

Popular Guitar & Rock Band

This category is designed to incorporate the following genres: pop, pop/ folk, R & B, soul, rock, alternative, indie, jazz or country. Selections should be covers from commercial artists in these genres. Selections that are NOT permitted:

- Rap and Hip Hop
- Songs listed in any of the RCM or CC classical guitar syllabi

The playing of selections from memory is encouraged

Acoustic and electric guitars are permitted.

This category is intended for instrumental guitar only. Performers who wish to add vocals to their performance should enter the "Popular Voice Self-Accompanied class".

Competitors will be judged on their choice of selections, interpretation, and style.

Popular Guitar Ballad

Own choice. Repertoire must be selected from any ballad that would be considered to be in the popular music idiom, and may include selections which are part of the Popular Selections/Contemporary Idioms section of the current Conservatory syllabus. Competitors may enter this category multiple times with repertoire that has not been previously performed in the Festival, but a separate registration is required for each entry.

ADJUDICATION PLUS categories will include an opportunity for each competitor to return to the stage and work with the adjudicator 1:1 for 10-20 min (level dependent) to receive immediate feedback on incorporating some of the adjudicator's suggestions.

PGB-B	Popular Guitar Ballad - Beginner Level: ages 6-8	18.00
PGB-B+	Popular Guitar Ballad - Beginner Level: ages 6-8 ADJUDICATION PLUS	27.00
PGB-P	Popular Guitar Ballad - Primary Level: ages 9-10	20.00
PGB-P+	Popular Guitar Ballad - Primary Level: ages 9-10 ADJUDICATION PLUS	30.00
PGB-E	Popular Guitar Ballad - Elementary Level: ages 11-12	21.00

Popular Guitar Ballad (continued)

PGB-E+	Popular Guitar Ballad - Elementary Level: ages 11-12 ADJUDICATION PLUS	31.50
PGB-J	Popular Guitar Ballad - Junior Level: ages 13-14	22.00
PGB-J+	Popular Guitar Ballad - Junior Level: ages 13-14 ADJUDICATION PLUS	33.00
PGB-I	Popular Guitar Ballad - Intermediate Level: ages 15-16	22.00
PGB-I+	Popular Guitar Ballad - Intermediate Level: ages 15-16 ADJUDICATION PLUS	33.00
PGB-S	Popular Guitar Ballad - Senior Level: ages 17-18	23.00
PGB-S+	Popular Guitar Ballad - Senior Level: ages 17-18 ADJUDICATION PLUS	34.50
PGB-A	Popular Guitar Ballad - Advanced Level: ages 19-28	25.00
PGB-A+	Popular Guitar Ballad - Advanced Level: ages 19-28 ADJUDICATION PLUS	37.50
PGB-O	Popular Guitar Ballad - Open	25.00
PGB-O+	Popular Guitar Ballad - Open ADJUDICATION PLUS	37.50

Popular Guitar Up-Tempo

Own choice. Repertoire must be selected from any up-tempo tune that would be considered to be in the popular music idiom, and may include selections which are part of the Popular Selections/Contemporary Idioms section of the current Conservatory syllabus. Competitors may enter this category multiple times with repertoire that has not been previously performed in the Festival, but a separate registration is required for each entry.

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PGU-B	Popular Guitar Up-Tempo - Beginner Level: ages 6-8	18.00
PGU-B+	Popular Guitar Up-Tempo - Beginner Level: ages 6-8 ADJUDICATION PLUS	27.00
PGU-P	Popular Guitar Up-Tempo - Primary Level: ages 9-10	20.00
PGU-P+	Popular Guitar Up-Tempo - Primary Level: ages 9-10 ADJUDICATION PLUS	30.00
PGU-E	Popular Guitar Up-Tempo - Elementary Level: ages 11-12	21.00
PGU-E+	Popular Guitar Up-Tempo - Elementary Level: ages 11-12 ADJUDICATION PLUS	31.50
PGU-J	Popular Guitar Up-Tempo - Junior Level: ages 13-14	22.00
PGU-J+	Popular Guitar Up-Tempo - Junior Level: ages 13-14 ADJUDICATION PLUS	33.00
PGU-I	Popular Guitar Up-Tempo - Intermediate Level: ages 15-16	22.00
PGU-I+	Popular Guitar Up-Tempo - Intermediate Level: ages 15-16 ADJUDICATION PLUS	33.00
PGU-S	Popular Guitar Up-Tempo - Senior Level: ages 17-18	23.00
PGU-S+	Popular Guitar Up-Tempo - Senior Level: ages 17-18 ADJUDICATION PLUS	34.50
PGU-A	Popular Guitar Up-Tempo - Advanced Level: ages 19-28	25.00

Popular Guitar Up-Tempo (continued)

PGU-A+	Popular Guitar Up-Tempo - Advanced Level: ages 19-28 ADJUDICATION PLUS	37.50
PGU-O	Popular Guitar Up-Tempo - Open	25.00
PGU-O+	Popular Guitar Up-Tempo - Open ADJUDICATION PLUS	37.50

Popular Guitar Jazz or Blues

Own choice. Repertoire must be selected from any Jazz/Blues piece, and may include selections which are part of the Popular Selections/Contemporary Idioms section of the current Conservatory syllabus. Competitors may enter this category multiple times with repertoire that has not been previously performed in the Festival, but a separate registration is required for each entry.

