



Dundas Valley Orchestra

“Hi” Note

October 2012



President's Message

As we all know and appreciate, music is a method of communication. Our orchestra has been communicating for the last 35 years and, as a result, has developed strong ties to the community. Your Board of Directors is taking steps to use these ties to raise our level of communication with an ever-increasing audience in a larger geographic community. It is my hope and aspiration to increase our communities' (yes, that's a plural) appreciation of what we offer. Not surprisingly, this intent is shared by your Board and its committee members.

We are all working hard to become better players and, collectively, a better orchestra.

If you are asked to lend a hand, please do so. Working together has never been easier!

We have organized several new committees to assist with this effort and we look forward to them achieving their goals. In terms of Fundraising, **Larry Ridge**, **Alicia Hutchings**, and **Olga Hencher** set a high standard last year with their solicitation program. And **Caroleen Molenaar** did a fantastic job of creating visually stimulating Concert programs. It will be difficult to get better, but we are going to try!

Incidentally, we are going to have a wonderful fundraiser in June 2013 so stay tuned as to the what

and how as planning proceeds and, when the date is announced, be sure to put it into your calendar!

One of the major difficulties of being your President while not being a player is the difficulty of communicating on a regular basis at rehearsals so this newsletter is my attempt at making music (happen) with words. My hope is to try to make this a monthly vehicle and if you'd like to contribute to it, it's yours, so feel free to express yourself.

Peter Hill
President

Arts Dundas Weekend

As you know, we have been invited to play at the Carnegie Gallery during this festival of the arts. We used to play during this weekend event years ago but, for reasons unknown now, we stopped doing so around 2001.

We have several ensembles set up and ready to go, so why not turn up and



support them as they play. The Carnegie Gallery is at the corner of King St. W. and Ogilvie St. in Dundas.

Go to <http://www.carnegiegallery.marklandhouse.com/2012/10/04/arts- Dundas-weekend-2012/> > for more information about the weekend. Have fun!

A note from the Music Director

Greetings DVO members!

I hope you feel, as I do, that we've gotten off to an excellent start this fall. There has been substantial progress made on quite a few of the pieces and I'm really looking forward to performing this repertoire with you.

Many of you have been listening to recordings of the pieces and I think that this is helping speed up our progress. This is especially true for the Rimsky-Korsakov. You are sounding more confident on it every week and by January it will be in great shape. There have been quite a few times this fall when, as I drove home after rehearsal, I found myself humming the music we had just worked on and feeling really good about what we had accomplished.

The board is working very hard in a number of areas to improve our operations and I know they appreciate all the volunteering that is happening. The most exciting upcoming project is the series of ensemble performances at the Carnegie Gallery. This is a wonderful way for members of the orchestra to be part of the Dundas arts scene, and the community in general. I hope we can build on these relationships in the future.

Keep up the good work everyone. Enjoy your practice parties!
Seconds – I'll see you next Tuesday!

Anon,

Laura

It would make a great Christmas gift!

It's a fundraiser for the orchestra and we need to sell as many as we can. If you are new to the orchestra, this would make an interesting purchase and if you are a longer-standing member, there may be a friend or relative who hasn't had the chance to read it yet.



To purchase a copy for \$20.00, speak to Treasurer Jim Jones.

Next Public Concert

Our first public concert for this season will be held at 3:00 p.m. on **Sunday, January 20, 2013.**

For those members new to the orchestra, we always arrange to meet at 1 o'clock to rehearse and set up the platforms for our use. Please help if you can.

Tell your friends!

Calendar

November 3, 2012

Arts Dundas Weekend Performance by DVO Ensembles at the Carnegie Gallery
10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

November 20 2012

Carrington Place Concert

November 27 2012

Macassa Lodge Concert

January 20 2013

Public Concert at St. Paul's United Church, Dundas

May 12, 2013

Public Concert at St. Paul's United Church, Dundas

May 21, 2013

Nursing Home concert (TBA)

May 28, 2013

Villa Italia Concert

By the way ... Did you notice that the banner photo on the front page is an old one taken at the concert to honour Art Vogt some years ago? We need a new, current one! Do you have a suitable photo in your album with our current Music Director, perhaps taken by a friend in the audience? If so, send it to Peter Hill via email and he will see if it fits the bill.

