

Classical Strings Duets and Trios

General Rules

- a) Competitors are required to **play one classical selection only** which must have been performed at the Local Festival and received a mark of 85 and the recommendation of the local Adjudicator. The Adjudicator will take repertoire choice into consideration.
- b) Competitors must enter the class corresponding to the age of the oldest member of the duet/trio.
- c) Memorization is optional, but strongly encouraged.
- d) For the purpose of this competition:
 - Adult and Child Duets: **Adult** is defined as anyone over the age of 19, performing with a younger child
- e) All competitors must be an **amateur** which shall be defined as any person whose principle means of livelihood is not obtained from the performance or teaching of music in the particular category in which they are competing, even though, from time to time, they may receive remuneration on an occasional basis (not full-time). Please click here for the full definition of Amateur vs Professional: <https://omfa.ca/glossary>
- f) All criteria listed in the OMFA General Rules (<https://omfa.ca/virtual-festival/rules-regulations>) must be strictly adhered to.

Accompaniment

- a) Accompaniment must be by acoustic piano only (live or back-tracks). Unless a piece is specifically written to be unaccompanied, it must have accompaniment or the video submission will be for adjudication only.
- 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 provide recorded accompaniments. It is the competitor's responsibility to contact the collaborative pianist directly and negotiate a fee for their service.

Video Submission Requirements

- a) **Videos must be submitted by your Local Festival's entry deadline date** for Provincials.
- b) Competitors must show on camera prior to the performance one of the following:
 - original score of the music or
 - book (show cover and open to first page) or
 - purchased digital music with attached receipt showing title and fee paid for each selection.

Not allowed:

- cover page
- Pro credit (Musicnotes)
- subscription to a sharing website (eg. Scribd, Everand, Musescore)

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- Teacher's names on scores, books or digital music must be covered to avoid disqualification.
- c) The performance requires a separate YouTube link. **Only YouTube videos will be permitted** (i.e. google drives, Vimeo, mp3's, mp4's, Dropbox etc. are not permitted).
- d) The video 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.
- e) The video must clearly show your complete body. A stationary camera position must be used throughout.
- f) 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.
- g) The video should be in the spirit of a recital or an audition and therefore you should dress appropriately.
- h) **You are required to introduce yourself and your selection in the video**, either verbally or with a title card which must be limited to the following:
 - your name
 - the level you have entered
 - the composer's name and complete Title of your selection
- i) **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.**
- j) All competitors **must submit a complete video performance by your festival's entry deadline** – no black screens allowed – to avoid disqualification.
- k) All competitors **must submit a PDF of their selection by their festival's entry deadline** when registering.

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PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS

Competitors are required to **play one selection only**.

Competitors must enter the class corresponding to the age of the oldest member of the duet/trio.

Competitors who are playing at the ARCT level or above must enter the Advanced class, regardless of age.

The maximum performance time for each level are listed below:

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Beginner Levels (Ages 6-8): **Five (5) minutes**

Primary Levels (Ages 9-10): **Five (5) minutes**

Elementary Levels (Ages 11-12): **Five (5) minutes**

Junior Levels (Ages 13-14): **Eight (8) minutes**

Intermediate Levels (Ages 15-16): **Ten (10) minutes**

Senior Levels (Ages 17-18): **Ten (10) minutes**

Advanced Levels Ages 19-28): **Ten (10) minutes**

Amateur Adults (Ages 29 and Above): **Ten (10) minutes**

Adult & Child: **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 result in disqualification.

36001 - Classical Strings - Duets and Trios - Beginner Level - Ages 6-8 <i>One selection required for Pickering GTA Music Festival.</i>	\$25.00
36002 - Classical Strings - Duets and Trios - Primary Level - Ages 9-10 <i>One selection required for Pickering GTA Music Festival.</i>	\$25.00
36003 - Classical Strings - Duets and Trios - Elementary Level - Ages 11-12 <i>One selection required for Pickering GTA Music Festival.</i>	\$25.00
36004 - Classical Strings - Duets and Trios - Junior Level - Ages 13-14 <i>One selection required for Pickering GTA Music Festival.</i>	\$30.00

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36005 - Classical Strings - Duets and Trios - Intermediate Level - Ages 15-16 <i>One selection required for Pickering GTA Music Festival.</i>	\$30.00
36006 - Classical Strings - Duets and Trios - Senior Level - Ages 17-18 <i>One selection required for Pickering GTA Music Festival.</i>	\$35.00
36007 - Classical Strings - Duets and Trios - Advanced - Ages 19-28 <i>One selection required for Pickering GTA Music Festival.</i>	\$35.00
36008 - Classical Strings - Duets and Trios - Adults - Ages 29 and Above <i>One selection required for Pickering GTA Music Festival.</i>	\$35.00
36009 - Classical Strings - Duets and Trios - Adult and Child <i>One selection required for Pickering GTA Music Festival.</i>	\$35.00