

Membership Application
Maritime Conservatory of Performing Arts Association

I would like to be a member of the **MCPA Association** for the 2016/2017 year, and:

_____ I enclose cash or a cheque for \$20.00 for an individual membership.

or

_____ I enclose cash or a cheque for \$30.00 for a family membership.

Please make cheques payable to **MCPA Association**.

I would also like to make a donation in support of the work of the Association. The MCPA Association is a registered charity, and a tax receipt will be issued for donations of at least \$20.00.

\$20_____ \$50_____ \$100_____ \$500_____ Other Amount_____

Please make cheques payable to **MCPA Association**.

My contact information is:

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

E-mail: _____

Telephone: _____

Thank you for your support.

Please send your completed application and cheque to:

MCPA Association
6199 Chebucto Road
Halifax, NS, B3L 1K7
MCPAAssociation@gmail.com

What is the MCPA Association?

The MCPA Association—formerly called the Alumni Association—is a group of people who promote and support the Maritime Conservatory of Performing Arts, its students, and its teachers. Our members include graduates, teachers, parents, and others who appreciate the importance of the Conservatory in the cultural life of Halifax and Nova Scotia.

While we work closely with the Conservatory, the MCPA Association is structurally independent. We have our own membership, elected Board, Constitution and By-Laws, and make our own decisions about how to contribute to the Conservatory. The Association is a registered charity in its own right, and we are able to issue tax receipts for donations made directly to us.

One purpose of the Association is to help our members maintain a social connection with MCPA friends. We organize or participate in a variety of events such as Spring and Autumn Dinners and the Donor Appreciation Evening, all occasions at which Conservatory students will often perform.

In What Ways Does the Association Support the Conservatory?

Support for Students: We recognize student excellence through two dozen prizes and scholarships awarded annually to MCPA dance and music students. The Association has recently increased the value of many awards and, through the generosity of individual donors, we have added major new awards such as the Angus Campbell/Stephen Sondheim Scholarship for a vocal student, the Rick Foster/Gotshalks Scholarship in dance, and the Sheila Piercey Collaborative Pianist Awards to assist students in covering costs of an accompanist. We also provide support for the Bursary Program that offers assistance to students in financial need.

Support for Faculty: The Conservatory has wonderful teaching staff—fine musicians in their own right and talented as instructors. Like all professionals, Faculty members are committed to expanding their own skills as teachers and performers. The Association has recently partnered with the MCPA Board in providing assistance to teachers through a new program of Professional Development Fellowships. Our involvement in the Fellowship program is made possible due to the generosity of Ken and Gloria Mader.

Support for the Conservatory: Each year the Association selects at least one other project to assist the Conservatory. Major projects have included creating and furnishing the Faculty Lounge, the kitchen, and the front desk area. We have helped with new floors for dance studios. We have assisted in the purchase and maintenance of pianos. Over the years we have purchased curtains for the auditorium, tables, chairs, mirrors, music stands, and all manner of other items. This year we have supported the new Musical Theatre program by covering the costs of a Masterclass and, through the generosity of David Mercer, have been able to support the refurbishment of two concert harpsichords.

**Thank you for your interest in the MCPA Association,
and we would be delighted to welcome you as a Member.**