

## Popular Voice - Solo

**All selections in this category must be covers from commercial artists and/or an original composition.**

### General Rules

- a) One original score of the music or purchased digital receipt must be shown prior to the beginning of each selection. If a competitor cannot secure the original music, then they should show a receipt for purchase of the songs from either Apple Music, Spotify or Amazon.
- b) All selections must be sung from memory.
- c) All competitors must be an **amateur** which shall be defined as a music student, performer, or any person who does not earn significant income from performance or teaching in the discipline in which they are participating or, is a member of a professional union. (Please click here for the full definition of Amateur vs Professional: <https://omfa.ca/glossary>)
- d) All criteria listed in the OMFA General Rules (<https://omfa.ca/virtual-festival/rules-regulations>) must be strictly adhered to.

### Song Selections

- a) One of the selections must have been performed at the Local Festival, received a minimum mark of 85 and the recommendation of the local Adjudicator. The second selection is the competitor's choice but must follow the rules of this category.
- b) Competitors must perform two (2) contrasting selections in any of the following genres: pop, pop/folk, R & B, soul, rock, alternative, indie, jazz or country.
- c) Selections from Conservatory Canada Contemporary Idioms Voice lists and the RCM List C (Levels 1-6) and RCM List D (Levels 7-10) are eligible **excluding musical theatre, operetta and contemporary selections that are not covers.**
- d) Competitors must choose selections that are age appropriate with lyrics that are suitable for all audiences.
- e) Selections must be musically contrasting. The Adjudicator will take the choice of repertoire into consideration.

### Accompaniment

- a) Accepted accompaniment can include live accompaniment by piano, guitar, ukulele, or backtracks **without background vocals.** No self-accompaniment is allowed – please see Popular Voice Self-Accompanied category. Suggested resource - tracks can be purchased from [www.karaoke-version.com](http://www.karaoke-version.com) where customization of tracks is possible (key change, removal of background vocals etc.).
- b) If you require a collaborative pianist (accompanist), the people on this list (<https://omfa.ca/collaborative-pianists-accompanists>) have indicated that they are willing to record accompaniments. It is the competitor's responsibility to contact the collaborative pianist directly and negotiate a fee for their service.

### **NOT permitted**

- Selections from Musical Theatre (both staged and non-staged), cabaret, revues, operetta and stand-alone songs in musical theatre style.
- Rap and Hip Hop
- Songs listed in the RCM or CC classical syllabi (Lists A and B from Levels 1-6; Lists A, B, C from Levels 7-10)
- animated films, and selections that qualify for Songs from the Screen and More.

### **Video Submission Requirements**

- Videos must be submitted by your Local Festival's entry deadline date for Provincials.**
- One original score of the music or purchased digital music with attached receipt showing title and price (not a cover page or subscription to a sharing website) for each selection must be shown on camera prior to the beginning of the performance. If a competitor cannot secure the original music, then they should show a receipt for purchase of the songs from either Apple Music, Spotify or Amazon.
- Only YouTube videos will be permitted (i.e. google drives, Vimeo, mp3's, mp4's, Dropbox etc. are not permitted). Each performance requires a separate YouTube link. Performance videos should not be combined.**
- All videos must have '**YouTube Kids**' settings turned off. You may choose to have your video '**unlisted**' but private' videos are not permitted. Please also ensure that the video is allowed to be embedded in other programs.
- The video must clearly show your complete body. A stationary camera position must be used throughout.
- No mixing or sound enhancement is allowed through any kind of soundboard, including a recording studio or computer. No reverb can be added to the recording. The recording must be honest and acoustic – as if the adjudicators were in the room listening to you perform live. You must perform live on the video. No audio dubbing over your video is allowed.
- The video should be in the spirit of a recital or an audition and therefore you should dress appropriately.
- You are required to introduce yourself and your selections in the video, either verbally or with a title card before each piece and must be limited to the following:**
  - your name
  - the age level you have entered (eg. Primary)
  - the composer's name and complete title of your selection (prior to each piece)
- Do not announce your teacher's name, where you are from or at which local festival you performed. Do not use your teacher's YouTube channel to submit your videos.**

## **Popular Voice - Solo - Ages 6-10**

### **Performance Requirements**

Competitors must perform **two (2) contrasting selections.**



# Provincial Finals 2024

## Popular Voice - Solo Syllabus

The maximum performance times are as follows:

Beginner Level (Ages 6-8): **Ten (10) minutes**

Primary Level (Ages 9-10): **Ten (10) minutes**

There is no minimum performance time.

Accurate performance times must be included on the entry form. Do not guess timings.

**If you do not provide all information required** (your YouTube video link, the PDF of your music and payment) **by your Festival's Provincial deadline, it will result in disqualification.** "To Be Decided" in any field will not be accepted and will also result in disqualification.

The only exception to this is the field labelled "Movement/Musical". If your piece is a sonata or a concerto, etc. you will need to define which movements you will be playing. If your piece does not have any movements please put "none".

Class	Virtual
49002 - Popular Voice - Beginner Level - Ages 6-8	\$85.00
49001 - Popular Voice - Primary Level - Ages 9-10	\$85.00