



Regina Downtowner's Optimist Band Festival

March 20th - 23rd, 2018

NEW for 2018!!

**Longer On Stage Allocations and longer Clinic Time for B300 Bands,
Additional Clinic Time for Concert Bands on Tuesday!!**

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



What is the Regina Optimist Band Festival? The Regina Optimist Band Festival is the host to any interested groups (Concert or Jazz Band), of any age, skill level, and location. The Regina Optimist Band Festival is organized and coordinated through the efforts of the Regina Downtowner's Optimist Club and is supported by The Saskatchewan Band Association.

Where is the Festival located? The 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? 2018 - March 20 to 23 Attention will be 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 guest ensembles (Jazz and Concert Band). Additionally, participants will receive clinics, recordings, and adjudication. Clinicians evaluate your group on: Artistic Integrity, Technical Considerations, Student Initiation, Teacher Considerations, as well as Improvisation and Rhythm Sections in Jazz. You may elect a Graded or Comments Only performance and your feedback will be two written comments, plus recorded comments and a performance file.

Recognition of Exceptional Bands:

Plaques - Jazz Bands with 1 or more A's - Concert bands with 2 or more A grades

MusicFest Canada invitations - Jazz Bands with 2 A's - Concert bands with 3 A grades.

How to Register? 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)

Band Directors may also register by going online at optimistbandfestival.com and printing off the registration sheets.

Deadline for registrations will be Wednesday, January 17th, 2018.

Extras! Returning: 60 minute Clinics in Jazz, longer clinics for Concert Bands.

Free Performances Presented by U of R Music:

Jazz Band – Chris Jacklin directing (Thursday, March 22nd – Jazz Room)

Wind Ensemble – Brent Ghiglione directing (Friday, March 23rd – Main Stage)



Information Available at optimistbandfestival.com
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Clinicians
Concert

Alain Cazes
Sigurd Johnson
Brian Uzick

Greg McLean
Mark Hopkins
TBA

Jazz

Gordon Foote
Scott Prebys
Brad Turner

Or Contact Chad Huel c.huel@rcsd.ca

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