



Downtowners Optimist Band Festival

March 18th – 21st, 2024



JAZZ - DIFFERENT DATE/VENUE –

MARCH 9, U of R

CONCERT - RETURNING: MONDAY THROUGH THURSDAY

Continuing!! Longer On Stage Allocations and longer Clinic Time for B300 Bands,

4 Days CONTINUES for Concert Bands – longer adjudication for younger groups!

What is the Downtowners Optimist Band Festival? The Downtowners Optimist Band Festival is the host to any interested groups (Concert or Jazz Band), of any age, skill level, and location. The Festival is organized and coordinated through the efforts of the Downtowners Optimist Club of Regina and an Education Committee with the support of The Saskatchewan Band Association.

Where is the Festival located? The Concert Festival is located in the Conexus Arts Center, 200 Lakeshore Drive, in Regina. This is a first class facility for your band to experience.

When is the Festival held? 2024 – March 18 to 21 Attention is given to Teachers that have multiple groups in the festival to provide a suitable and manageable schedule for them.

Why register? This festival provides the opportunity for groups to perform on the stage of the Conexus Arts Centre, listen to other festival entries as well as Concert guest ensembles. Additionally, participants will receive clinics and recording. Clinicians evaluate your group on: Artistic Integrity, Technical Considerations, Student Initiation, Teacher Considerations, as well as Improvisation and Rhythm Sections in Jazz.

Your feedback will be two written comments, plus recorded comments and a performance file.

Plaques are given to all participating Bands

How to Register? Registration forms are available on our website optimistbandfestival.com Every Band Director on the SBA directory will be emailed with registration forms and repertoire lists. Educator's that are not members of the SBA can obtain all of the above information as a PDF file on the SBA website. (www.saskband.org)

Alternately, forms can be sent via email to Lyle Merriam dlmerriam@sasktel.net and followed with payment.

Deadline for registrations will be **Wednesday, January 17th, 2024.**

Extras! Returning: Longer Clinics for Jazz, longer clinics for Concert Bands.

Tentative Free Performances Presented by U of R Music: Wind Ensemble – TBA – Main Stage

Information Available at optimistbandfestival.com
or Lyle Merriam dlmerriam@sasktel.net

Or Contact Chad Huel c.huel@rcsd.ca

Concert Clinicians Frank Tracz, Alain Cazes, Shelly Axelson, Diane Koutsulis, Ross McIntyre, David Lum

Jazz Clinicians Gordon Foote, TBA

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