensembles that are made up from singers/players of more than one school must compete as a Community group.

# PIANO PLAN I (BY AGE)

\*Competitors entering Plan I (by age) **MAY NOT** also enter Plan II (by Grade/Level).

\*Piano Concertos may **ONLY** be played in Piano Concerto Classes or the Alberta Excellence Piano Class.

To be eligible to compete in any Piano Plan I class, you must **meet or exceed** the suggested Minimum Grade / Level Standard for that age as per the below chart.

Competitors that do not **meet or exceed** the minimum Grade/Level for their age should consider entering Piano Plan II.

Age	Minimum Grade/Level
5 and Under	Grade/Level Pre-1
6 and Under	Grade/Level 1
7 and Under	Grade/Level 1
8 and Under	Grade/Level 2
9 and Under	Grade/Level 3
10 and Under	Grade/Level 4
11 and Under	Grade/Level 5
12 and Under	Grade/Level 6
13 and Under	Grade/Level 7
14 and Under	Grade/Level 8
15 and Under	Grade/Level 8
16 and Under	Grade/Level 9
17 and Under	Grade/Level 9
18 and Under	Grade/Level 10
19 and Over	Grade/Level 10

## ALBERTA EXCELLENCE PIANO SOLO

- Please contact your local festival **PRIOR** to entering any Alberta Excellence class.
- All selections **MUST** be memorized at all levels (local and provincial).

### Local Festival Requirements:

1. Enter class **70000** and perform **ONE** of the following: an advanced Sonata, an advanced Concerto, or a complete Concerted Work.
2. Enter at least **ONE** other eligible local piano class and perform at the Minimum Associate Standard level to ensure you have enough repertoire if/when you receive a provincial recommendation.

**70000 AB EXCELLENCE PIANO SOLO**

## PIANO SOLO – OWN CHOICE

*“Classical” (serious), not pop.*

- Minimum Grade/Level Standards apply.

**ONE** selection, own choice

70005	5 AND UNDER
70006	6 AND UNDER
70007	7 AND UNDER
70008	8 AND UNDER
70009	9 AND UNDER
70010	10 AND UNDER
70011	11 AND UNDER
70012	12 AND UNDER
70013	13 AND UNDER
70014	14 AND UNDER
70015	15 AND UNDER
70016	16 AND UNDER
70017	17 AND UNDER
70018	18 AND UNDER
70019	19 AND OVER

## PIANO SOLO – CANADIAN COMPOSERS

*“Classical” (serious), not pop.*

- Minimum Grade/Level Standards apply.

**ONE** selection, own choice

70505	5 AND UNDER
70506	6 AND UNDER
70507	7 AND UNDER
70508	8 AND UNDER
70509	9 AND UNDER
70510	10 AND UNDER
70511	11 AND UNDER
70512	12 AND UNDER
70513	13 AND UNDER
70514	14 AND UNDER
70515	15 AND UNDER
70516	16 AND UNDER
70517	17 AND UNDER
70518	18 AND UNDER
70519	19 AND OVER

### **PIANO SOLO – BAROQUE**

*For AMFA purposes, music composed circa 1750 and prior. Includes works of Handel, Bach, Telemann, Scarlatti and their contemporaries.*

- Minimum Grade/Level Standards apply.
- If a Prelude is connected with a Fugue, it must be performed with the Fugue in the Prelude and Fugue Class (found on page 24).

**ONE** selection, own choice

71005	5 AND UNDER
71006	6 AND UNDER
71007	7 AND UNDER
71008	8 AND UNDER
71009	9 AND UNDER
71010	10 AND UNDER
71011	11 AND UNDER
71012	12 AND UNDER
71013	13 AND UNDER
71014	14 AND UNDER
71015	15 AND UNDER
71016	16 AND UNDER
71017	17 AND UNDER
71018	18 AND UNDER
71019	19 AND OVER

### **PIANO SOLO – CLASSICAL PERIOD**

*For AMFA purposes, music composed circa 1750-1820. Includes works of Haydn, Mozart, Beethoven, Clementi and their contemporaries.*

- Minimum Grade/Level Standards apply.

**ONE** selection, own choice, which MAY be movement(s) of a sonatina or sonata.

71105	5 AND UNDER
71106	6 AND UNDER
71107	7 AND UNDER
71108	8 AND UNDER
71109	9 AND UNDER
71110	10 AND UNDER
71111	11 AND UNDER
71112	12 AND UNDER
71113	13 AND UNDER
71114	14 AND UNDER
71115	15 AND UNDER
71116	16 AND UNDER
71117	17 AND UNDER
71118	18 AND UNDER
71119	19 AND OVER

### **PIANO SOLO – EARLY ROMANTIC**

*For AMFA purposes, music composed circa 1820-1850. Includes works of Schumann, Brahms, Mendelssohn, Chopin, Grieg, Liszt, and their contemporaries.*

- Minimum Grade/Level Standards apply.