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PGJ-B	Popular Guitar Jazz or Blues - Beginner Level: ages 6-8	18.00
PGJ-B+	Popular Guitar Jazz or Blues - Beginner Level: ages 6-8 ADJUDICATION PLUS	27.00
PGJ-P	Popular Guitar Jazz or Blues - Primary Level: ages 9-10	20.00
PGJ-P+	Popular Guitar Jazz or Blues - Primary Level: ages 9-10 ADJUDICATION PLUS	30.00
PGJ-E	Popular Guitar Jazz or Blues - Elementary Level: ages 11-12	21.00
PGJ-E+	Popular Guitar Jazz or Blues - Elementary Level: ages 11-12 ADJUDICATION PLUS	31.50
PGJ-J	Popular Guitar Jazz or Blues - Junior Level: ages 13-14	22.00
PGJ-J+	Popular Guitar Jazz or Blues - Junior Level: ages 13-14 ADJUDICATION PLUS	33.00
PGJ-I	Popular Guitar Jazz or Blues - Intermediate Level: ages 15-16	22.00

Popular Guitar Jazz or Blues (continued)

PGJ-I+	Popular Guitar Jazz or Blues - Intermediate Level: ages 15-16 ADJUDICATION PLUS	33.00
PGJ-S	Popular Guitar Jazz or Blues - Senior Level: ages 17-18	23.00
PGJ-S+	Popular Guitar Jazz or Blues - Senior Level: ages 17-18 ADJUDICATION PLUS	34.50
PGJ-A	Popular Guitar Jazz or Blues - Advanced Level: ages 19-28	25.00
PGJ-A+	Popular Guitar Jazz or Blues - Advanced Level: ages 19-28 ADJUDICATION PLUS	37.50
PGJ-O	Popular Guitar Jazz or Blues - Open	25.00
PGJ-O+	Popular Guitar Jazz or Blues - Open ADJUDICATION PLUS	37.50

Popular Guitar Folk

Own choice. Repertoire must be selected from any piece that would be considered folk style, and may include selections which are part of the Popular Selections/Contemporary Idioms section of the current Conservatory syllabus. Competitors may enter this category multiple times with repertoire that has not been previously performed in the Festival, but a separate registration is required for each entry.

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PGF-B	Popular Guitar Folk - Beginner Level: ages 6-8	18.00
PGF-B+	Popular Guitar Folk - Beginner Level: ages 6-8 ADJUDICATION PLUS	27.00
PGF-P	Popular Guitar Folk - Primary Level: ages 9-10	20.00
PGF-P+	Popular Guitar Folk - Primary Level: ages 9-10 ADJUDICATION PLUS	30.00
PGF-E	Popular Guitar Folk - Elementary Level: ages 11-12	21.00

Popular Guitar Folk (continued)

PGF-E+	Popular Guitar Folk - Elementary Level: ages 11-12 ADJUDICATION PLUS	31.50
PGF-J	Popular Guitar Folk - Junior Level: ages 13-14	22.00
PGF-J+	Popular Guitar Folk - Junior Level: ages 13-14 ADJUDICATION PLUS	33.00
PGF-I	Popular Guitar Folk - Intermediate Level: ages 15-16	22.00
PGF-I+	Popular Guitar Folk - Intermediate Level: ages 15-16 ADJUDICATION PLUS	33.00
PGF-S	Popular Guitar Folk - Senior Level: ages 17-18	23.00
PGF-S+	Popular Guitar Folk - Senior Level: ages 17-18 ADJUDICATION PLUS	34.50
PGF-A	Popular Guitar Folk - Advanced Level: ages 19-28	25.00
PGF-A+	Popular Guitar Folk - Advanced Level: ages 19-28 ADJUDICATION PLUS	37.50
PGF-O	Popular Guitar Folk - Open	25.00
PGF-O+	Popular Guitar Folk - Open ADJUDICATION PLUS	37.50

Popular Guitar Canadian Composer

Own choice. Repertoire must be selected from any piece that would be considered to be in the popular music idiom, and composed/performed by a Canadian Artist. It may include selections which are part of the Popular Selections/Contemporary Idioms section of the current Conservatory syllabus (provided they meet the Canadian requirement). Competitors may enter this category multiple times with repertoire that has not been previously performed in the Festival, but a separate registration is required for each entry.

