



SUNSHINE COAST FESTIVAL
OF THE PERFORMING ARTS

President's Report for the Sunshine Coast Festival of the Performing Arts 2024 Festival

*SCFPA lives, works and plays on the traditional, ancestral, and unceded territory of the
Sḵw̓x̓wú7mesh (Squamish) and Shíshálh (Sechelt) First Nations.*



President's Report

By Sarah Lewis

- Hybrid Festival (virtual & in person), April 9 to 25
- Coastal Dance Festival Collaboration (Solos – 126, Duos/Trios – 34 & Groups – 33)
- 62 indiv. performers + 24 ensembles (incl. duet)
- 161 performances (same-class performances count as one)
- 8 Disciplines
- 9 Adjudicators
- 49 Awards (excl. Dance)
- 17 Provincial participants incl. 9 dance (11 competitors, 5 alternatives and 1 merited)
- 17 Sponsors & 9 Donors
- 6 Grants applied and 4 received
- 3 Coast Reporter Articles
- Highlights Concert, May 11



Festival of the Performing Arts participants and award-winners gather onstage at the Heritage Playhouse in Gibsons. | Michael Gurney photo

Sunshine Coast Festival of the Performing Arts honours half-century of lively arts

The longest-running festival on the Sunshine Coast will observe its 50th anniversary this month. The Sunshine Coast Festival of the Performing Arts was founded in 1973 by the Gibsons Kiwanis Club and organized its first adjudicated performances for young artists in 1974.



[Michael Gurney](#)

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"[The] committee deserves high praise for its work in giving our youth a chance to display their proficiency in the various arts, from elocution to music," the Coast News published in March 1974. "The event is described as the first annual and there is strong hope now there will be a second annual event."

Because its 2020 instance was cancelled due to COVID-19, April's events will also constitute the 50th annual festival.

"The cultural impact of the Festival's 50-year impact is almost too vast to measure," said Sarah Lewis, president of the festival society. "As a mother whose children have participated in the festival, I know first-hand about the satisfaction and depth of experience that it brings. Multiplied over generations, I think the event has certainly shaped the Sunshine Coast's reputation as a place where the arts and artists flourish."



HIGHLIGHTS CONCERT — AND — AWARDS PRESENTATION

MAY 11, 2024 - 2 PM
HERITAGE PLAYHOUSE, GIBSONS



50TH SUNSHINE COAST FESTIVAL
OF THE PERFORMING ARTS

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TWIN FIDDLES JJ GUY & GORDON STOBBE

from Saskatchewan and Nova Scotia
with ANNETTE FISCHER, Accordion
HARMONY HALL FIDDLERS & FRIENDS
COAST STRING FIDDLERS



7 pm FRIDAY, APRIL 19

ST. BART'S - 659 NORTH ROAD, GIBSONS

TICKETS \$20 advance / \$25 door

Strait Music (Seehelt) MELOmania (Roberts Creek) Fong's Market (Gibsons)

Children/Youth \$5 at the door

In Celebration of the Sunshine Coast Festival of the Performing Arts 50th Anniversary



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

NEW: 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).



Shout out to our Synergy Coordinators

Awards

David Poon

Finance

Sarah Lowis, David Poon & Gaylin Webber

Grants

Serena Eades, Marg Penny, Onalee Groves

Live Streaming & MC

Michael Gurney

Logistics & Marketing

Michael Gurney

Photography & Media Relations

Michael Gurney

Registrar

David Poon

Sponsorship

Sarah Lowis

Volunteer

Gaylin Webber

Website & Graphic Design

Edmund Arceo



Shout out to our Discipline Coordinators

Bowed Strings

Serena Eades

Band & Percussion

Janice Brunson

Dance

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

Ardith Beynon

Carolyn Mitchell

Ingrid Bilton

Kathy Taylor

Louise Herle

Paul Rhodes

Joanne Pegusch

Mary Davis

Michelle Bruce

Barbara Holt

Heidi Kurz

Judy Crowhurst

Laurel Verret

Onnalee Groves

Sandy McGiniss

Rod Olafson

Sara Douglas



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2025 Festival Details

- Hybrid (In Person & Virtual)
- April 8 to 25, 2025, St Hilda's & Chatelech High School
- 8 Disciplines
- Saturday, May 10, 2025, Highlights Concert, 2pm, Heritage Playhouse
- Open to amateur performers of all ages and abilities
- Visit www.coastfestival.com



2025 Festival Discipline Coordinators

Bowed Strings

Serena Eades / Simon Gidora

Band & Percussion

Janice Brunson

Dance

Christina Darwin

Folk Instrumental

Michelle Bruce

Piano

Anneka Bonser

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





Welcome! Start preparing your in-person performances

- April 8 to 25, 2025 and May 10 (Highlights Concert)
- Open to amateur performers of all ages and abilities
- St Hilda's Anglican Church (Piano, Folk, Bowed Strings, Vocal / Choir, Speech & Dramatic Arts)
- Chatelech Secondary School (Band & Percussion and Woodwinds & Brass)
- Heritage Playhouse (Dance and Highlights Concert)