***43rd Annual***

***Downtowners Optimist***

***Band Festivals***

**Jazz Festival – March 14, 2026 (Venue TBA)**

**Concert Festival – March 24–27, 2026, Conexus Arts Centre**

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**Registration Deadline: December 1, 2025**

# What’s New in 2025?

* Expanded Concert Festival: a 5th day added due to demand
* Extra clinic room and clinician = up to 50% more clinic time

# About the Festival

The Downtowners Optimist Band Festival welcomes groups of all ages, skill levels, and locations. Organized by the Downtowners Optimist Club of Regina and the Education Committee, with support from the Saskatchewan Band Association.

# Why Participate?

* Perform on a professional stage
* Enjoy guest concerts and hear other groups
* Receive clinics, recordings, and detailed feedback (two written evaluations, recorded comments, and a performance file)
* Band Directors receive certificates

# Location

* Concert Festival: Conexus Arts Centre, Regina
* Jazz Festival: Venue TBA

# New Registration Timeline

To simplify travel planning, registrations are now due December 1 (instead of January). Music selections can be submitted later in February. Final schedules will be released before Christmas, with adjustments completed the first week of January.

# Special Considerations

* Scheduling support for directors with multiple groups
* Changes to rectify issues with recordings and pictures

# How to Register

Forms available at [optimistbandfestival.com](file:///C%3A%5CUsers%5Cc.church%5CDownloads%5Coptimistbandfestival.com).
Submit by email to Lyle Merriam (dlmerriam@sasktel.net) with payment to follow.

# Featured Performances

* Concert: University of Regina Wind Ensemble – Main Stage
* Jazz: Regina Jazz Orchestra – March 14, 2026 7 PM

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