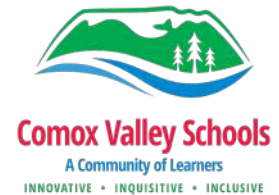


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### **30 Years of Musical Excellence with SD 71 Band and Choir Festival**

**COMOX VALLEY, B.C.** – Comox Valley Schools is proud to announce the 30th anniversary of the esteemed School District 71 Band and Choir Festival, a musical showcase featuring talents from across Vancouver Island. The event, spanning November 20-22, promises a vibrant convergence of young musicians in the Comox Valley for performances, educational sessions, and collaborative learning.

Recognizing the profound impact of music on student development, the district remains committed to offering enriching musical experiences through this annual festival. The festival will host esteemed clinicians from British Columbia and Manitoba, bringing together local secondary schools including Highland, Mark R Isfeld, and GP Vanier, along with various groups from Vancouver Island.

The festival commences on Monday, November 20, with the Choral segment at Courtenay Fellowship Baptist Church, featuring renowned choral educator Carrie Tennant. Admission is by donation.

Continuing on November 21-22 at the Sid Williams Theatre, the event will feature clinicians Alexis Silver and Jeff Weaver, guiding participating groups in enriching sessions.

The public is encouraged to attend these events, with admission by donation.

“The festival is a cherished tradition, offering students early in the academic year a chance to enhance their musical skills and gain festival experience,” shares Jennifer Riley, organizer and Fine Arts lead teacher at SD 71.

Gratitude is extended to local sponsors like Long and McQuade and The Old House Inn and Suites, and venues like Courtenay Fellowship Baptist Church and the Sid Williams Theatre, whose support is vital for the festival's success.

The community is warmly invited to experience the exceptional musical talents nurtured by local band and choir teachers in the Comox Valley and beyond. Visit the SD71 website for detailed performance schedules.

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**Concert Choir Festival - Monday, November 20 - Courtenay Fellowship Baptist Church**

<b>WARM UP</b>	<b>PERFORMANCE</b>	<b>SCHOOL</b>
<b>9:00</b>	<b>9:30</b>	Isfeld Choir
<b>10:00</b>	<b>10:30</b>	Highland Choir
<b>11:00</b>	<b>11:30</b>	Cedar High Middle Choir
<b>12:30</b>	<b>1:00</b>	Jazz Wave (Oak Bay)
<b>1:30</b>	<b>2:00</b>	Royal Bay Choir
<b>2:30</b>	<b>3:00</b>	Bella Voce Concert Choir

**Concert Band Festival - Tuesday, November 21 - Sid Williams Theatre**

<b>WARM UP</b>	<b>PERFORMANCE</b>	<b>SCHOOL</b>
<b>8:30</b>	<b>9:00-10:00</b>	Mark Isfeld Senior Concert Band
<b>9:30</b>	<b>10:00-11:00</b>	Royal Bay Concert Band 11/12
<b>10:30</b>	<b>11:00-12:00</b>	Highland Senior Concert Band
<b>11:30</b>	<b>12:00-1:00</b>	NDSS
<b>12:30</b>	<b>1:00-2:00</b>	Royal Bay Concert Band 9/10

**Concert Band Festival - Wednesday, November 22 - Sid Williams Theatre**

<b>Warm UP</b>	<b>PERFORMANCE</b>	<b>SCHOOL</b>
<b>10:15</b>	<b>10:45-11:45</b>	Highland Junior Band
<b>11:15</b>	<b>11:45-12:45</b>	Ladysmith Grade 9 Band
<b>12:15</b>	<b>12:45-1:45</b>	G.P. Vanier Junior Band
<b>1:15</b>	<b>1:45-2:45</b>	Ladysmith Grade 8 Band

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