

**THE
ONTARIO
VOCAL FESTIVAL
2018 Syllabus**



In Association with

THE NATIONALS
MUSICFEST CANADA
FINALES NATIONALES

CONCERT / CHAMBER FESTIVAL

**O'Neill Collegiate and Vocational Institute, Oshawa
February 26**

**Mayfield Secondary School, Caledon
February 27- March 1**

VOCAL JAZZ & CONTEMPORARY FESTIVAL

**Central Peel Secondary School, Brampton
March 21 - 22**

www.ontariovocalfestival.com

OVF FEATURES

- Clinic and comments by respected clinicians from throughout Canada and the United States
- An educational atmosphere which recognizes the merits of each performing group without Gold/Silver/Bronze ranking
- Written and audio comments available online
- Performance and clinic videos available online
- Professional group photograph with OVF banner as well as candid photos of performance available online
- A professional sound system for your vocal jazz ensembles
- An opportunity to experience some of the finest vocal ensembles in Ontario
- The chance to be invited to represent Ontario at the National Finals of the Canadian Choral Festival at **MusicFest Canada**

OVF AWARDS

- Leadership awards will be presented to a member of each group who possesses outstanding dedication, leadership and commitment to the ensemble.
- The opportunity for a deserving student to be awarded an OELC bursary for the Secondary Arts Inspiring Leadership course (valued at \$620).

"I learn so much every time I come to the OVF."
Student, Port Perry High School, Port Perry

"This is simply the finest choral festival in North America."
Dr. Gene Aitken, University of Northern Colorado

"The most positive experience my students have ever had at a music festival."
Teacher, Preston High School, Cambridge

ENTRY PROCEDURE

1. Complete the online application form. Use one form per group.
2. Entry fee for each group is as follows:

On or before December 9, 2017 - \$295.00

After December 9, 2017 - \$345.00

Scheduling: Entries received after **December 9** will not have scheduling flexibility. Schools with multiple entries should register early. **Festivals frequently fill before the due date.**

Please Note: If payment has not been received by December 15, you will lose your scheduled time slot.

3. Make entry fee payable to: "The Ontario Vocal Festival".

The Ontario Vocal Festival uses central registration for all festivals. Please use the online registration form. Send cheques to:

Jace Prohaska
OVF Central Registrar
203-195 Lake Driveway West
Ajax, ON
L1S 7H7

4. Receipts will be sent via email.
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Festival Coordinators

Concert/Chamber East – O’Neill Collegiate and Vocational Institute, Oshawa

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Vocal Jazz and Contemporary – Central Peel Secondary School, Brampton

Megan Collings

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PERFORMANCE & GENERAL INFORMATION

- 1) Upon arrival at the festival, **2 copies** of performance selections must be provided for the evaluators. **The use of photocopies is forbidden.** Photocopies of permanently out of print material must be accompanied by a letter of permission from the publisher (or legal copyright owner). **Host schools will not be allowed to loan original copies of music!** The OVF reserves the right to deny an evaluation and/or invitation to any ensemble that does not comply.
- 2) The accompanying persons up to a maximum of 8 must meet the criteria of the class entered. The keyboard accompanist in chamber ensemble and concert choir categories need not conform to provision.
- 3) Warm-up rooms will be available 20 to 30 minutes prior to performance.
- 4) Performance time is limited to 20 minutes including set-up, sound check (jazz choirs), and performance.
- 5) Each performing group will receive a 30-minute clinic.
- 6) Evaluations will include considerations of stylistic interpretation, intonation, dynamics, attacks, releases, diction, blend, balance, presentation and repertoire selection.
- 7) Groups performing in the Concert/Chamber, Vocal Jazz Ensemble or Vocal Jazz Combo classes will perform 3 contrasting selections. Groups performing in the Combination class will perform 2 traditional choral pieces and 2 jazz/contemporary pieces.
- 8) Groups in all classes should aim for a varied program. Quality repertoire is highly regarded at this festival. A cappella singing, although not required, is encouraged in all classes. If uncertain about appropriate repertoire, please contact the Festival Coordinator. Repertoire lists from past festivals are available on the OVF website (<http://www.ontariovocalfestival.com/repertoire-lists>). For Vocal Jazz and Contemporary groups, all contemporary styles of music are encouraged including Glee style, pop, rock, r&b, swing, latin, funk, fusion, bebop and blues.
- 9) For Vocal Jazz, the sound system shall include three (3) rows of six (6) mics for the ensemble and up to two (2) solo mics. Microphones and/or microphone stands may not be moved out of the assigned row or out of order within a given row, with the following exception: in the Vocal Jazz Combo class, up to three (3) mics from the centre row may be moved to the front row to accommodate the 9-voice combo.
- 10) For Vocal Jazz, a group's sound technician (one only) may work in conjunction with the festival Technical Director during their performance.
- 11) For vocal jazz, substitution or augmentation of equipment will not be permitted. Acoustic piano, electric piano, bass amplifier, guitar amplifier and a complete drum set will be supplied. Additional keyboards may be used. NO EQUIPMENT may be substituted except for the drummer's cymbals, bass pedal and snare drum.
- 12) The Ontario Vocal Festival is proud to be a qualifying regional festival of MusicFest Canada. At the discretion of the OVF, in consultation with the clinicians, groups may be invited to participate in MusicFest Canada.
- 13) The Ontario Vocal Festival cannot issue refunds to groups that are unable to attend a festival due to inclement weather.
- 14) Due to fixed festival costs, refunds will not be issued after January 12, 2018.