



RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE 2024 OTTAWA REGION BRANCH COMPETITIONS

MAY 4th AND 5th, 2024

Please note that the rules listed below, including the time limit, must be strictly adhered to. Failure to comply with these rules will result in disqualification. Competitors are therefore advised to read all information carefully.

- The Ottawa Region Branch Competitions are local, Branch competitions. Winners do not advance to other levels of competition.
- Competitors must be Canadian citizens or permanent residents (landed immigrants).
- There are no age restrictions for the Ottawa Region Branch Competitions.
- Competitors must be studying with an Active or Affiliate ORMTA teacher as of **January 1, 2024**.
- This teacher must be the competitor's principal teacher for the performance discipline and must be a member in good standing of both ORMTA and the Ottawa Region Branch of ORMTA at the time of application and competition.
- Competitors may compete in the Ottawa Region Branch Competitions as both an instrumentalist and a singer.
- Anyone who competes in the Ottawa Region Branch Competitions as an instrumentalist **is ineligible** to compete in either of the *Provincial Instrumental Competitions* or the *Provincial Young Artist Competition* as an instrumentalist.
- Likewise, anyone who competes in the Ottawa Region Branch Competitions as a singer **is ineligible** to compete in either of the *Provincial Vocal Competitions* or the *Provincial Young Artist Competition* as a singer.
- Competitors are responsible for their own expenses (travel, accommodation, collaborative pianist, etc.).

PROGRAM:

- The program must be taken from any officially recognized Canadian syllabus, which competitors will indicate on the application form.
- **Instrumentalists:** The program must contain two (2) or more contrasting pieces at Level/Grade 7 and/or 8, with a maximum time limit of 15 minutes of stage time. Stage time is defined as the time between the first note of the performance and when the final selection concludes, including accompaniment. There is no minimum time limit.
- **Singers:** The program must contain three contrasting pieces at Level/Grade 7 and/or 8, with a maximum time limit of 15 minutes of stage time. Stage time is defined as the time between the first note of the performance and when the final selection concludes, including accompaniment. There is no minimum time limit.
- If the time limit is reached, the official timekeeper will show the adjudicator(s), continue timing, and the competitor will be allowed to finish their entire program. The official timing of the competitor's program will be recorded on the adjudication sheet. The competitor will receive an adjudication only and will be disqualified. Disqualified competitors will not be eligible for prizes.
- Competitors must perform all repertoire selections from memory. Collaborative pianists may, of course, use legal music.
- Competitors must provide legal music for the adjudicator(s). Tablets are permitted with proof of purchase of music, or IMSLP, etc.
- The use of photocopied or scanned material is illegal and is prohibited for competitors and collaborative pianists. The use of said material will result in immediate disqualification from the Competition. Music will be checked prior to the start of the Competition for compliance with these rules.
- Background tracks are not permitted. Only live piano accompaniment is allowed.
- Competitors are not required or expected to introduce themselves or their pieces prior to performing.
- Teachers and parents are permitted to be in their own student's/child's room during warmup, should the venue and schedule allow for warmup time.

APPLICATIONS:

- All application materials will be available on the Branch website (<https://www.ormtaottawa.ca>) under Events/Competitions early in 2024. Please read these guidelines carefully before applying. Incomplete applications will not be accepted.
- Competitors must abide by the Ottawa Region Branch's rules and deadlines, and pay our application fee (see below).
- Competitors must use the Ottawa Region Branch Application Form found on the Branch website (see above). Please ensure that you select the correct Competition from the pull-down menu.
- **THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION IS 6 PM ON MONDAY APRIL 1ST, 2024. APPLICATIONS ARE DATE- AND TIME-STAMPED. LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**
- The **non-refundable** entry fee of \$50 must accompany the application. Payment must be made by E-transfer to the Branch Treasurer at orbtreasurer@ormta.org. Please retain proof of payment in case of technical issues.
- Competitors wishing to take part in more than one Competition must submit separate applications **and** pay the fee for each application.
- The ORB Branch Competition will be taking place at the University of Ottawa.

For more information, please contact The Ottawa Region Branch Competitions Convenor, Susan Blyth-Schofield, at orbcompetitions@ormta.org.