

FMFNS: A Musical Theatre Opportunity

This year a unique MT opportunity has presented itself.

The local host festival of the 2023 NS Provincial Music Festival, Lunenburg County Music Festival, has secured access to the historic Lunenburg Opera House.

A very kind local donor is paying the cost of our using that space on both Friday, June 2 and Saturday, June 3, 2023. We need it on Friday, June 2 for the Intermediate and Senior/Advanced Classes of the Provincial Music Festival. But, Saturday, June 3, 2023 it is free for us to use in another way. So, the following event will happen:

The FMFNS presents the Lunenburg Opera House Experience

Let's be clear, this experience is being offered in conjunction with the NS Provincial Music Festival but it is not part of that festival, per se. Entrants who come to this event are not eligible to compete in the NS Provincial Music Festival – this is an opportunity for MT students other than those competing at the NS Provincial Music Festival to enjoy a Lunenburg experience on the stage of an historic NS venue. It's an exciting development and offers real possibilities for growth.

Also, the FMFNS has a deal that students from the Amherst area who participate in the Sackville (NB) Music Festival and who are recommended by their adjudicator to move on to activities/competitions at the provincial level may do so by attending those organized by the FMFNS. We would extend this invitation to those students, too.

Name of event: The Lunenburg Opera House Experience

Where is it being held: Concert Hall, Lunenburg Opera House, Lunenburg, NS

When: Saturday, June 3, 2023 from 9.00 am to 5.00 pm

Who is Eligible?

- a) Every person recommended will have competed in one of our seven (7) local NS Music Festivals and have been recommended to the Lunenburg event by the MT adjudicator at that festival.

- b) There will be a special registration form (not the one, or the process followed by those competing in the NS Provincial Music Festival) that must be completed and signed by the adjudicator and sent to the Provincial Registrar at the completion of each local music festival.
There will be a registration fee of \$20.00 per entrant that must be paid to the Treasurer, FMFNS: treasurer@fmfns.ca
- c) Each local festival affiliated with the FMFNS may send two (2) persons in each of the following age groups to this event:
- 15 yrs. and Under: 1 MT piece of the entrant's choosing so long as it meets the MT criteria as laid out in the FMFNS Syllabus.
 - 18 yrs. and Under: 1 MT piece of the entrant's choosing so long as it meets the MT criteria as laid out in the FMFNS Syllabus.
- d) Each entrant must arrange for and pay his/her own accompanist.
(It is recommended that the accompanist hired not be someone accompanying any other NS Provincial Music Festival entrant on Saturday, June 3rd, 2023.)
- e) Registrations for the Lunenburg Opera House Experience will close 11.29 pm, Tuesday, May 9, 2023.

What will happen?

- a) There will be two start times: 10.00 am, and 1.30 pm
- b) There will be a brief time allowed prior to the beginning of each class for entrants to familiarize themselves with the stage and the facility that is the Lunenburg Opera House.
- c) Each class will allow a maximum of 7 minutes for each entrant to perform their one (1) piece – this must be the piece that they were recommended on from their local festival and that they will have listed on their registration form.
- d) There will be an adjudicator – in this case, Monette Gould from NB. She will adjudicate each class, give a workshop at the end of the adjudication and announce a first (1st) place winner.
- e) Each participant will receive an adjudication sheet and a Certificate of Participation.

- f) The winner of each class will receive an adjudication sheet and a medal.
- g) All entrants will:
- Receive a free pass to attend, as an audience member, the class that they are not participating in; and attend the Stars of the Festival and Awards Concert, 7 pm, Saturday, June 3 at St. John's Anglican Church, Lunenburg.
 - Note: Winners of either of these classes may be audience members at the Stars and Awards Concert. They may be named and congratulated and celebrated but not invited to perform.

Adjudicator costs:

1. Monette is already hired to cover the Intermediate and Senior/Advanced classes of the NS Provincial Music Festival. Her professional fees, accommodations , meal costs and mileage are already accounted for in the budget.
2. Monette has agreed to the extra work on the Saturday and will sign a separate contract for that. She is expecting to be paid:
 - a) \$15 per entrant adjudicating fee; and
 - b) \$100 per class workshop fee, for a \$200 Workshop fee.

These costs should be more than covered by the registration fee of (\$20 per entrant) and the donations collected at the entrance to the Opera House for each class.

Other:

1. The donors of the rental costs of the Lunenburg Opera House need to be invited/ involved in this day, so that can appreciate what value they are getting for their money and receive the kudos they deserve.
2. Lunenburg County Music Festival will be responsible for staffing and running this event & for making it as special as it can be for participants.
3. Publicity: There should be extensive local and provincial publicity generated for this development.