

Dear Music Teachers, Parents & Students,

We are so pleased to have so many registrations for The Grande Prairie & Area Virtual Music Festival for 2021. Thank you so submitting your scanned music. The following will give you more details about preparing and recording your video. As always, continue to check back as we continue to add details that will make this new process run smoothly.

As you begin to plan for the recording of your performance, the Grande Prairie & District Music Festival Association would like to encourage that all participate in the spirit of fair, friendly competition and good faith. Regular music festival rules and etiquette will be in effect where at all possible. The adjudicators will not be judging on the quality of audio or video recording or equipment. As always, please feel free to send your questions to info@gpmusicfestival.ca. Thank you for your patience as we work together to plan in this new environment.

Video Upload

Preparing

- Even though this is a virtual festival, you should be dressed as if you were performing live
- Use of a green screen background for your video will be allowed but is not necessary
- Use of a PIANO “backtrack” will be permitted for the virtual festival. Contemporary Vocal Classes may use Guitar, Piano or Band Backtracks. This means the track will be playing in the background as you perform and record your video. No overlay of tracks is permitted.
- Memorization is highly recommended for the local music festival. Should your performance be recommended to Provincial Festival, memorization is required. Keyboard and String Sonata, Music Composition & Creative Story Telling are the exceptions.

Recording

- Your recording should begin with your introduction of yourself and the piece you are performing, as it would in a live performance.
- Position the camera to frame the performer’s full body (eg. For piano the adjudicator should see hands on the keyboard)
- The recording may not be digitally edited.
- Save the video using First Name. Last Name. Name of Selection

Uploading the Recording

- A video tutorial on uploading the video and inserting the link into Music Festival Suite can be found here - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Mpm24dqpDkk>
- Be sure that you have published the video as “**UNLISTED**”. It’s recommended that you mark the video for adults (not KID friendly).
- Music Festival Suite will be available for video links starting March 20, 2021. All videos must be linked by midnight April 3, 2021.

Note: The full Syllabus, with the rules is available on line at <https://gpmusicfestival.ca/>

Adjudication

- All adjudication will be complete by April 30th, 2021
- Adjudication will be a combination of virtual and written feedback. More detail will be provided as available.

Provincial Festival

- Provincial Festival will also proceed virtually in 2021
- The process for recommending registrants to Provincial Festival will proceed as in past years.