



SUNSHINE COAST FESTIVAL  
OF THE PERFORMING ARTS

# President's Report for the Sunshine Coast Festival of the Performing Arts 2025 Festival

*SCFPA lives, works and performs on the traditional, ancestral, and unceded territory of the  
Sk̓wx̓wú7mesh (Squamish) and Shíshálh (Sechelt) First Nations.*



# President's Report

By Sarah Lewis



*Participants in the Sunshine Coast Festival of the Performing Arts gather at the conclusion of its annual highlights concert last Saturday. | Michael Gurney*

- Hybrid Festival (virtual & in person), April 8 to 25
- 49 indiv. performers + 19 ensembles (incl. duet), excl. Dance
- 121 performances (same-class performances count as one), excl. Dance
- 7 Disciplines
- 7 Adjudicators
- 42 Awards (excl. Dance)
- 10 Provincial participants (5 competitors, 3 alternatives and 2 merited)
- 15 Sponsors, 5 Grant Sponsors & 9 Donors
- 3 Grants applied and 3 received

(BC Community Gaming Grant \$3,200 in support of SCFPA IDEA Program to assist with staff and other essential costs. District of Sechelt Multi-Year Grant (2024 to 2026).

- 4 Coast Reporter Articles
- Highlights Concert, May 10

# Community Outreach

2025 BRITISH COLUMBIA  
**YOUNG ARTIST  
 CONCERT TOUR**  
**HAMILTON LAU**  
 PIANO



CANADIAN FEDERATION  
 OF MUSIC TEACHERS'  
 ASSOCIATIONS  
 FÉDÉRATION CANADIENNE  
 DES ASSOCIATIONS DE  
 PROFESSEURS DE MUSIQUE

Sunshine Coast Branch BCRMTA presents:  
 Hamilton Lau, piano  
 Sunday, May 4, 2025, 2:30pm

## HIGHLIGHTS CONCERT — AND — AWARDS PRESENTATION

**kway?imin Andy Johnson**  
*shishálh Nation Welcome*

**Bella Casey**  
*Death and the Killer Whale*  
 Written by Bella Casey  
 Guest Artist

### Fiddle Concert

**Mike Sanyshyn**  
 Canada's Country Fiddler - BC Provincial Champion 4 times!  
 Top 3 finish in the Canadian Grand Masters Fiddling Championships

**Coast String Fiddlers  
 Harmony Hall Fiddlers and Friends**

Friday - April 11, 2025 - 7pm-8:30pm  
 Admission by donation at  
[coastfestival.com](http://coastfestival.com) or at the door




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### Folk Instrumental Workshop

Saturday - April 12, 2025 - 10:30am-Noon  
 Preregister at [coastfestival.com](http://coastfestival.com) by April 4,  
 \$20 then \$15 per family member  
 All invited from age 10 and up



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### SPEECH & DRAMATIC ARTS WORKSHOP

with **Luisa Jojic**  
 Performer, Coach, Teaching Artist,  
 and 2025 Festival Adjudicator.



Open to all. 2025 Festival performers, complimentary.  
 By donation for non-Festival performers.

Friday, April 25, 12:00pm (post adjudications)  
 St. Hilda's Anglican Church

### ORCHESTRA WORKSHOP

**Coast Messiah Orchestra  
 with Arthur Arnold**



Co-founder and Artistic Director of  
 the Pacific Region International  
 Summer Music Association (PRISMA  
 Festival & Academy) and 2025 Festival Adjudicator.  
 Open to members of the CMO. Public invited to  
 observe, by donation.

Monday, April 14, 2025, 5:30pm-7pm  
 St. Hilda's Anglican Church

# Adjudicators

**ARTHUR ARNOLD**  
BOWED STRINGS



**MIKE SANYSHYN**  
FOLK INSTRUMENTAL



**KATHERINE ROBIDOUX**  
DANCE



**TOREY ZACHARY**  
PIANO



**LUISA JOJIC**  
SPEECH & DRAMATIC ARTS



**GEORGE ROBERTS**  
VOICE & CHOIR



**WALTER MARTELLA**  
WOODWINDS & BRASS



# Strategic Priorities

1. Promoting inclusion, diversity, equity and accessibility (IDEA)
2. Growing community engagement and awareness alongside performer participation
3. Supporting and strengthening organizational and financial capacity



