

GREETINGS

Greetings from Minister Lisa Beare, Minister of Education and Child Care

“On behalf of the Ministry of Education and Child Care, it is my pleasure to extend warm greetings to everyone attending the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra’s 6th Annual Day of Music. Each year, this remarkable celebration of music and community brings together musicians and music lovers from all walks of life to share in the joy and power of live performance. The Day of Music is more than a concert—it is a dynamic expression of how music can unite, inspire, and uplift.

“Music education plays a vital role in the holistic development of children and youth, nurturing creativity, discipline, and emotional expression. Through learning an instrument, singing in a choir, or engaging in musical composition, students develop skills that extend far beyond the classroom. Studies consistently show that music education enhances cognitive abilities, improves academic performance, and supports mental well-being, making it a powerful tool for both personal and educational growth. It provides students with a means to connect with their heritage, explore diverse traditions, and express their unique identities.

“This is why music continues to be core learning in B.C.’s arts education curriculum. From kindergarten to Grade 12, students have the opportunity to learn about music. Whether in younger years where students can learn through purposeful play or as they get older and take musical theatre or choir, all students can be artists. B.C.’s curriculum supports the notion that all students, in becoming educated citizens, can develop an artistic mindset in all aspects of their daily life, both during and beyond their school years.

“As the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra continues to inspire audiences of all ages, I would like to thank the musicians, organizers, volunteers, and supporters who make this day possible. Your dedication to making music accessible to all is truly commendable. I wish you continued success and many more years of making music that brings people together in celebration and harmony.”