**ONE** selection, own choice.

71205	5 AND UNDER
71206	6 AND UNDER
71207	7 AND UNDER
71208	8 AND UNDER
71209	9 AND UNDER
71210	10 AND UNDER
71211	11 AND UNDER
71212	12 AND UNDER
71213	13 AND UNDER
71214	14 AND UNDER
71215	15 AND UNDER
71216	16 AND UNDER
71217	17 AND UNDER
71218	18 AND UNDER
71219	19 AND OVER

### **PIANO SOLO – LATE ROMANTIC**

*For AMFA purposes, music composed circa 1850-1900. Includes works of Rachmaninoff, Medtner, Albéniz, Granados, Scriabin, and their contemporaries.*

- Minimum Grade/Level Standards apply.

**ONE** selection, own choice

71311	11 AND UNDER
71312	12 AND UNDER
71313	13 AND UNDER
71314	14 AND UNDER
71315	15 AND UNDER
71316	16 AND UNDER
71317	17 AND UNDER
71318	18 AND UNDER
71319	19 AND OVER

**PIANO SOLO – IMPRESSIONISM**

*Works of Ravel, Debussy, Ireland, Griffes, Satie, and their contemporaries.*

- Minimum Grade/Level Standards apply.

**ONE** selection, own choice

71412	12 AND UNDER
71413	13 AND UNDER
71414	14 AND UNDER
71415	15 AND UNDER
71416	16 AND UNDER
71417	17 AND UNDER
71418	18 AND UNDER
71419	19 AND OVER

**PIANO SOLO – EARLY MODERN COMPOSERS**

*“Classical” (serious), not pop. For AMFA purposes, music composed between 1900-1970.*

- Minimum Grade/Level Standards apply.

**ONE** selection, own choice

71505	5 AND UNDER
71506	6 AND UNDER
71507	7 AND UNDER
71508	8 AND UNDER
71509	9 AND UNDER
71510	10 AND UNDER
71511	11 AND UNDER
71512	12 AND UNDER
71513	13 AND UNDER
71514	14 AND UNDER
71515	15 AND UNDER
71516	16 AND UNDER
71517	17 AND UNDER
71518	18 AND UNDER
71519	19 AND OVER

**PIANO SOLO – LATE MODERN COMPOSERS**

*“Classical” (serious), not pop. For AMFA purposes, music composed between 1971-Present.*

- Minimum Grade/Level Standards apply.

**ONE** selection, own choice

71605	5 AND UNDER
71606	6 AND UNDER
71607	7 AND UNDER
71608	8 AND UNDER
71609	9 AND UNDER
71610	10 AND UNDER
71611	11 AND UNDER
71612	12 AND UNDER
71613	13 AND UNDER
71614	14 AND UNDER
71615	15 AND UNDER
71616	16 AND UNDER
71617	17 AND UNDER
71618	18 AND UNDER
71619	19 AND OVER

**PIANO SOLO – CONCERT**

**TWO** or **THREE** of selections, own choice, from **ONE** of the following styles: Baroque, Classical, Romantic (both Early and Late Romantic may be entered in one Concert class), or Modern (both Early and Late Modern may be entered into one Concert class).

		TIME LIMIT
72005	5 AND UNDER	6 minutes
72006	6 AND UNDER	6 minutes
72007	7 AND UNDER	7 minutes
72008	8 AND UNDER	8 minutes
72009	9 AND UNDER	10 minutes
72010	10 AND UNDER	12 minutes
72011	11 AND UNDER	14 minutes
72012	12 AND UNDER	16 minutes
72013	13 AND UNDER	18 minutes
72014	14 AND UNDER	20 minutes
72015	15 AND UNDER	20 minutes
72016	16 AND UNDER	24 minutes
72017	17 AND UNDER	24 minutes
72018	18 AND UNDER	30 minutes
72019	19 AND OVER	30 minutes

### **PIANO SOLO – RECITAL**

- Minimum Grade/Level Standards apply.

**THREE** selections, own choice, from any THREE of the following periods: Baroque, Classical, Early Romantic, Late Romantic, Impressionism, Early Modern, or Late Modern.

		TIME LIMIT
72105	5 AND UNDER	6 minutes
72106	6 AND UNDER	6 minutes
72107	7 AND UNDER	7 minutes
72108	8 AND UNDER	8 minutes
72109	9 AND UNDER	10 minutes
72110	10 AND UNDER	12 minutes
72111	11 AND UNDER	14 minutes
72112	12 AND UNDER	16 minutes
72113	13 AND UNDER	18 minutes
72114	14 AND UNDER	20 minutes
72115	15 AND UNDER	20 minutes
72116	16 AND UNDER	24 minutes
72117	17 AND UNDER	24 minutes
72118	18 AND UNDER	30 minutes
72119	19 AND OVER	30 minutes

### **PIANO SOLO – PRELUDE AND FUGUE**

- Minimum Grade/Level Standards apply.

