

## Register now for the 2018 Kiwanis Festival

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*Butterflies in your stomach... All eyes focused on you...Your teacher gives you the nod, and it's show time!*

The Kelowna Kiwanis Festival is part of many such memories, because it's a big part of the Okanagan's performing arts history. Register online now for the spring 2018 festival.

Dance participants have less than two months to register at [www.kelownakiwanisfestival.com](http://www.kelownakiwanisfestival.com), with the **January 31, 2018** deadline fast approaching. The closing date for all other categories is **February 10, 2018**, including brass and woodwinds, choral, composition, concert band, musical theatre, orchestra/chamber, piano, speech and dramatic arts, strings, and voice (both classical and popular). Participants are encouraged to register as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

Single-entry fees range from \$10 to \$45 and include performance reviews by outstanding professional adjudicators, opportunities for awards and scholarships, and the chance to represent Kelowna at provincials. The festival's new Executive Director, Karen Machura, is delighted with the calibre of adjudicators lined up for the 2018 Kelowna Kiwanis Festival (see list attached).

"We have confirmed 12 accomplished and highly-talented individuals to adjudicate at our 2018 festival. Professionals from Vancouver, Toronto, and Vancouver Island will be here, along with some outstanding experts from the Okanagan Valley. They will share their knowledge and performance reviews with all participants who cross our stage, and be an incredible resource for local artists. The 2018 festival will definitely live up to our mantra of providing everyone with an opportunity to *perform, learn and grow.*"  
*Karen Machura, Executive Director, Kiwanis Festival*

The 2018 Kelowna Kiwanis Festival will host 12 disciplines from February 26 to April 27, 2018, with a Gala Concert on May 18. All signs indicate that festival 2018 will surpass last year's stellar numbers of 3,000 participants, 5,000 audience members, and 1,000 volunteer hours. At the 2017 festival, more than \$10,000 was distributed in awards and scholarships to top-achieving performing artists.

The Kiwanis Festival was founded as the Okanagan Valley Music Festival in 1926, as a one-day event. It became a tri-city event in 1936 with Kelowna, Penticton and Vernon taking turns hosting. The Kiwanis Club of Kelowna became the festival's main sponsor in 1980, changing the name to the Kelowna Kiwanis Festival and making Kelowna its permanent home in 1981.

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### Festival Categories & Dates

(links to category info provided)

[Brass & Woodwinds](#): Apr. 8

[Choral](#): Mar. 8-9

[Composition](#): Apr. 8

[Concert Band](#): Apr. 24-26

[Dance](#): Feb. 26-Mar. 4

[Musical Theatre](#): Mar. 13

[Orchestra & Chamber](#): Apr. 9

[Piano](#): Apr. 23-27

[Speech & Dramatic Arts](#): Mar. 14

[Strings](#): Apr. 9-12

[Voice \(Classical\)](#): Mar. 11-12

[Voice \(Popular\)](#): Mar. 14

Gala Concert: May 18



*Karen Machura became the festival's Executive Director in September 2017.*





# 2018 Festival Adjudicators

<b>BRASS &amp; WOODWINDS</b>	<b>Peter DeRoche</b> - Okanagan Valley
<b>CHAMBER/ORCHESTRA</b>	<b>Calvin Dyck</b> - Vancouver
<b>CHORAL</b>	<b>Sarona Mynhardt</b> - Vancouver Island
<b>CLASSICAL VOICE</b>	<b>Dale Throness</b> - Vancouver
<b>COMPOSITION</b>	<b>Anita Perry</b> - Okanagan Valley
<b>CONCERT BAND</b>	<b>Bryan Stovell</b> - Vancouver Island
<b>DANCE - BALLET &amp; MODERN</b>	<b>Andrea G. Furlan</b> - Okanagan Valley
<b>DANCE - STAGE</b>	<b>Clayton Scott</b> - Toronto
<b>MUSICAL THEATRE</b>	<b>Peter Jorgensen</b> - Vancouver
<b>PIANO</b>	<b>Barbara Siemens</b> - Vancouver
<b>POPULAR VOICE</b>	<b>Althea Di Gregorio</b> - Okanagan Valley
<b>SPEECH &amp; DRAMATIC ARTS</b>	<b>Jessica Harvey</b> - Vancouver
<b>STRINGS</b>	<b>Calvin Dyck</b> - Vancouver

Photos and bios are available online at [Kelowna Kiwanis Festival](#)