Nursing and Retirement Home Concerts - November 2012

Our first N. & R. H. Concert will be held at **Carrington Place** in Ancaster at 7:00 p.m. on **Tuesday, November 20, 2012**. This will be the first time we have visited with them and Lynn Gledhill, their Activities Director, is looking forward to our visit.

The map on the right will show you its location. Specific details suited to a GPS are: **Carrington Place**

75 Dunham Drive

Ancaster ON

L9G 1X7

Telephone: 905 648 0343

It is on the right as you turn on to Dunham Drive and there is parking at the rear of the building accessed by a driveway just before the building itself. You may also use convenient road parking.



Our second stop will be at **Macassa Lodge** at 7:00 p.m. on **Tuesday, November 27 2012**. We have played there every year since 2007.

The map on the left shows where it is on the Mountain and for those who are unfamiliar with its location, its address is:

Macassa Lodge

701 Upper Sherman Ave.

Hamilton ON L8V 3M7

Telephone: 905 546 2800

Parking is available in front of the entrance.

NOTE:

Arrangements have also been made for **Tuesday, May 28, 2013** to visit Villa Italia on Upper Paradise Road in Hamilton. We have never played there before either but their large entrance lobby provides a fine venue for a concert. More about this in a future "Hi" Note.

Don't forget your donation to the orchestra!

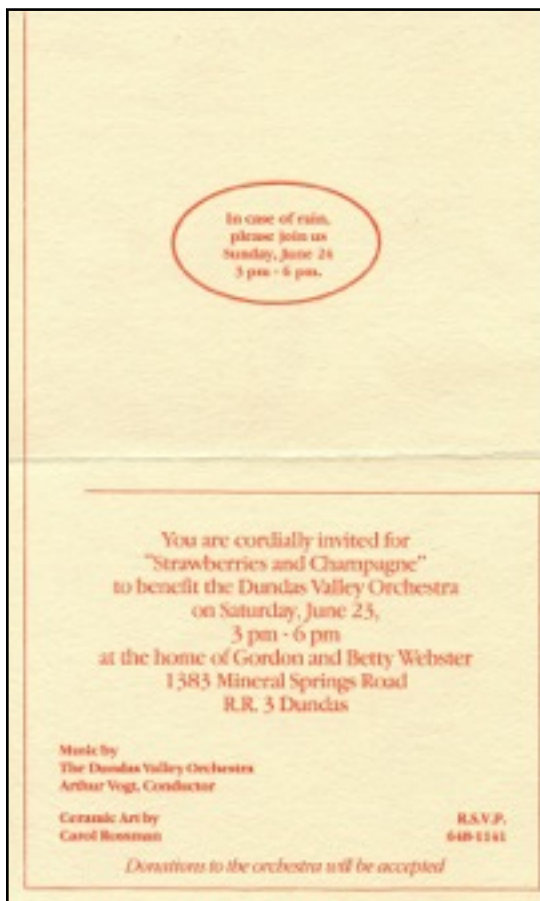
As you know the DVO is a listed Charitable organization and, as a result, your annual donations are tax deductible. If you intend to donate to the orchestra, don't forget to do it before the end of this year to get your 2012 Income Tax receipt!

DVO Board of Directors

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Fundraising from the past



Excerpt from "The Dundas Valley Orchestra, A Jewel in the Valley: 1978-2011"

"After a couple of seasons, founding President Gordon Webster and his wife, Betty, instituted a Strawberries and Champagne Social which was held annually each June for several years at their home on Mineral Springs Road just outside of Dundas. The orchestra would play a concert of about thirty minutes to one hour and then the audience would be served champagne and strawberries with whipped cream. Among the artists invited to display and sell their work were ceramic artist Carol Rossman and graphic artist Sally Glanville and they contributed a portion of their proceeds to the orchestra. Dorothy Mould, Gordon's sister and a gifted artist, also displayed her work."

The inside of an early 1980's invitation to a "Strawberries and Champagne" benefit for the DVO.

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