

Greater Victoria School District 2024 Strings Finale Concert

7pm, Tuesday, May 7th, McKinnon Gym at the University of Victoria.

Free admission, and donations gratefully accepted and support SD61 Strings programs.

Wednesday, April 24th, 2024

Dear Grade 5 Orchestral Strings Families:

The Grade 5 Beginning Orchestral Strings Class is proud to present two year-end concerts showcasing their hard work. Please read on for information.

What is this event? This concert features students from elementary, middle and secondary school strings programs from all over the district. In recent years, around 800 students have performed together in this memorable event!

Where is it? It's in the McKinnon Gym, at UVIC. Please note that pay parking is in effect on campus. Parking Lot No. 2 is the closest to the gym and the cost is \$3.

What should students wear? Elementary school students are asked to wear a white dress shirt or lightweight white sweater, and black pants or a skirt.

What time should students arrive and where do they go? Students should arrive at the McKinnon Gym at **6:15pm** to allow time for tuning and warming up. They will find many seats set up. The seats are NOT organized by school. They are organized by instrument-type. Elementary students are set up in the back of the ensemble. There will be signs to direct students, and ushers to help guide them. **At the conclusion of the concert, students must stay in their seat** – parents or their chaperones will be able to find them much more easily that way.

What should they bring? Their instrument and supplies (such as rosin and endpin holders); their sheet music; and a folding music stand, if they have one. They may also have a bottle of water, but all other belongings, such as bags and jackets, must stay with parents.

Can parents help? Absolutely. Two or three parents from each school are needed to help. If you are able to help with various jobs, such as watching the donation bin, setting up or taking down, and ushering, please let us know on the form attached.

How do we participate? It is extra-curricular and optional to participate, but every student is warmly welcomed to. **Please complete the attached permission form and return to Ms.**

McDonell, or the Main Office, by Wednesday, May 1st. Please do not send forms to classroom teachers.

How long is the program and what are they playing? The concert will be about one hour long. This is the entire program, and the Grade 5 Strings music is called “First Year”. Students should put their music in concert order.

O Canada (All)
Petals in the Rain (Senior)
Sahara Crossing (Intermediate)
Royal Promenade (First Year)
Libertango (Senior)
Night Rider (Intermediate)
At the Grasshopper Ball (First Year)
The Godfather (Senior)
An Ode to Joy Festival (All)

If we can't make this concert, will there be another one?

Yes! We will have a **Final Concert for the strings students at Victoria West, Macaulay and Rockheights at 7pm, Wednesday, June 19th, 2024 in the Gym at Rockheights.** They will be joined by the Rockheights Choir as well. More information about this concert will be available closer to the date, but please put it on your calendar – you won't want to miss it!

If you have any questions or concerns about these events, please contact me at:
rmcdonell@sd61.bc.ca

You can also find this letter and other updates at:

www.rockheightsmusic.com/macaulay-and-vic-west-strings.html

Thank you for supporting your child's music education!

Warmly,

Risa McDonell, *Strings Teacher*

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PERMISSION FORM TO PARTICIPATE

Your child's name: _____ **School:** _____

Please check:

- YES! My child would like to participate** in the GVSD61 Strings Finale Concert at UVIC.
- No**, my child is not going to participate in this event.
- YES! I can volunteer** to help at this concert.
- No**, I cannot volunteer to help at this concert.

Parent's name(s): _____

Phone number or email address where we can reach parent volunteers (if applicable):

Please return to Ms. McDonell or the Main Office by Wednesday, May 1st.

Please do not return to classroom teachers. Thank you.