## A Message from the BC Government

Congratulations to the organizers of the 2021 Odlum Brown Fort Langley Jazz & Arts Festival for spearheading this fantastic local event. This festival is a wonderful opportunity to showcase our talented local musicians and artists.

Since its debut in 2018 the festival has grown exponentially as a result of its initial success and after a move online due to the pandemic last year, I'm so pleased to see in person festivities resuming for 2021.

Thank you to the organizing committee for the countless hours of planning and orchestration required to execute an event of this scale. Thank you also to each and every donor and to the many volunteers who gave their time to make this event run smoothly for the enjoyment of thousands of festival attendees. And thank you also to the artists who have struggled through the pandemic - we have missed your vibrant contributions to our social fabric.

Arts and culture are at the heart of our communities. This festival delivers amazing and diverse cultural and musical performances, highlights local artists and raises money for charity. All the events, whether in person, online, or hybrid are sure to be fantastic.

I urge everyone in Langley to take in one or more of this year's 22 participating bands and offerings including 9 free outdoor concerts, a live streamed Indigenous jazz fusion concert, a jazz education workshop for youth, and many amazing ticketed events.

I am so honoured to serve this amazing community and I look forward to enjoying this year's many festival offerings.

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