ADJUDICATION PLUS categories will include an opportunity for each competitor to return to the stage and work with the adjudicator 1:1 for 10-20 min (level dependent) to receive immediate feedback on incorporating some of the adjudicator's suggestions.

PGC-B	Popular Guitar Canadian Composer - Beginner Level: ages 6-8	18.00
PGC-B+	Popular Guitar Canadian Composer - Beginner Level: ages 6-8 ADJUDICATION PLUS	27.00
PGC-P	Popular Guitar Canadian Composer - Primary Level: ages 9-10	20.00
PGC-P+	Popular Guitar Canadian Composer - Primary Level: ages 9-10 ADJUDICATION PLUS	30.00
PGC-E	Popular Guitar Canadian Composer - Elementary Level: ages 11-12	21.00
PGC-E+	Popular Guitar Canadian Composer - Elementary Level: ages 11-12 ADJUDICATION PLUS	31.50
PGC-J	Popular Guitar Canadian Composer - Junior Level: ages 13-14	22.00
PGC-J+	Popular Guitar Canadian Composer - Junior Level: ages 13-14 ADJUDICATION PLUS	33.00
PGC-I	Popular Guitar Canadian Composer - Intermediate Level: ages 15-16	22.00
PGC-I+	Popular Guitar Canadian Composer - Intermediate Level: ages 15-16 ADJUDICATION PLUS	33.00
PGC-S	Popular Guitar Canadian Composer - Senior Level: ages 17-18	23.00
PGC-S+	Popular Guitar Canadian Composer - Senior Level: ages 17-18 ADJUDICATION PLUS	34.50

Popular Guitar Canadian Composer (continued)

PGC-A	Popular Guitar Canadian Composer - Advanced Level: ages 19-28	25.00
PGC-A+	Popular Guitar Canadian Composer - Advanced Level: ages 19-28 ADJUDICATION PLUS	37.50
PGC-O	Popular Guitar Canadian Composer - Open	25.00
PGC-O+	Popular Guitar Canadian Composer - Open ADJUDICATION PLUS	37.50

Popular Guitar Additional Repertoire

Own choice. Repertoire must be selected from any piece that would be considered to be in the popular music idiom, and may include selections which are part of the Popular Selections/Contemporary Idioms section of the current Conservatory syllabus. Competitors may enter this category multiple times with repertoire that has not been previously performed in the Festival, but a separate registration is required for each entry.

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PGA-B	Popular Guitar Additional Repertoire - Beginner Level: ages 6-8	18.00
PGA-B+	Popular Guitar Additional Repertoire - Beginner Level: ages 6-8 ADJUDICATION PLUS	27.00
PGA-P	Popular Guitar Additional Repertoire - Primary Level: ages 9-10	20.00
PGA-P+	Popular Guitar Additional Repertoire - Primary Level: ages 9-10 ADJUDICATION PLUS	30.00
PGA-E	Popular Guitar Additional Repertoire - Elementary Level: ages 11-12	21.00
PGA-E+	Popular Guitar Additional Repertoire - Elementary Level: ages 11-12 ADJUDICATION PLUS	31.50
PGA-J	Popular Guitar Additional Repertoire - Junior Level: ages 13-14	22.00

Popular Guitar Additional Repertoire (continued)

PGA-J+	Popular Guitar Additional Repertoire - Junior Level: ages 13-14 ADJUDICATION PLUS	33.00
PGA-I	Popular Guitar Additional Repertoire - Intermediate Level: ages 15-16	22.00
PGA-I+	Popular Guitar Additional Repertoire - Intermediate Level: ages 15-16 ADJUDICATION PLUS	33.00
PGA-S	Popular Guitar Additional Repertoire - Senior Level: ages 17-18	23.00
PGA-S+	Popular Guitar Additional Repertoire - Senior Level: ages 17-18 ADJUDICATION PLUS	34.50
PGA-A	Popular Guitar Additional Repertoire - Advanced Level: ages 19-28	25.00
PGA-A+	Popular Guitar Additional Repertoire - Advanced Level: ages 19-28 ADJUDICATION PLUS	37.50
PGA-O	Popular Guitar Additional Repertoire - Open	25.00
PGA-O+	Popular Guitar Additional Repertoire - Open ADJUDICATION PLUS	37.50

Popular Guitar Songwriter

Compose an original piece for guitar, in what would be considered a 'popular' style. Entrants are required to perform their own compositions. The composition may be handwritten or produced using any music scoring software. Entrants may use a lead sheet or chord chart or written score. If submissions are improvisatory, please provide a sketch or lead sheet for the Adjudicator.

