

OBA Provincial Band Festival – Festival Details Updates Summary

The Festival is taking place at **The Chinese Cultural Centre of Greater Toronto, 5183 Sheppard Avenue East, Scarborough** (parking lot entrance via Progress Avenue).

ON-SITE EMERGENCY CONTACT – DURING FESTIVAL WEEK ONLY

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Call or text for things like late busses, day-of cancellation, instruments left behind, etc.

PERFORMANCE-RELATED INFORMATION:

USB STICKS

A reminder that you need to bring a USB stick for each ensemble, for your performance recording/adjudication. They should be a minimum 4 GB, preferably at least 8 GB, and more importantly, if it's not a new or completely blank drive, please ensure there's at least 4 GB of free space on it. And make sure that it's physically labelled with the school name so we can get it into the right envelope for you to take home.

SCORES

Please bring two copies of your conductor scores (unless you are performing selections from the OBA syllabus).

STUDENT LEADERSHIP AWARD

The form is at the end of this PDF. Print out and complete with the name of your choice for student leader. Indicate their name, your school, and a few words about the student. **Please present at the registration table when you arrive at the Festival.**

ENSEMBLE BIO

Please bring a short, typed bio of each ensemble, that the Performance Hall MC can use as an introduction before your performance.

GROUP PHOTOS

As per last year, a photo of your band will be taken immediately following your performance, onstage, in your band formation – look up and smile! These photos will be available online a couple of weeks after the Festival.

FESTIVAL FLOW:

- a. Director enters the building on the south side (keep students outside, under the canopy, while you register).
- b. After registration, students will enter the glass door near the southeast side (there will be signs) and go to “storage” (a very large room).
- c. Each school will have an assigned storage space – but it will be tight. Please keep everything within the space. Reminders – DO NOT leave valuables in the storage area & make sure all instruments, cases, etc., are labelled with your school name
- d. Students can head to the auditorium if you have arrived early enough time to watch other groups and/or get food.
- e. Your warm-up time will be approximately 25-30 minutes before your performance time. Assemble your band near “exit to stairs” approximately 8 minutes before your warm-up time.
- f. 5 minutes before warm-up, your band will be escorted by a Festival volunteer downstairs to Warm-up Room A or Warm-up Room B.
- g. After warm-up, your group will be escorted back upstairs, to the rear of the stage.
- h. As soon as the band before you finishes, the applause ends, and they have had their photo taken, your band will enter the stage.
- i. PLEASE SIT WITHIN THE SET BAND. ASK YOUR CENTRE STUDENTS TO MOVE TO THE CENTRE OF THE BAND SET-UP. PLEASE DO NOT MOVE/RE-ARRANGE THE CHAIRS.

- j. Performance: short warm-up, repertoire, applause, photo in your band formation on stage, exit the stage.
- k. Immediately following your performance, before they exit, your ensemble will need to look up and smile for a group photo.
- l. Following your group photo, your band will be escorted to Clinic Room A or Clinic Room B.
- m. Following your clinic, your band will be escorted back to the storage room.
- n. Please enjoy the Festival – encourage your students to be an audience.

VENUE INFORMATION:

PARENTS & GUESTS

As always, parents and other guests are welcome to listen to the bands performing in the Festival. There is no charge for audience members.

DROP-OFF & PARKING

There must be NO parking in the east parking lot of the Festival venue (that means no busses, no parents/friends, etc.). Please use the large parking lot to the south of the building

FOOD SERVICE PROVIDED BY THE VENUE – CASH ONLY

- All-beef 6oz. Hamburger
- All-beef Jumbo Hot Dog
- French Fries
- Vegetarian Spring Rolls
- Instant Bowl Noodle (2 flavours)
- Spaghetti w/Tomato Sauce (meatballs extra)
- Baby Greens Salad
- Coffee & Tea

OBA BAND GEEK T-SHIRTS (\$20) AND SNACKS – Cash/debit/credit

The OBA is offering a full array of snacks such as chips, chocolate bars, muffins, pop & water, bubble & juice boxes as well as the awesome “Band Geek” t-shirts for sale.

NOTE: There is NO ATM on-site.

OTHER:

ANNUAL DIRECTORS’ SOCIAL – FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16th, 7:00pm (doors open at 6:30pm)

For all current members of the Ontario Band Association, Festival participants (adults), as well as adjudicators and Provincial Band Festival sponsors. **The evening will include complimentary appetizers and bar, great music, a special presentation, the keynote address by Bill Thomas, and presentation of the Festival Awards.** We invite you to bring a guest.

MUSIC LEADERSHIP AWARD

Please nominate a student in your ensemble who has demonstrated outstanding musical leadership in the ensemble. This student may be the finest musician in your band and therefore demonstrates leadership through their performance capabilities. Or, this student may have demonstrated outstanding leadership by acting as a positive role model through all your rehearsals and classes. Or, perhaps this student possesses a combination of musical skill and student leadership – the choice is yours.

Please write their name below, along with a brief description of why you have chosen to give them this award.

The award will be presented at the conclusion of your clinic.

Student name _____

School _____

Reason for the award _____
