



School Dance

HIGHLIGHTS CONCERT 2024

Monday, May 6 | 7pm

Farquhar Auditorium, University of Victoria

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Letter from the President - Festival 2024

Very warm greetings from the 97th Greater Victoria Performing Arts Festival!

For those of you who have attended previously as performers, parents of performers or one of our many volunteers...welcome back! You know that Festival is a unique six week celebration of Dance, the Speech Arts and Music that brings our community together each year at this time to perform, learn and build friendships.

For those of you who are new to Festival please explore everything it has to offer ... from expert adjudication, dozens of trophies, tens of thousands of dollars in awards, and an opportunity to qualify for the provincial and national festivals. Enjoy the warmth and supportive atmosphere that we are renowned for, and that stays with our performers through their lifetime.

As a non-profit association we rely on grants, the generosity of hundreds of donors and sponsors, and your registration and entrance fees, to bring this vibrant Festival to life each year. We send sincere thanks to all of you for choosing to make a difference in the lives of so many creative local artists. Beyond money we also rely on the gift of time from hundreds of volunteers so please take a moment to thank the Festival people you meet at sessions and concerts for helping your young performer on their artistic journey.

Finally this is your Festival, and the GVPF Board of Directors strives to create an experience that reflects your artistic aspirations and needs. Please reach out to us through the Festival office with your suggestions and feedback to help us stay closely connected with you.

And now, please enjoy the creativity and passion on show and celebrate with us the thriving performing arts in our community!

Bill Devey,
GVPF President

Highlights Concerts 2024

Saturday, April 20 - Studio Dance - 2:00pm | Dave Dunnet Community Theatre, Oak Bay High School

Saturday, April 20 - Composition and Junior Piano - 6:30pm | Phillip T. Young Recital Hall, MacLaurin Building, UVIC

Thursday, April 25 - Choral - 7:00pm | St. Patrick's Parish, 2060 Haultain Street

Thursday, April 25 - Brass, Classical Guitar, Woodwinds - 7:00pm | Phillip T. Young Recital Hall, MacLaurin Building, UVIC

Monday, April 29 - Ethnic Dance and Fiddle - 7:00pm | Phillip T. Young Recital Hall, MacLaurin Building, UVIC

Wednesday, May 1 - Intermediate and Senior Piano - 7:00pm | Phillip T. Young Recital Hall, MacLaurin Building, UVIC

Thursday, May 2 - Speech - 7:00pm | Knox Presbyterian Church, 2964 Richmond Rd

Saturday, May 4 - Voice - 7:00pm | Phillip T. Young Recital Hall, MacLaurin Building, UVIC

Monday, May 6 - School Dance - 7:00pm | Farquhar Auditorium

Thursday, May 9 - Strings - 6:30pm | Phillip T. Young Recital Hall, MacLaurin Building, UVIC

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We acknowledge, with respect, the Lək̓wəŋən and W̱SÁNEĆ peoples on whose traditional territories the Greater Victoria Performing Arts Festival is presented and whose historical relationships with the land continue to this day.

Welcome to the 97th Greater Victoria Performing Arts Festival!

The School Dance Highlights Concert features many talented individuals. Tonight, we will view performers at every stage of development, all sharing a love of performing. Each of these performers is being recognized for excellence in a certain area.

As you may know, the competitive aspect is not the Greater Victoria Performing Arts Festival's primary focus. Our adjudicators give on-the-spot suggestions for improvement suitable to the performer's level, and work to increase confidence in skill and performance. However, occasionally, a generous patron chooses to recognize some aspect of performance development by donating a special award. We are grateful to all of the donors, volunteers, and participants who make Festival possible

Special thanks to:

Raeann Van Raamsdonk, School Dance Section Head

Desiree Manning, School Dance Adjudicator

Stage Manager Erin Healey

Writer, Charlotte Aitken

Volunteers: Judy Pepperall, Madison Bains, Ella Healey

Mount Douglas Secondary School Student Volunteers

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Thank you to teachers, accompanists and parents who play such a vital part in the Festival.

Special thanks to all the Festival Volunteers!

Highlights Concert Lineup

Larger Than Life - Deep Cove Elementary School
Choreographed by Nicole McCron

Dream- Belmont Secondary School
Choreographed by Jinayah Nelson

Energy - Lambrick Park Secondary School
Choreographed by Vaeh Elliot & Copeland Wright

Party Rock - Deep Cove Elementary School
Choreographed by Nicole McCron

Don't Stop The Music - Mount Douglas Secondary School
Choreographed by Bella David, Ashlyn Farquhar, Jillian Foght, Mya Kendler, Nala MacLean, Maddie Mycroft, Gaby Salina, Mya Salina, Phoenix Wickware

Power - Spectrum Community School
Choreographed by Aliyah Binaday & Mika Gitelis

100% Pure Irish - St. Joseph's Elementary School
Choreographed by Grace Higgins

Ain't No Sunshine - Dunsmuir Middle School
Dedicated to Ayla, Choreographed by Madison Chase

The Wind - Margaret Jenkins Elementary School
Choreographed by Laura Knapp

Le Jazz Hot - Oak Bay High School
Choreographed by Niko Alevizakis

Bring Em Out - Claremont Secondary School
Choreographed by Callie Andrew, Brooklyn Bartlett, Nova Bartlett, Sarah Bookman, Meredith Clarke, Lola Fenwick, Saphira Garton, Cianna Wallace

Highlights Concert Lineup (cont.)