**ONE** selection, own choice

73016	16 AND UNDER
73017	17 AND UNDER
73018	18 AND UNDER
73019	19 AND OVER

### **PIANO SOLO – PARTITA, ENGLISH, or FRENCH SUITE**

- Minimum Grade/Level Standards apply.

73118	18 AND UNDER (2 movements)
73119	19 AND OVER (2 or 3 movements)

### **PIANO SOLO – JAZZ/BLUES/RAGTIME**

- Minimum Grade/Level Standards apply.
- In this class, you **MAY NOT** perform transcriptions, arrangements, or abridged versions.
- ONLY music originally composed for the piano is acceptable.

**ONE** selection, own choice.

73205	5 AND UNDER
73206	6 AND UNDER
73207	7 AND UNDER
73208	8 AND UNDER
73209	9 AND UNDER
73210	10 AND UNDER
73211	11 AND UNDER
73212	12 AND UNDER
73213	13 AND UNDER
73214	14 AND UNDER
73215	15 AND UNDER
73216	16 AND UNDER
73217	17 AND UNDER
73218	18 AND UNDER
73219	19 AND OVER

### **PIANO SOLO – ARRANGED JAZZ/BLUES/RAGTIME**

**NOT ELIGIBLE FOR A PROVINCIAL MUSIC FESTIVAL RECOMMENDATION**

- Minimum Grade/Level Standards apply.
- This class is for transcriptions, arrangements or abridged versions of Jazz, Blues, or Ragtime selections.

**ONE** selection, own choice

73306	6 AND UNDER
73308	8 AND UNDER
73310	10 AND UNDER
73311	11 AND UNDER
73312	12 AND UNDER
73313	13 AND UNDER
73314	14 AND UNDER
73315	15 AND UNDER
73316	16 AND UNDER
73317	17 AND UNDER
73318	18 AND UNDER
73319	19 AND OVER

**PIANO SOLO – MOVIE/TV/POP****NOT ELIGIBLE FOR A PROVINCIAL MUSIC FESTIVAL  
RECOMMENDATION**

- Minimum Grade/Level Standards apply.
- The selection MAY be a transcription, arrangement, or an abridged version.

**ONE** selection, own choice

73406	6 AND UNDER
73407	7 AND UNDER
73408	8 AND UNDER
73409	9 AND UNDER
73410	10 AND UNDER
73411	11 AND UNDER
73412	12 AND UNDER
73413	13 AND UNDER
73414	14 AND UNDER
73415	15 AND UNDER
73416	16 AND UNDER
73417	17 AND UNDER
73418	18 AND UNDER
73419	19 AND OVER

**PIANO SOLO – NATIONAL ANTHEM****NOT ELIGIBLE FOR A PROVINCIAL MUSIC FESTIVAL  
RECOMMENDATION**

- Minimum Grade/Level Standards apply.
- Class may be divided by age.
- Any standard edition may be used.

73501	O CANADA
73502	ANY NATIONAL ANTHEM (not including <i>O Canada</i> )

**PIANO DUET****NOT ELIGIBLE FOR A PROVINCIAL MUSIC FESTIVAL  
RECOMMENDATION****ONE** selection, own choice

73606	6 AND UNDER
73608	8 AND UNDER
73610	10 AND UNDER
73611	11 AND UNDER
73612	12 AND UNDER
73613	13 AND UNDER
73614	14 AND UNDER
73615	15 AND UNDER
73616	16 AND UNDER
73617	17 AND UNDER
73618	18 AND UNDER
73619	19 AND OVER

**PIANO TRIO (ONE PIANO)****NOT ELIGIBLE FOR A PROVINCIAL MUSIC FESTIVAL  
RECOMMENDATION**

- Class may be divided by age.

**ONE** selection, own choice

73701	ONE PIANO – SIX HANDS
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**PIANO SIGHT READING****NOT ELIGIBLE FOR A PROVINCIAL MUSIC FESTIVAL  
RECOMMENDATION**

- Please state the current GRADE/LEVEL of study.  
The test piece will be approximately THREE grades/levels below the stated grade/level.

73801	PIANO SIGHT READING
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**PIANO QUICK STUDY****NOT ELIGIBLE FOR A PROVINCIAL MUSIC FESTIVAL  
RECOMMENDATION**

- Twenty-four (24) hours of study is allowed.
- Please state the current GRADE/LEVEL of study
- The test piece will be approximately ONE grade/level below the current grade/level of study.
- Memorization is not required.
- Class may be divided by grade/level.

73805	PIANO QUICK STUDY
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