

Good Evening!

I hope everyone has enjoyed a busy, but successful start up to the 2017/2018 school year. We are very excited to be hosting the Collingwood Regional MusicFest at Collingwood Collegiate Institute on Wednesday, February 28th through March 2nd, 2018. This year is going to be another great festival with an amazing line up of highly qualified, enthusiastic adjudicators and clinicians. You will definitely want to book this wonderful educational experience into your Field Trip plans for the 2017/2018 school year.

Our fantastic adjudicators will make your experience very memorable. All of the adjudicators bring with them a wealth of performance experience and pedagogy. Their bio's will be posted on our site later this week. The staff and students from Humber College are on board again this year and they are promising to bring us another amazing concert on Thursday and Friday afternoon!

We are anticipating a great response from bands all across Ontario. We especially want to encourage you to bring your jazz ensembles to the festival this year. They will learn so much from our amazing adjudicators and workshops. Don't hesitate to bring your first year ensembles. This can be a wonderful opportunity for them to work with some of the finest musicians in the country!

I would encourage you to check out our website [www.collingwoodmusicfest.com](http://www.collingwoodmusicfest.com) for more info about the festival. There is a promotional video that I put together last year which explains, in greater detail, some of the highlights of our festival. It really is "one of the best Regionals in Canada" according to our Adjudicators. Check out some of the great photos from last year's festival on the site as well.

[CLICK HERE](#) for a link to our registration form. Here you will be able to register your ensembles. It is crucial that this information is completed accurately.

Our goal is to keep the regional experience affordable and very memorable. Once again we will be bringing in a professional photographer, providing professional level audio recordings, and also we will be live streaming the entire festival so your parents and staff can enjoy your performances offsite. Bands who receive a High Silver or Gold Rating will receive an invitation to participate at the MusicFest Nationals which are being held in Toronto (Mid May) this year. Please note the fee structure at the National Level is significantly higher. (Approximately \$100 per student participating)

Please check out [www.musicfest.ca](http://www.musicfest.ca) for important performance requirements and syllabus selections. Unfortunately, additional scores are not provided by the Collingwood Regional Festival. You will require 3 copies of each score for our adjudicators at the Regional Festival.

#### **Registration fees:**

1st Ensemble: **\$250**

Additional Ensembles: **\$200 per ensemble**

Concert Tickets: **\$8.00/student** (Directors and Chaperones are Complimentary) limited seating available on a First Come First Serve Basis.

**ALL CHEQUES ARE TO BE MADE PAYABLE TO CCI ACTIVITIES and mailed to:**

**Collingwood Regional MusicFest  
c/o CCI Aaron Bell, Festival Director  
6 Cameron Street  
Collingwood, ON  
L9Y 2J2**

**REGISTRATION OPENS SEPTEMBER 20TH, 2017 and will close DECEMBER 1st, 2017**

**SCHEDULING IS COMPLETED ON A FIRST COME FIRST SERVE BASIS. AN EARLY REGISTRATION WILL INSURE THE BEST TIME SLOTS FOR YOUR PERFORMANCES IN THE FESTIVAL. FULL PAYMENT IS REQUIRED BEFORE SCHEDULING BEGINS. A RECEIPT WILL BE EMAILED TO YOU TO CONFIRM YOUR REGISTRATION IS COMPLETE.**

**PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL REGISTRATION FEES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE.**

Again this year Cosmo Music will be onsite to provide a **FREE** repair facility for your students. We will have onsite concessions and can provide you with a number of different entertainment options in town to help make your day awesome from the time you arrive until the time you leave the festival.

Check out [www.collingwood.ca](http://www.collingwood.ca) for more information about the town.

Some of you may be interested in a Ski and Stay opportunity. Check out [www.bluemountain.ca](http://www.bluemountain.ca) for more info about skiing at Blue. We do have a number of hotels in the area; however, they do book up quickly in the winter months.

If you have any questions regarding the registration process please email, text, or phone at any time. Please do forward this email to your colleagues in your Board as there are many people who are not on our mailing list who I'm sure would like to take part in this amazing festival!

All the best to you in your year. Again, don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions about the festival or Musicfest Canada!

Take care,  
Aaron Bell  
Festival Director