

Popular Strings

All selections in this category must be covers from commercial artists.

Piece Selections

- a) **Only one selection is required** and must have been performed at the Local Festival, received a minimum mark of 85 and the recommendation of the local Adjudicator. The Adjudicator will take piece choice into consideration.
- b) Competitors must perform **a selection from any of the following genres: pop, pop/ folk, R & B, soul, rock, alternative, indie, jazz or country.**
- c) Selections from Conservatory Canada (CC) Contemporary Idioms lists and the Royal Conservatory of Music Popular Lists (RCM) are eligible.

General Rules

- d) Original music for each selection must be presented at the welcome desk for use by the Adjudicator on the day of competition. An original score of the music or purchased digital music with attached receipt showing title and price (not a cover page, Pro credit or subscription to a sharing website, eg. Scribd, Everand, Musescore) for each selection must be presented to the Registration desk for the Adjudicator's use on the day of competition.
- e) **All selections must be played from memory.**
- f) No announcement of name or selection is required prior to your performance.
- g) 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/live-festival/rules-and-regulations>).
- h) All criteria listed in the OMFA General Rules (<https://omfa.ca/live-festival/rules-and-regulations>) must be strictly adhered to.

Not Permitted

Rap and Hip Hop

Songs listed in the RCM or CC Classical Syllabi

Animated films and selections that qualify for Songs from the Screen and More - see the SSAM Song List here: <https://omfa.ca/ssam-chart>

Popular Strings - Solo

Performance Requirements

Competitors must perform one popular strings selection.

The maximum performance times are as follows:

Beginner Level (Ages 6-8): **Eight (8) minutes**
 Primary Level (Ages 9-10): **Eight (8) minutes**
 Elementary Level (Ages 11-12): **Eight (8) minutes**
 Junior Level (Ages 13-14): **Ten (10) minutes**
 Intermediate Level (Ages 15-16): **Ten (10) minutes**
 Senior Level (Ages 17-18): **Fifteen (15) minutes**
 Advanced Level: **Fifteen (15) minutes**
 Adults (Ages 29 and Above): **Ten (10) minutes**

Accurate performance times must be included on the entry form. Do not guess timings. There is no minimum performance time.

If you do not provide all information required (i.e. the name and composer of your selection and payment) by your Local Festival's Provincial deadline, it will result in disqualification

"To Be Decided" in any field will not be accepted and will result in disqualification.

48001 - Popular Strings - Beginner Level - Ages 6-8 <i>One selection required for Pickering GTA Music Festival.</i>	\$25.00
48002 - Popular Strings - Primary Level - Ages 9-10 <i>One selection required for Pickering GTA Music Festival.</i>	\$25.00
48003 - Popular Strings - Elementary Level - Ages 11-12 <i>One selection required for Pickering GTA Music Festival.</i>	\$25.00
48004 - Popular Strings - Junior Level - Ages 13-14 <i>One selection required for Pickering GTA Music Festival.</i>	\$27.00
48005 - Popular Strings - Intermediate Level - Ages 15-16 <i>One selection required for Pickering GTA Music Festival.</i>	\$27.00
48006 - Popular Strings - Senior Level - Ages 17-18 <i>One selection required for Pickering GTA Music Festival.</i>	\$27.00
48007 - Popular Strings - Advanced Level <i>One selection required for Pickering GTA Music Festival.</i>	\$30.00

Popular Strings - Solo (continued)

48008 - Popular Strings - Adults - Ages 29 and Above

\$30.00

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