

## Message from the President

On behalf of the Board of directors, I would like to welcome you all to the 2017 Kelowna Kiwanis Music & Performing Arts Festival.

The 2017 Festival will mark its 91<sup>st</sup> consecutive year as one of the premier performing arts events held in the Central Okanagan. Our Festival provides a showcase for amateur performing artists to demonstrate their achievements in music, speech, and dance disciplines. It gives them the opportunity to proudly display their talents to their teachers, families and friends before a group of noteworthy adjudicators in a professional theatre venue.

This year's Festival begins on March 3 and concludes on May 7 with our Gala Concert and award ceremonies featuring many of the top performers from the festival.

Under the leadership of our Executive Director, Marv Machura the 2016 Festival saw 1200 entries comprising 2500 participants. We are hoping to see those numbers increase this year.

I would like to thank Mr. Machura for his vision in bringing our Festival to a higher level of professionalism and enjoyment for the entrants. Along with the hard working volunteer Board of Directors, we trust we will present the performers with a fun and exciting learning experience that they will remember for years to come.

This Festival could not occur without the dedicated support of numerous volunteers, sponsors and donors, including the City of Kelowna, the Central Okanagan Foundation, the Kelowna District Arts Council, the Kiwanis Club of Kelowna – Summit, Division 9, and Bell Media. We are deeply appreciative of their support.

Good luck to all the performers. I hope that you will take away fantastic memories of our Festival!

Zonia Arnold,  
President, Kelowna Performing Arts Festival