

The ORIGINAL Whistler & Sun Peaks Music Festivals



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WHISTLER  
MUSIC † FESTIVAL

MAY 1 - 4, 2025

Whistler Village, BC

  
SUN PEAKS  
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MAY 9 - 11, 2025

Sun Peaks Resort, BC

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# WHISTLER MUSIC FESTIVAL

## Whistler Village, BC 4-DAY / 3-NIGHT PACKAGE

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for package pricing from your city

"The Whistler Music Festival presented by Con Brio Festivals surpasses every requirement for an unforgettable music experience: a wonderful venue, a welcoming staff and superb faculty, immediate feedback on concert performances, breathtaking scenery, and first class accommodations. I'm proud to be affiliated with this fine festival. You and your students will be glad you did!"

**Dr. Michael Burch-Pesses**

Director of Bands | Department of Music, Pacific University Oregon

A NON-COMPETITIVE FESTIVAL WITH A GRADED OPTION FOR CONCERT, SYMPHONIC BAND  
& WIND ENSEMBLE, ORCHESTRA, JAZZ BAND, CONCERT & CHAMBER CHOIR

## Your festival package includes\*

- Return coach transportation and hotel accommodation
- Adjudicated performances, workshops and festival plaque
- Multiple adjudicators for range of feedback
- Finest quality performance equipment
- Guaranteed audience (concert band, choir & orchestra)
- Band & orchestra ensemble intensives
- Voice master classes & massed choir rehearsal
- Massed bands, massed strings, massed choirs
- Professional development for directors
- Meticulous scheduling to ensure participation for all
- Gala Concert with professional musicians and staging
- Directors' Reception
- Student Welcome Activity

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Festival registration: Start the registration process on-line today [www.ellisontravel.com/conbrio-register](http://www.ellisontravel.com/conbrio-register). An Ellison representative will contact you to provide you a per person festival package quote that includes all festival fees, hotel, travel arrangements and terms and conditions. Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis and is complete when the first per person deposit is received.

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## May 1 - 4, 2025

### Thursday

- Hotel & Festival Check in
- Student Welcome Activity
- Directors' Reception

### Friday

- Adjudicated band, choir, orchestra & jazz performances & workshops
- 50 minute adjudication workshops

### Saturday

- Adjudicated jazz performances & workshops
- Band & orchestra ensemble intensives (led by a different faculty member to the day before)
- Voice master classes & massed choir rehearsal
- Professional development workshops for Directors
- Massed strings
- Gala Festival Concert

### Sunday

- Massed choirs & massed bands





# SUN PEAKS MUSIC FESTIVAL

## Sun Peaks Resort, BC

### 3-DAY / 2-NIGHT PACKAGE

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"I truly enjoyed the opportunity to interact with such a positive and dedicated faculty and staff. The positive spirit Con Brio creates in an incomparably beautiful environment make this a life-changing event for the musicians in attendance."

**Dr. Paula A. Crider,**

Prof. Emerita, University of Texas  
Past President | The American Bandmasters Association

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& WIND ENSEMBLE, JAZZ BAND, CONCERT & CHAMBER CHOIR

## Your festival package includes\*

- Return coach transportation and hotel accommodation
- Adjudicated performances, workshops and festival plaque
- Multiple adjudicators for range of feedback
- Finest quality performance equipment
- Guaranteed audience (concert band & choir)
- Woodwind, saxophone, brass, bass & percussion intensives
- Massed bands, massed choirs
- Professional development for directors
- Meticulous scheduling to ensure participation for all
- Gala Concert with professional musicians and staging
- Directors' Reception
- Student Welcome Activity

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## May 9 - 11, 2025

### Friday

- Hotel & Festival check in
- Adjudicated choir performances
- Instrument intensives
- Professional development for directors
- Student Welcome Activity
- Directors' Reception

### Saturday

- Adjudicated concert & jazz band performances & workshops
- Voice master classes & massed choir rehearsal
- Professional development for directors
- Gala Festival Concert

### Sunday

- Massed choirs & massed bands

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## Festival Founders, Artistic and Managing Directors



**Douglas Macaulay**

Doug's experience as an arranger, producer, conductor and award-winning composer combines with the role of which he is most proud: music educator, to create an uncompromising vision and belief in the potential and intelligence of young musicians and the importance of quality music education. Doug is the recipient of the BCMEA Distinguished Service award and an inductee to the American Bandmasters Association. Con Brio Festivals is a reflection of his years of experience in both the music industry and as a music educator. Festival experience with his own band program, and as an adjudicator at festivals throughout North America drives the direction of Con Brio Festivals to be the very best.

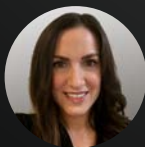


**Susan Magnan**

Sue has a lifetime of experience in the amateur music community as a choral singer, orchestra member and Music PAC President in both school and community music organizations. She has attended numerous festivals both as performer/participant and parent/chaperone, which allows a wide-ranging perspective on what constitutes a successful festival. This outlook on the musical arts and education, coupled with an exceptional organizational talent honed from a career in communications consulting and management, is what allows Con Brio to present festivals that run like clockwork and deliver a superior experience for students and teachers alike.

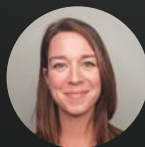
"Over 50,000 musicians have come to the Con Brio Whistler and Sun Peaks Festivals since we began in the year 2000. Our purpose is to support the pursuit of excellence and inspire a lifelong love of music in each participant."

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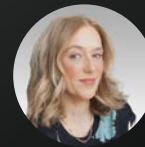
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