

## Popular Voice

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

### General Rules

- a) The maximum age is 28 years old as of December 31, 2024 for all levels except Adult.
- b) One original score for each selection or purchased digital music with attached receipt showing title and fee paid (not a cover page, Pro credit or subscription to a sharing website, eg. Scribd, Everand, Muscores) for each selection must be presented to the Registration desk for the Adjudicator's use on the day of competition. If a competitor cannot purchase the original music, then they should submit printed lyrics and show a receipt for purchase of the songs from either Apple Music, Spotify or Amazon.
- c) All selections must be sung from memory.
- d) No announcement of name or selection is required prior to your performance.
- e) 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 (\$5000/year) 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>).
- f) All criteria listed in the OMFA General Rules (https://omfa.ca/live-festival/rules-and-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. For the **Advanced level**, competitors will **perform four (4) contrasting selections.**
- b) Competitors, with the exception of the Advanced Level, 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 must only be backtracks **without background vocals. \*NEW\***  
**No acoustic instrumental accompaniment will be allowed.** No self-accompaniment is

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## Popular Voice - Self Accompanied - Solo Syllabus

allowed – please see Popular Voice Self-Accompanied category. Suggested resource - tracks can be purchased from <https://www.karaoke-version.com/> where customization of tracks is possible (key change, removal of background vocals etc.).

- b) YouTube links for backtracks are **NOT ACCEPTABLE – only mp3 links will be allowed.**
- c) A sound system will be provided with a microphone at the venue. Competitors have the option to bring their own microphone which should use a standard XLR cable.
- d) **Backtracks, formatted as an mp3 only, must be submitted when registering by their local festival's deadline.**

### 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 (see the SSAM Song List here: <https://omfa.ca/ssam-chart>).

## Popular Voice - Self Accompanied - Solo - Ages 6-10

### Performance Requirements

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

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 does not have any movements please put "none".

### Popular Voice - Self Accompanied - Solo - Ages 6-10 (continued)

50001 - Popular Voice - Self-Accompanied - Beginner Level - Ages 6-8 <i>One selection required for Pickering GTA Music Festival.</i>	\$25.00
50002 - Popular Voice - Self-Accompanied - Primary Level - Ages 9-10 <i>One selection required for Pickering GTA Music Festival.</i>	\$25.00

### Popular Voice - Self Accompanied - Solo

#### PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS

The maximum performance times are listed below:

Elementary Level: (Ages 11-12): **Ten (10) minutes**

Junior Level: (Ages 13-14): **Ten (10) minutes**

Intermediate Level: (Ages 15-16): **Fifteen (15) minutes**

Senior Level: (Ages 17-18): **Fifteen (15) minutes**

Advanced Level: **Fifteen (15) minutes**

Adult Level: (Ages 29 and Above): **Fifteen (15) 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** (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 does not have any movements please put "none".

20001 - Popular Voice - Self Accompanied - Elementary Level - Ages 11-12 <i>One selection required for Pickering GTA Music Festival.</i>	\$25.00
20002 - Popular Voice - Self Accompanied - Junior Level - Ages 13-14 <i>One selection required for Pickering GTA Music Festival.</i>	\$27.00
20003 - Popular Voice - Self Accompanied - Intermediate Level - Ages 15-16 <i>One selection required for Pickering GTA Music Festival.</i>	\$27.00

### Popular Voice - Self Accompanied - Solo (continued)

20004 - Popular Voice - Self Accompanied - Senior Level - Ages 17-18 <i>One selection required for Pickering GTA Music Festival.</i>	\$27.00
20005 - Popular Voice - Self Accompanied - Advanced Level <i>One selection required for Pickering GTA Music Festival.</i>	\$30.00
20006 - Popular Voice - Self Accompanied - Adults - Ages 29 and Above <i>One selection required for Pickering GTA Music Festival.</i>	\$30.00