

WHY VOLUNTEER?

The Greater Victoria Performing Arts Festival is a volunteer-based organization. More than 300 volunteers help organize and staff our annual six week Performing Arts Festival each spring, which includes more than a dozen venues, more than one hundred adjudicated performance sessions, and eleven Highlight Concerts. In terms of participation, the Greater Victoria Performing Arts Festival is the largest arts festival in the region and one of the largest in the province.

To stage a festival with more than 6,000 participants, the Performing Arts Festival staff and volunteers must arrange for rental of venues, hire performance adjudicators, register and schedule performances, coordinate volunteers, promote and market Festival events, and produce and stage our series of Highlight Concerts. We just could not do it without our dedicated team of volunteers.

If you are interested in volunteering for Greater Victoria Performing Arts Festival or if you would like to learn more about volunteering for the Festival, complete and return the Volunteer Contact Form on the reverse side of this page or contact the GVPF office at 250-386-9223 or festival@gvpaf.org to arrange a brief interview with our Volunteer Coordinator.



WE DEEPLY VALUE OUR VOLUNTEERS!

APPLAUD THE FUTURE

For over 90 years, the Greater Victoria Performing Arts Festival has encouraged the development of the performing arts in the Greater Victoria region and is now one of this region's largest annual arts events. Over six weeks each spring, thousands of participants of all ages and from a wide range of disciplines take to stages across Greater Victoria to showcase their talents in adjudicated performance sessions and Highlight Concerts.

The Greater Victoria Performing Arts Festival fosters learning and greater appreciation of the performing arts, and while many Festival alumni go on to professional careers, all participants remain enthusiasts and supporters of the arts in our community.



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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

“VOLUNTEERING AT FESTIVAL provides a wonderful opportunity to share in the joy and dedication that the performers devote to their passion. I always leave with a great sense of optimism about the younger generation!

Annette Barclay,
Festival Volunteer



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Thank you for your support of the Greater Victoria Performing Arts Festival Association and the thousands of youth performers who participate in the Performing Arts Festival every year.

WHAT CAN I DO?

The Receptionist/Cashier greets performers and audience members and collects admissions at Festival events.

The Adjudicator Secretary receives repertoire from performers, assists the adjudicator in preparing written records of adjudications, and maintains the clock for on-time completion of each performance.

Drivers transport out-of-town adjudicators between the adjudicator's hotel and the adjudicator's session venues. Please note: Drivers must use their own vehicles. GVPAF does not provide vehicles.

Volunteer Coordinator, Office Volunteer, Social Media Curator, Festival Promotion, and Technical Support volunteer positions require periodic time and effort during the Festival year, from September through June. These are often shared positions, based on each volunteer's available time.

Section Heads, Committee Members, and Board Members are senior volunteer positions and as such generally require some level of year-around involvement with the Greater Victoria Performing Arts Festival, with a concentration of time and effort during our six-week Festival each spring.

WHO CAN VOLUNTEER?

Anyone over the age of 19 can volunteer for the Greater Victoria Performing Arts Festival. Minors can volunteer with a consent form signed by their parent or guardian, but must be accompanied by an adult for evening events. Backstage volunteers may require a criminal record check.



WHAT'S EXPECTED?

Receptionist/Cashiers and Adjudicator Secretaries need to arrive at their assigned session venues up to 30 minutes before the session start time to assist with seating and help resolve matters of concern for participants, audience members, and the session adjudicator.

Adjudicator Secretaries must remain impartial and should not discuss performers or performances with the adjudicator. Adjudicator Secretaries need to be prepared to respond to questions and comments from family and other session audience members.

Other volunteer positions have specific tasks, locations, and timelines. Our Volunteer Coordinator will be pleased to give you the details.

Please note: A dress code is in effect at all Performing Arts Festival venues and volunteers are expected to be neat and tidy and unfailingly polite, friendly, and helpful.

WILL I GET TRAINING?

Training and support are provided by our Volunteer Coordinators, Section Heads, and GVPAF administration team. Minimal experience is needed to be a Session Receptionist/Cashier, however Adjudicator Secretaries will benefit from familiarity with the skills and terminology in the performance discipline.

More senior volunteer positions may have specific skills and experience criteria. Our Volunteer Coordinator will be pleased to review these criteria with you. Those who volunteer for leadership roles such as Section Head and Board positions will be trained and mentored by the GVPAF administration team and members of our Board of Directors.

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GVPAF VOLUNTEER CONTACT FORM

Please complete and submit the Volunteer Contact Form to Greater Victoria Performing Arts Festival, 21-21 Dallas Road, Victoria, BC V8V 4Z9, or contact the GVPAF office at 250-386-9223 or festival@gvpaf.org. You will be contacted by our Volunteer Coordinator to confirm your volunteer interests and time availability.

If using the form below, be sure to tick the appropriate box(es) to let us know which Discipline Sections you prefer to work with and which volunteer positions you are interested in filling. Our Volunteer Coordination team will make every effort to fulfill your requests.

NAME: _____

AGE: _____ DATE: _____

TELEPHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

DISCIPLINE SECTION(S) OF INTEREST

- Brass
- Choral/Vocal
- Classical Guitar
- Composition
- Dance (Ethnic)
- Dance (School, Studio)
- Fiddle
- Musical Theatre
- Piano
- School Bands/
Orchestras
- Speech/Dramatic Arts
- Strings
- Woodwind

VOLUNTEER POSITION(S) OF INTEREST

- Adjudicator Secretary
- Session Receptionist/
Cashier
- Concert Volunteer
- Festival Promotion
- Driver
- Volunteer Coordinator
- Office Volunteer
- Social Media Curator
- Technical Support
- Section Head
- Section Head Assistant
- Committee Member
- GVPAF Board Member

Thank you for your volunteer support for the Greater Victoria Performing Arts Festival. Together we will deliver a wonderful Festival this year and every year.