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 **ANADIAN JUNIOR HONOUR BAND**

Darryl and Cheryl Ferguson, Directors

MusicFest Canada is excited to announce the first national honour band for junior high age (grades 6-9) musicians in Canada! The  **ANADIAN JUNIOR HONOUR BAND** (CJHB) provides both a performance ensemble experience and a leadership program for woodwind, brass, and percussion performers with 1-3 years of musical instruction. This ensemble will meet three times online to prepare some wonderful music, led by outstanding Winnipeg Music Educators **Darryl Ferguson (Acadia Junior High School)** and **Cheryl Ferguson (Fort Richmond Collegiate, Canadian Mennonite University)**. Students will record themselves playing along with a pre-recorded soundtrack to compile a video performance. In addition, members of the CJHB will explore leadership strategies and performance concepts to bring back to their own music programs. Below are the main details regarding the program:

- This program is offered **fully online**—there is no in-person component
- Entrance is through **nomination** by the student's school music teacher or private instructor
- Meetings will take place on Saturday **March 26; April 2; April 9**, from **3-4 pm EDT**
- A virtual performance will be compiled and released internationally on **Music Monday May 2, 2022**
- There is a **participation fee of *\$25** payable once the student has been accepted into the ensemble (*note—fees may be adjusted/waived for students with financial need, details to follow)

Teachers may nominate 1-3 players from their music program — **nominations are due March 7, 2022**. The nomination process is designed to be as quick and simple as possible, just follow this [link](#). We will accept as many players as possible, subject to (a) balanced instrumentation, (b) the limits of our recording capacity, and (c) balanced regional representation across Canada. Successful candidates will be notified shortly after March 15 and will be directed to musicfest.ca to register, pay the \$25 fee, sign waivers, and receive music.

If you have questions about this program please email cheryl.ferguson@musicfest.ca and/or darryl.ferguson@musicfest.ca.