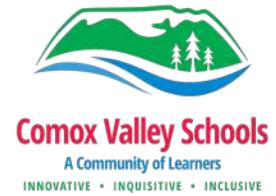


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Band and Choir Festival returning to Comox Valley

COMOX, VALLEY B.C. – After a two year hiatus, the Comox Valley Schools Band and Choir Festival is returning from November 14-16. There are three days of shows with one day featuring the choral portion of the festival and the other two days of music showcasing concert bands.

Members of the community, parents and families are encouraged to come out, share their love of music, and support these excellent musical performances featuring students from the Comox Valley and abroad.

“Music teachers have had to work hard to maintain healthy music programs in their schools the last couple of years during Covid-19,” said SD 71 fine arts teacher Jennifer Riley. “Being able to come together to share these performances with the community again is a real testament to the power of music and the dedication of our students.”

Opening day features the choral music portion on Monday, November 14 at Courtenay Fellowship Baptist Church. Performances start at 9 a.m. and the last group sings at 5 p.m. The adjudicator for the day is Scott Leithead from Edmonton, Alberta. Scott is a well-known choral adjudicator and clinician across North America. He is the founder and artistic director of Canada's Kokopelli Choir Association and TIME association.

The band music portion of the festival will be held on November 15-16 at the Sid Williams Theatre. Groups begin playing at 9:15 a.m. on Tuesday morning and finish at 4 p.m. On Wednesday, groups begin at 9:30 a.m. and play until 3 p.m. There will be a variety of groups from the lower mainland and island participating. Bands will work with Michael Brandon from Lord Selkirk Secondary School in Selkirk, Manitoba and Dr. Wendy McCallum of Brandon University, Manitoba. Both of these fine music educators have adjudicated at the festival in the past and organizers are excited to have them return and share their expertise.

The feature sponsor of the event is Long and McQuade Music. Other sponsors are Tapestry Music and the Old House Inn and Suites.

Admission is by donation. People are welcome to come and go throughout the festival to enjoy music.

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Performance schedule

Concert Choirs on Monday, November 14, 2022

Time	School/Choir Name
9:30-10:30 a.m.	Mark R. Isfeld Secondary Choir
10:30-11:30 a.m.	Highland Secondary Choir
11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	Oak Bay Secondary Jazz Wave
1:00-2:00 p.m.	Oak Bay Bella Voce
2:00-3:00 p.m.	Belmont Concert Choir
3:00-4:00 p.m.	Royal Bay Concert Choir
4:00-5:00 p.m.	Langley Secondary Choir
5:00-6:00 p.m.	Campbell River Children's Choir

Concert Bands on Tuesday, November 15, 2022

Time	School/Band Name
9:15-10:15 a.m.	Belmont Secondary Concert Band
10:15-11:15 a.m.	Royal Bay Secondary School Senior Concert Band
11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.	Mark Isfeld Secondary Senior Band
12:15-1:15 p.m.	Langley Secondary Band
1:15-2:15 p.m.	Belmont Senior Winds Ensemble
2:15-3:15 p.m.	Highland Senior Band
3:15-4:15 p.m.	Kwalikum Secondary School Band

Concert Bands on Wednesday, November 16, 2022

Time	School/Band Name
10:00-11:00 a.m.	G.P. Vanier Secondary Senior Concert Band
11:00- a.m.12:00 p.m.	Highland Secondary Junior Band
12:00-1:00 p.m.	Ladysmith Secondary School Junior Band
1:00-2:00 p.m.	G.P. Vanier Secondary Grade 9 Band
2:00-3:00 p.m.	Ladysmith Secondary School Grade 8 Beginning Band

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