

## Guidelines for Performance Expectations

Performances are a key component of Classics on Stage Yellowknife's (COSY) activities. Good coordination and organization, as well as positive and pro-active participation are essential to ensure that all performances are a success. To this end, the COSY Board of Directors has developed *Guidelines for Performance Expectations* in order to provide participants with a clear idea of what can be expected during performance preparation and presentation. For the purposes of this document, 'concert participants' include, in addition to COSY members, all performers, organizers, and volunteers involved, and 'performance events' include all COSY-sponsored events (e.g. rehearsals, workshops, Masterclasses, and performances).

1. Participants are expected to make all reasonable efforts to attend and participate in scheduled and as needed performance events. For the purposes of this clause, 'participation' will be deemed to include making reasonable efforts to stay for the duration of the performance event, and contributing to the quality of the performance as is appropriate (e.g. providing feedback on other participants' pieces if asked to).
2. Participants are expected to bring a positive attitude and to arrive prepared and in a timely manner to all performance events.
3. In the case that a participant is unable to attend a performance event, that individual is responsible for following-up on any matters that they might have missed. It is not the responsibility of other participants to contact that person. Absence from a performance event does not constitute a reasonable excuse for being unaware of concert or scheduling updates.
4. Participants are expected to treat each other in a respectful and mature manner, remaining cognizant of the fact that all COSY participants are volunteers and have many other demands on their time.
5. Depending on the concert and performance venue in question, different levels of performance quality will be required. Organizers are expected to state the performance quality expectation clearly in the invitation to COSY members and participants are expected to adhere to this standard.
6. Organizers are expected to make all reasonable efforts to schedule performance events prior to sending out an invitation, so everyone knows dates in advance. This clause does not limit the ability of the organizer(s) in scheduling additional performance events if the organizer(s) deem(s) it necessary.
7. Performance dress will be set out by the organizer(s) and performance participants will make every effort to adhere to it.
8. Organizers retain the right to cut pieces and/or performers from concerts, remaining cognizant of the following points:
  - a. COSY is an inclusive organization whose goal is to promote the performance of classical music in Yellowknife and enhance the skills of all COSY members through the provision of educational and performance opportunities.
  - b. COSY encourages people of all skill levels to participate in COSY concerts and events, as appropriate.
9. Payment and/or financial benefits (e.g. provision of complimentary performance tickets) will be provided at the discretion of the Board of Directors, where deemed appropriate.