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Dear Festival Participants and Organizers,

On behalf of the Government of Canada, I offer my sincere best wishes to the participants of the 2019 Oakville Vocal Arts Festival.

As a young girl, I grew up playing in multiple music festivals and appreciate how much time and energy it takes for participants to prepare. The proverb "practice makes perfect" was continually repeated in our home and I am sure that the participants in this year's Festival have put many hours in to preparing for their performance.

The Oakville Vocal Arts Festival exemplifies the very best in our musical community by allowing young vocalists to hone their skills in the company of other performers without the accompanying concern that a competitive environment brings. This positive approach to performing underscores the fact that we are so fortunate to have such an organization in our midst.

Deep appreciation must be extended to all the students, parents, teachers, organizers and adjudicators for dedicating your time and your talents to this year's festival. From my own upbringing, I can attest to the importance of song in one's life. It truly is an international language, which transcends barriers and brings communities together.

My sincere best wishes to all participants as you undertake your performances this year.

Yours very truly,

Anita Anand

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