



ADJUDICATOR

Dr. Danica Hoffart

VOCAL,
SCHOOL CHORUS,
SPEECH,
MUSICAL THEATRE

Dr. Danica Hoffart is a singer, conductor, musical director, educator, and adjudicator. She currently directs the Ross Street Singers, teaches privately, and is a vocalist with the Central Alberta Chamber Orchestra.

For over two decades, Danica taught post-secondary Music and Theatre including private voice lessons, choir, singing for the stage, music history, and ear training. She has performed with Kompany! Dance and has been a soprano soloist with the Red Deer Symphony Orchestra.

Select musical directing credits include South Pacific, Footloose, Cabaret, The Sound of Music, and The Wizard of Oz. Danica holds a Bachelor of Music and a Master of Arts in Music from the University of Alberta, and a PhD in Music from the University of Calgary. Her doctoral research examined best practices in leadership and the empowerment of individuals through participation in choir.



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Adela Wedler

PIANO

Adela Wedler has an Associate of Music in Piano Teaching and Piano Performance, and a Licentiate of Music in Piano Performance. These were all completed through the former Western Board of Music, affiliated with the University of Alberta.

In addition, Mrs. Wedler completed her Bachelor of Education in music at the U of A and taught music at the elementary and secondary levels with Edmonton Public Schools. Mrs. Wedler has seen many piano students in her private studio, at all levels, many of these staying with her throughout their school years. Many have gone on to study music at the University level.

Mrs. Wedler has been on the ARMTA board at both the Edmonton and provincial levels and is a member of the Boris Roubakine Piano Club, a group of piano teachers that arrange master classes to keep active in their own performances. She is also a church musician, composing for choir, piano, and organ, volunteers her music at several long term care centres, and is a free-lance accompanist.

In her spare time, Mrs. Wedler and her husband love to travel and to visit their children and grandchildren in various provinces. Their last major trip was to South Africa where she participated in a drumming workshop and played the marimba on the street joining a local group for fun!



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Joyce Howdle

BAND

Joyce began studying clarinet at an early age first with Colin Brady and then with Jan Bus in Edmonton. She competed in many local and provincial music festivals and was “Grand Award Winner” as well as Provincial Woodwind Solo award winner for 16 years and under and then 19 years and under respectively at the Alberta Provincial Music Festivals.

Joyce completed her ARCT (Toronto) and then her Licentiate Degree from Trinity College, London, England in clarinet performance before attending the University of Calgary where she studied with Stan Finn and Bill Thomas.

After completing her music degree, Joyce taught school music and then moved to Red Deer where she was the Visual & Performing Arts Coordinator with the School of Continuing Education at Red Deer College. In 2018, Joyce was presented the Award of Excellence from Red Deer College and in 2019 was presented with an Honorary Lifetime Membership by the Alberta Band Association for “an exemplary career dedicated to music education and the inspiration of young musicians”.

Joyce is a member of the music fraternity Phi Beta Mu- Mu Alpha chapter. Recently retired, Joyce coordinates the Alberta Band Association Provincial Festival of Bands as well as the Alberta Honour Bands. She is a member of “Trio Brio”, the “Central Alberta Chamber Orchestra” and maintains an active clinic, workshop and adjudication schedule.