

Original Composition and Singer Songwriter

Please refer to the section “**READ ME FIRST**” for complete registration information.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2025 11:59 pm - last day to register without a late fee.

REMEMBER: To be considered for recommendation to the 2026 Provincial Music Festival, students entering classes shall meet the requirements of the Composition Stream in the 2026 FCMF syllabus: <https://fcmf.org/en/>.

General Rules for Original Composition and Singer Songwriter:

1. Compositions may be for “soloist or group” (Singer Songwriter) or “soloist or chamber ensemble” (Original Composition) in all disciplines, up to ten performers (any combination of instruments and/or voices).
2. Compositions must be original works (no arrangements) and solely the work of the participant.
3. Compositions will be judged on originality, clarity of ideas, and the handling of musical materials (melody, harmony, rhythm, and formal structure).
4. The work must be performed during the festival to receive an adjudication. Composers may perform their own composition if the composition is for solo instrument or voice.
5. The work must be performed at the scheduled time and date to receive adjudication.
6. Each composer may submit only one entry.
7. The Adjudicator may refuse to accept any manuscript that is illegible.
8. Electroacoustic works (MIDI, tape, or tape and performer) are not eligible.
9. **AN ADVANCE SCORE MUST BE SENT TO THE FESTIVAL NO LATER THAN WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7, 2026 11:59 pm to info@hfxmusicfest.com.** If there are subsequent editions of the score, a revised copy must be presented to the Adjudicator before the start of the class.

4000 ORIGINAL COMPOSITION - 11 YEARS AND UNDER (NON-COMPETITIVE) Works must be a minimum of 16 measures in length. Maximum time 5 minutes.	\$30.00
4001 ORIGINAL COMPOSITION - 12-14 YEARS Maximum time 10 minutes.	\$34.00
4002 ORIGINAL COMPOSITION - 15-18 YEARS Maximum time 10 minutes.	\$38.00
4003 ORIGINAL COMPOSITION - 19 AND OVER Maximum time 15 minutes.	\$41.00
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4004 SINGER/SONGWRITER - 11 YEARS AND UNDER (NON-COMPETITIVE) Works must be a minimum of 16 measures in length. Maximum time 5 minutes.	\$30.00
4005 SINGER/SONGWRITER - 12 TO 14 YEARS Maximum time 10 minutes.	\$34.00
4006 SINGER/SONGWRITER – 15 TO 18 YEARS Maximum time 10 minutes.	\$38.00
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