



Aaron Plitzer performs a violin solo at the 2010 Festival
 Dance Adjudicator's Award winner, Garrette Smith, performing at the 2010 Festival

FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS

MARGARET MAY

There is a lot of activity among young performing artists in Fort St. John these days, as preparations for the Peace River North Festival of the Arts are getting into high gear. Months of hard work go into the event that will be held April 3rd to 10th at the North Peace Cultural Centre.

Artists of all ages will perform for professional adjudicators and receive valuable feedback along with the satisfaction of a performance to be proud of, celebrating the end of all the hard work. Whenever time allows, once competitive classes are done, the adjudicators offer workshops in their various specialties.

The Festival Association is pleased to welcome acclaimed pianist Sarah Hagen back to Fort St. John to adjudicate the piano classes and share her expertise with local piano students.

All performances are open to the public and the Festival schedule is as follows:

- Piano: Sunday, Monday, Tuesday (morning), April 3, 4 and 5
- Strings: Tuesday, April 5
- Voice and Choir: Tuesday, April 5 (evening)
- Instruments: Wednesday, April 6 (morning)
- Band: Wednesday, April 6 (afternoon)
- Speech Arts: Thursday, April 7 (morning)
- Dance: Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday, April 7, 8, 9 and 10

For a sample of the talent that the Festival has to offer, the best performances of the week in each discipline, as selected by the adjudicators, will be featured at the "Best of the Fest" Honours Concert Sunday, April 10 at 7:00pm at the North Peace Cultural Centre. This evening is truly a celebration of the young talent in Fort St. John. Special awards as well as the Provincial Delegates for 2011 will be announced on Sunday evening.

The Festival would not happen without the support of the community. Heartfelt thanks go out to all of the sponsors who contribute to the Festival. For information about the Festival, contact the Festival Association president, Margaret May at mecaversmay@shaw.ca, and join us in celebrating the remarkable accomplishments of our young performing artists.



Luke Gill goes over his performance with adjudicator Sarah Hagen during the first day of the Peace River North Festival of the Arts at the North Peace Cultural Centre on Apr. 3.

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