# Shout out to the Board of Directors – Thank you!

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*Sarah Lowis*

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Director

*Simon Gidora*



# Shout out to our Synergy Coordinators – Thank you!

Awards

*David Poon*

Finance

*Sarah Lowis, David Poon & Gaylin Webber*

Grants

*Serena Eades, Onalee Groves, Sarah Lowis*

Live Streaming & MC

*Michael Gurney*

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*Michael Gurney*

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*Michael Gurney*

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*David Poon*

Sponsorship

*Onalee Groves, Sarah Lowis*

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*Edmund Arceo*



# Shout out to our Discipline Coordinators – Thank you!

Bowed Strings

*Serena Eades, Simon Gidora*

Band & Percussion

*Janice Brunson*

Dance (CDF)

*Christina Darwin*

Folk Instrumental

*Michelle Bruce*

Piano

*Anneka Bonser*

Speech & Dramatic Arts

*Sandi McGinnis*

Voice & Choir

*Sara Douglas*

Woodwinds & Brass

*Janice Brunson*



# Shout out to our Volunteers – Thank you!

Ardith Beynon

Carolyn Mitchell

Heidi Kurz

Cassandra Lai

Joanne Pegusch

Kathy Taylor

Mary Davis

Michelle Bruce

Rod Olafson

Cassidy Weiler

Barbara Holt

Gord Beynon

Ingrid Bilton

Janey Marshall

Judy Crowhurst

Louise Herle

Michele Stobie

Penny Dunford

Sandi McGinnis

Gaylin Webber – Volunteer Coordinator



# Shout out to our Sponsors and Donors – Thank you!

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## SUPPORTERS



Kathryn Caswell

Sandra Cunliffe

Tollestrup Family

Onalee and Paul Groves





# SUNSHINE COAST FESTIVAL OF THE PERFORMING ARTS

## 2026 Festival Details

- Hybrid (In Person & Virtual)
- April 7 to 24, St Hilda's & Chatelech High School
- 8 Disciplines
- Saturday, May 9, Highlights Concert, 2pm, Heritage Playhouse
- Open to amateur performers of all and ages and abilities
- Visit [www.coastfestival.com](http://www.coastfestival.com)



# 2026 Festival Discipline Coordinators

Bowed Strings

*Simon Gidora*

Band & Percussion

*Janice Brunson*

Dance

*Cassandra Lai*

Folk Instrumental

*Michelle Bruce*

Piano

*To be confirmed*

Speech & Dramatic Arts

*Sandi McGinnis*

Voice & Choir

*Sara Douglas*

Woodwinds & Brass

*Janice Brunson*



# Call for Volunteers. We need you!

## **Adjudicator and Onsite Hospitality Coordinator**

Estimated Annual Commitment

- Time 80 hours
- Virtual meetings 4 to 6
- Onsite (up to 9 days)

## **Awards Coordinator**

Estimated Annual Commitment

- Time 80 hours
- Virtual meetings 3 to 4
- Highlights Concert

## **Discipline Coordinator for Woodwind & Brass / Percussion / Band / Plucked Strings**

Estimated Annual Commitment

- Time 80 to 120 hours, onsite the day of their discipline and at the Highlights Concert
- Virtual meetings 4 to 6

## **IDEA Program Oversight**

Estimated Commitment

- Time 60 hours
- Virtual meetings 4 to 6

## **Grant Writer and Sponsorship Coordinator**

Estimated Annual Commitment

- Estimate time 120 hours
- Estimate number of virtual meetings 3 to 4

## **Treasurer**

Estimated Annual Commitment

- Estimate time 80 hours
- Estimate number of virtual meetings 4 to 6





## Festival 2026 Schedule

- April 7 and 8 - Piano
- April 10 - Folk Instrumental
- April 13 and 14 - Bowed Strings
- April 16 - Bands & Percussion/Woodwinds & Brass
- April 22 and 23 - Vocal/Choir
- April 23 - Dance (separate from Coastal Dance Festival)
- April 24 - Dance Masterclass
- April 24 - Speech & Dramatic Arts

## Key Dates

- Syllabus Available: Early December 2025
- Registration Opens: Week of January 5, 2026
- Registration Early Bird: January 31, 2026
- Registration After Early Bird: February 16, 2026
- Program Available: Week of March 2, 2026
- PABC Festival: June 1-5, 2026, Prince George (application deadline to be advised)
- Canada West Performing Arts Festival: July 24-25, 2026, Edmonton