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Participants will be assessed on their creativity, originality, and overall musicality

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PGSW-E	Popular Guitar Songwriter - Elementary Level: ages 11-12	21.00
PGSW-E+	Popular Guitar Songwriter - Elementary Level: ages 11-12 ADJUDICATION PLUS	31.50
PGSW-J	Popular Guitar Songwriter - Junior Level: ages 13-14	22.00
PGSW-J+	Popular Guitar Songwriter - Junior Level: ages 13-14 ADJUDICATION PLUS	33.00
PGSW-I	Popular Guitar Songwriter - Intermediate Level: ages 15-16	22.00
PGSW-I+	Popular Guitar Songwriter - Intermediate Level: ages 15-16 ADJUDICATION PLUS	33.00
PGSW-S	Popular Guitar Songwriter - Senior Level: ages 17-18	23.00
PGSW-S+	Popular Guitar Songwriter - Senior Level: ages 17-18 ADJUDICATION PLUS	34.50
PGSW-A	Popular Guitar Songwriter - Advanced Level: ages 19-28	25.00
PGSW-A+	Popular Guitar Songwriter - Advanced Level: ages 19-28 ADJUDICATION PLUS	37.50
PGSW-O	Popular Guitar Songwriter - Open	25.00

Popular Guitar Songwriter (continued)

PGSW-O+	Popular Guitar Songwriter - Open ADJUDICATION PLUS	37.50
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Rock/Garage Band Ballad

Own choice. Repertoire must be selected from any ballad that would be considered to be in the popular music idiom, and may include selections which are part of the Popular Selections/Contemporary Idioms section of the current Conservatory syllabus. Piece may be an original composition by the performers. Performance can be by any collection of rock/garage band instruments, such as piano/keyboard, guitar, bass guitar, drums etc. Competitors may enter this category multiple times with repertoire that has not been previously performed in the Festival, but a separate registration is required for each entry.

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RBBB-J	Rock / Garage Band Ballad - Junior Level: ages 13-14	30.00
RBBB-J+	Rock / Garage Band Ballad - Junior Level: ages 13-14 ADJUDICATION PLUS	45.00
RBBB-I	Rock / Garage Band Ballad - Intermediate Level: ages 15-16	30.00
RBBB-I+	Rock / Garage Band Ballad - Intermediate Level: ages 15-16 ADJUDICATION PLUS	45.00
RBBB-S	Rock / Garage Band Ballad- Senior Level: ages 17-18	32.00
RBBB-S+	Rock / Garage Band Ballad - Senior Level: ages 17-18 ADJUDICATION PLUS	48.00
RBBB-A	Rock / Garage Band Ballad - Advanced Level: ages 19-28	34.00
RBBB-A+	Rock / Garage Band Ballad - Advanced Level: ages 19-28 ADJUDICATION PLUS	50.00
RBBB-O	Rock / Garage Band Ballad - Open	34.00
RBBB-O+	Rock / Garage Band Ballad - Open ADJUDICATION PLUS	50.00

Rock/Garage Band Up-Tempo

Own choice. Repertoire must be selected from any Up-tempo that would be considered to be in the popular music idiom, and may include selections which are part of the Popular Selections/Contemporary Idioms section of the current Conservatory syllabus. Piece may be an original composition by the performers. Performance can be by any collection of rock/garage band instruments, such as piano/keyboard, guitar, bass guitar, drums etc. Competitors may enter this category multiple times with repertoire that has not been previously performed in the Festival, but a separate registration is required for each entry.

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RGBU-J	Rock / Garage Band Up-Tempo - Junior Level: ages 13-14	30.00
RGBU-J+	Rock / Garage Band Up-Tempo - Junior Level: ages 13-14 ADJUDICATION PLUS	45.00
RGBU-I	Rock / Garage Band Up-Tempo - Intermediate Level: ages 15-16	30.00
RGBU-I+	Rock / Garage Band Up-Tempo - Intermediate Level: ages 15-16 ADJUDICATION PLUS	45.00
RGBU-S	Rock / Garage Band Up-Tempo- Senior Level: ages 17-18	32.00
RGBU-S+	Rock / Garage Band Up-Tempo - Senior Level: ages 17-18 ADJUDICATION PLUS	48.00
RGBU-A	Rock / Garage Band Up-Tempo - Advanced Level: ages 19-28	34.00
RGBU-A+	Rock / Garage Band Up-Tempo - Advanced Level: ages 19-28 ADJUDICATION PLUS	50.00
RGBU-O	Rock / Garage Band Up-Tempo - Open	34.00
RGBU-O+	Rock / Garage Band Up-Tempo - Open ADJUDICATION PLUS	50.00