

Moose Jaw Band & Choral Festival Inc.
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www.mjbandfestival.com

Festival office: *** 306-681-3850*** new number

Directors' Information Package

Welcome to the Moose Jaw Band and Choral Festival.

Registration: Even if you know where your performance venue is located, we ask that when you arrive in Moose Jaw, stop by our Festival Office at Comfort Inn, 155 Thatcher Drive West (one block west of Main on the north side of town) to register your group. Parking buses is easy and convenient. All outstanding payments (cash or cheque only) are due at the time of registration. At that time you will receive:

- * Receipts
- * Banners
- * Parking passes
- * Night show tickets (if purchased)
- * Programs

We suggest that you register at least an hour and a half before your scheduled performance time. Let us know if this presents any difficulties for you.

****** Student drop-off ******

St. Aidan's Anglican Church Hall, 124 – 1st Ave NE. Four parking meters on High St. have been reserved for drop-off and pick-up. ***This is best accessed*** by driving south on Main St and turning left on High St. Students are to enter the door on the west end of the building via the ramp and proceed downstairs to the warmup room.

Zion United Church, 423 Main St. N. Parking for drop-off and pick-up is on the east side of Main St. ***This is best accessed*** by driving north on Main St. Students are to enter the office door on the far left, NOT the front church doors, and proceed upstairs to the warmup room.

Mae Wilson Theatre, 217 Main St. N. Drop-off and pick-up is in the alley, east of Main St. You will be given a phone # to call, notifying the volunteers to open the back door (as it must remain locked at all times). ***This is best accessed*** by driving south on Main St. and turning left on Fairford St., turn right, into the alley. Students are to enter the back door and proceed downstairs to the warm up room.

To avoid blocking the alley while awaiting pick-up, please contact your bus driver via cell phone when your students are ready. Blocking the alley could result in a traffic violation.

Peacock Auditorium, 145 Ross St. E. Parking for drop-off and pick-up is behind the school on Caribou St. E. ***This is best accessed*** by driving south on Main St, turning left on Ross St, right on 3rd. Ave. NE, and right on Caribou. Students are to enter the back double doors and proceed downstairs to the warmup room.

Important *Long term bus parking during the festival must be away from Main St. The bus will receive a parking pass but it cannot remain at the drop-off points. Spots are usually available East of Main St. fairly close to the venues. After all, this is Moose Jaw. All distances are fairly close and walkable.

***** Please watch for signs indicating entrance doors *****

Music: All music is own choice. You will have a fifty minute window for your performance and clinic, so you will have to plan accordingly as to how many selections you perform and how long a clinic you would prefer. The Moose Jaw Band & Choral Festival will not be responsible for any copyright infringement. We must ask that **two original scores** be provided for our clinicians. If you cannot have original scores, a form letter from a music retailer indicating that the score is on back order is necessary, or permission from the publisher to photocopy.

Please number every bar of music you are handing in to the clinicians.

Warm-up and Performance: With the exception of the 8:30 am time and 1:00 PM slots, warm-up rooms are available one hour prior to your performance. If you are the first group to perform in the morning, or the first group in the afternoon, you'll be able to warm up in the actual performance venue, as opposed to a warm-up room. Performance venues will be open at 7:50 am. Since it affects other groups, it is very difficult for us to alter your scheduled time for performance, so please arrive on time.

Night Shows: We will have a dynamite line-up of performers for the Night Shows.

Monday Night Show (May 14) - Saskatoon Youth Jazz Orchestra

Tuesday (May 15) - Moose Jaw Community Concert Band

Wednesday (May 16) - Prairie Chamber Choir

Each evening will have 2 - one hour performances, at 6:30 and 8:00. If you have not yet ordered tickets and are wanting some, please submit your request as soon as possible. Tickets must be paid for prior to the concert. Read about the performers on our website.

Clinicians: We are very pleased and excited to be able to present a talented slate of clinicians to work with your groups. Our clinicians are very familiar with the style and format of our festival, and their mandate is to educate and further strengthen the philosophy that music should be enjoyable. One clinician will do a written critique of your group's performance. The other will do a recorded analysis. Then one or both clinicians will work with your group to explore the music in further detail. Also if you request, they will work on fundamentals. Attached is a form we would like you to complete and hand in to the clinicians along with your music scores. Our clinicians' biographies are available on our website.

Equipment Provided by the Festival:

CONCERT BANDS - A.E.Peacock Collegiate, St. Aiden Church and Mae Wilson Theatre : music stands, four timpani, bass drum, orchestra bells, snare drum and suspended cymbal at all concert band venues.

Please note: We ask that you provide your own crash cymbals, sticks, beaters and mallets, as well as any percussion effects – tambourines, maracas, etc. If you have any other special equipment requests such as vibraphone, marimba, chimes, drum set, amplifiers, etc ., they may be available upon request.

Deadline for requesting further equipment is April 24. Please contact Cam Church at:
church.cameron@prairiesouth.ca

JAZZ BANDS - St. Aidan's Church Hall : drum kit, electronic piano, bass amp, guitar amp, stands.

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ALL CHOIRS - Zion United Church : The sanctuary and warm-up room will each have a piano. We will also have a drum kit and bass amp. **No sound system will be provided, as we have had no request for such in the past few years.**

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Other Performance Opportunities: We have other possible performance venues available (outdoor concerts, senior care facilities, schools, etc.) but these are **very** limited. We cannot help you with equipment for these performances. If you think you would be interested, contact us as soon as possible.

Photography: If you would like to have group photos taken, we ask that you contact any of our local photographers to make your own arrangements. These studios will know of great locations in town for your photographs.

T-Shirts: A good selection of souvenir t-shirts will be available at the Night Shows and the Festival Office for \$15.00.

Once again, thank you for choosing our festival. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact me via email. We look forward to meeting you and hearing your students perform. See you in May!

Janie Fries

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Performance Group Biography

To be given to the clinicians prior to your performance.

Ensemble Name _____

Director(s) Name _____

Community _____

Group information:

How many years of study _____

Student grades in the group _____

School population _____

Additional group information
