

Information and Rules regarding the Competitions Levels A, B, and C

Important: **The same adjudicator may not adjudicate at more than one level (branch, zone or provincial) in the same year. The GTA Zone branches are nine in total: Central Toronto, North Toronto, Scarborough, Pickering, Etobicoke-Mississauga, North York-York Region, Newmarket and Area, Markham-Stouffville, Bolton-Brampton-Caledon.

Competition Level C: Two categories, Instrumental - 19 & under as of January 1, 2008 and Vocal - 22 & under as of January 1, 2008

- a) PROGRAMME: Grade levels 8 and 9 for Instrumentalists, 8 and above for Vocalists. Pieces to be chosen from an officially recognized Canadian syllabus, such as that of the Royal Conservatory of Music, Conservatory Canada, Contemporary Showcase, or the Canadian Music Showcase. The programme should include two contrasting pieces for instrumentalists, and three selections (minimum two languages) for vocalists, and should not exceed 10 minutes. Students are judged on the stylistic balance of their programme. All selections performed must be memorized.
- b) MARKING: The marking system will be as follows:
Below 80 – improvement required
80-85 – musically competent
86-89 – superior performance
90 and above – artistic distinction
A **minimum mark of 80%** will be required for the student to proceed to the next level.
- c) Only the winner in EACH CATEGORY at the branch audition will proceed to the zone level. The runner-up may be submitted but is not guaranteed to compete due to time constraints.
This competition does not proceed to the provincial level.

Competition Level B: Two categories, Instrumental - 22 & under as of January 1, 2008 and Vocal - 30 and under as of January 1, 2008.

- d) PROGRAMME: Grades 10 or above for Instrumentalists, grades 9 or above for Vocalists. Maximum length 17 minutes for instrumentalists, 15 for vocalists. Pieces to be chosen from an officially recognized Canadian syllabus, such as that of the Royal Conservatory of Music, Conservatory Canada, Contemporary Showcase, or Canadian Music Showcase. Instrumentalists should play two or more pieces within the time limit. Vocalists should perform at least three selections in two or more languages. The stylistic balance of the programme will be considered in the adjudication. All selections performed must be memorized.
- e) MARKING: For marking standards, see Level C. A **minimum mark of 80%** will be required for the student to proceed to the next level.
- f) Only the winner in EACH CATEGORY at the branch audition will proceed to the zone level. The runner-up may be submitted but is not guaranteed to compete due to time constraints.
The winner of this competition will be eligible to represent the GTA Zone at the Provincial Student Competition.

Level A Competition (Young Artist): Instrumental and Vocal combined.

Instrumental – 24 and under as of January 1, 2008. Vocal – 20 to 32 as of January 1, 2008.

- a) PROGRAMME: Associate level or above. Minimum 30 minutes, maximum 45 minutes. The entire programme must be submitted with the application. **The student will perform a 20 minute-long own-choice selection, at the conclusion of which, the adjudicator may request the competitor to perform one or more additional selections from the submitted programme, at his/her discretion.** For instrumentalists, the programme must include a Canadian work. For vocalists, it must include an art song, an aria (opera/oratorio), a contemporary work and a Canadian composition. Three selections must be in two or more languages other than English. The stylistic balance of the programme will be considered in the adjudication.
- b) MARKING: For marking standards, see Level C. A **minimum mark of 80%** will be required for the student to proceed to the next level.
- c) Only the winner will proceed to the zone level.
The winner of this competition will be eligible to represent the GTA Zone at the Provincial Young Artist Competition.

Please note:

- Students are not allowed to perform a piece or pieces other than the ones submitted on their application forms.
- The use of photocopies is strictly forbidden