Dream - Victoria High School
Choreographed by Grace Leigh

What I Wouldn't Do - Margaret Jenkins Elementary School
Choreographed by Laura Knapp

Movement - Spectrum Community School
Choreographed by Carly Christiaens & Angelica Miller

Work Song - Dunsmuir Middle School
Choreographed by Skyla, Hayden, Mackenzie & Rylan

Jellicle Songs For Jellicle Cats - St. Joseph's Elementary School
Choreographed by Adrienne Grange

AWARDS PRESENTATION – 15 minutes

INTERMISSION – 15 minutes

The Monster - Mount Douglas Secondary School
Choreographed by Michelle Morson

Growing Up - Victoria High School
Choreographed by Rayn Cook-Thomas

Bruno Mars - Belmont Secondary School
Choreographed by Melanie Narcisco

Rock Everybody - Claremont Secondary School
Choreographed by Chelsea Giordano

Mission Impossible - Mount Douglas Secondary School
Choreographed by Michelle Morson

Rumour Has It - Oak Bay High School
Choreographed by Niko Alevizakis

Highlights Concert Lineup (cont.)

Sideburns - Spectrum Community School
Choreographed by Micayla Fox

The Last Letter - Victoria High School
Choreographed by Victoria St. Germain

Days In The Sun - Royal Bay Secondary School
Choreographed by Caleigh Hunter

Lollipop - Dunsmuir Middle School
Choreographed by Danica Anderson

Love In The Dark - Belmont Secondary School
Choreographed by Melanie Narcisco

Dance Off - Spectrum Community School
Choreographed by Lia Shannon

Tranquil - Royal Bay Secondary School
Choreographed by Javiera Garcia Villota, Stevie Locke, Faith Paulovich, Ella Steele and Jayda Wruck

Bad Romance - Mount Douglas Secondary School
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Choreographed by Lia Shannon & Carly Christiaens

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“Movement” - Spectrum

“Straight Up” - Dunsmuir

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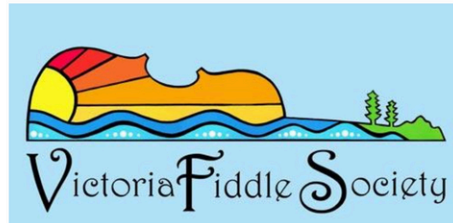
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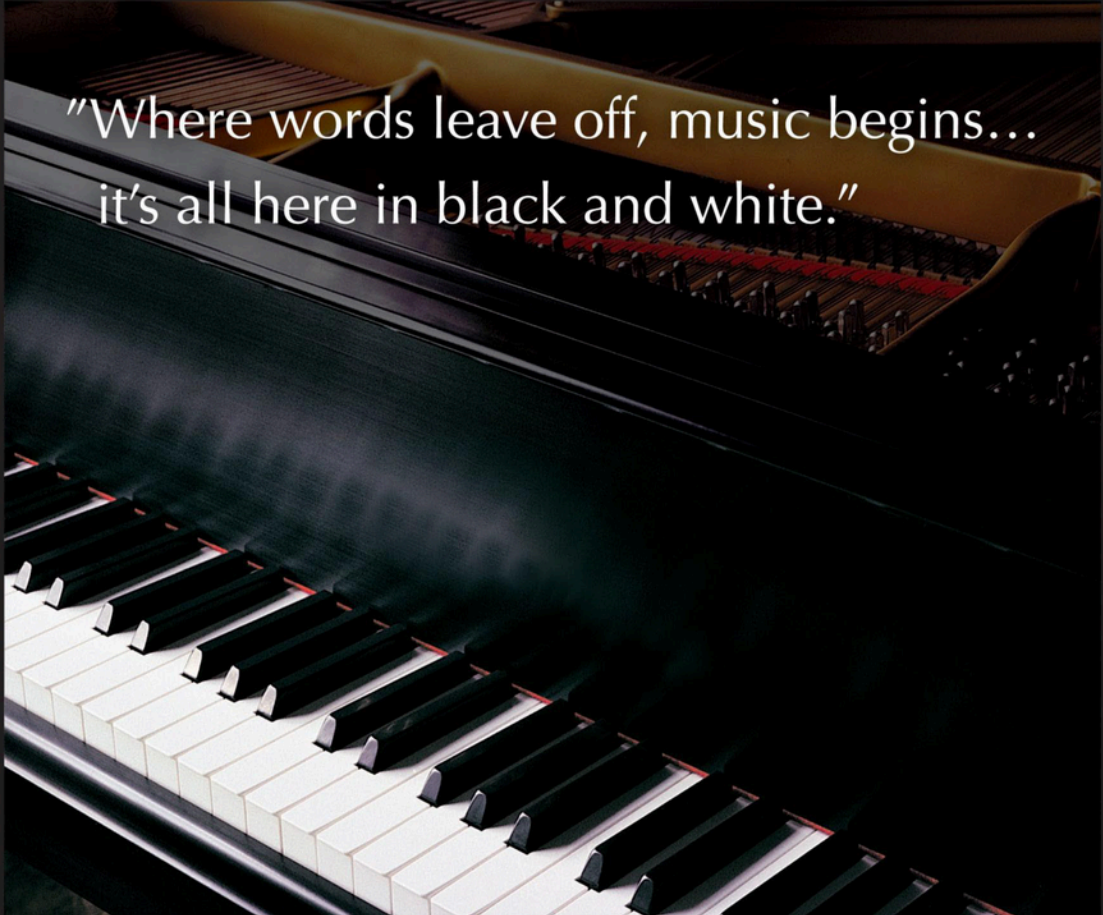
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