

Speech and Dramatic Arts Adjudicator



Deborah McGladdery

Deborah has been involved in Speech Arts since the age of seven, when she began “elocution” lessons in Victoria, BC with Wilfrid Ord at the “Victoria School of Expression”. She has an Education certificate from UVIC, an associate’s diploma in Speech and Drama from Mount Royal College, Calgary, and has been designated a Speech and Drama Specialist by Royal Conservatory. Deborah taught public school for more than ten years before turning her attention to speech arts and drama as a private teacher. For 25 years, she ran a speech and drama studio in Prince George, BC., coaching up to 100 students a year. She also enjoyed running a ‘Production Camp’ every summer where students presented fairy tale and Shakespeare plays to enthusiastic audiences. Since relocating to Penticton, she has stayed active, working for local and provincial festival organizations. Ms. McGladdery has adjudicated for many festivals in Canada, is a member of the Canadian Music Festival Adjudicators' Association, and works as a Speech Arts examiner for Royal Conservatory. She is very excited to be returning to the Victoria Festival where she performed her very first poem a lot of years ago!

Highlights Concert April 25, 2018
Cadboro Bay United Church
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