

# Lacombe and District Performing Arts Festival Newsletter

December, 2019

It is with great excitement that we have welcomed several new board members to our festival committee. Community members and longtime festival supporters, Faye Geates and Stephen Bell have graciously stepped into the role of our Awards directorship. It is also with great excitement that we welcome Trudy Salomons as our new Festival Treasurer.

Existing board members have transitioned into new roles including Roberta Biel into the role of Festival Secretary, Joan Eisses into the position of General Adjunct, and Heidi Baumbach into the role as President. We also would like to again express such appreciation and gratitude to our lifetime members: the late Marj Marshall, Norm Start, the late Susan Helm, and Sylvia Gillespie and would also like to express our appreciation and gratitude for the service of past president Craig Colegrave, as well as past secretary Celina Colegrave and past awards director Jana Figursky, as they move on from our committee towards future endeavors. We are so fortunate to have such great minds contributing to our committee and festival—both past and present—and appreciate every single individual who has served and strengthened our committee over the last four decades.

Looking forward to 2020, we are excited to announce our 2020 festival dates. We would like to remind everyone that our entry deadline is March 1. As in 2019, all registrations will take place online and you will be able to check back to our festival website [lacombemusicfest.com](http://lacombemusicfest.com) in early January (website is currently under construction). Exceptions will be given to fiddle and dance entries which may be emailed to [lacombemusicfestfiddle@gmail.com](mailto:lacombemusicfestfiddle@gmail.com) or [lacombefestivaldance@gmail.com](mailto:lacombefestivaldance@gmail.com) no later than March 1, 2020. We are so pleased at the level of support and participation in these new disciplines added to our festival in 2019 and look forward to further serving them in 2020.

## Lacombe at Provincials, by the numbers

Lacombe has a history of being well represented at the provincial festival and 2019 was no exceptions. We can continue to be proud of our young artists as they represent our community at the provincial level

16	Lacombe performers sent to Provincials
6	Disciplines that Lacombe performers participated in
23	Classes that Lacombe performers participated in
9	Lacombe performers that placed first or second in their class

The Grand Concert will take place in the Centennial Hall at the Lacombe Memorial Centre at 6pm on Tuesday, May 5, 2020. Awards will also be presented at this time. We are pleased to announce that City of Lacombe Councillor Thalia Hibbs has agreed to be our emcee for this event.

We would also like to thank the City of Lacombe, Lacombe County, Burman University, and the College Heights Seventh-day Adventist Church for their kind donation of venue space for our festival this year. We would also like to again extend a warm and appreciative thank you to all the churches and schools in the community who have hosted our festival in years past and offer us continuing support on the road ahead.

Looking forward to sponsorship for our 2020 festival, we would again like to thank every single business and individual who has contributed towards making Festival in previous years such a success for all students who participated. The ongoing support and loyalty of so many of our sponsors is most genuinely appreciated.

Wishing you all a holiday season full of warmth and love.

-Your Festival Committee-

## 2020 Festival Schedule

Discipline	Date
Band & Instrumental	Thursday, April 23
Choral	Tuesday, April 21
Dance	Monday - Tuesday April 27 - 28
Fiddle	Monday, April 20
Guitar	Thursday, April 23
Piano - Junior (Beginner to Gr. 5)	Monday - Wednesday April 27 - 29
Piano - Senior (Gr. 6 and up)	Thursday - Friday April 30 & May 1
Speech	Wednesday, April 22
Strings	Monday - Wednesday April 20 - 22
Vocal & Musical Theatre	Monday - Thursday April 27 - 30