



Dundas Valley Orchestra

“Hi” Note

January 2013



President's Message

Welcome back:

I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas holiday season. Diana and I were at Walt Disney World over Christmas and had a great time!

But it's back to work on our concerts now. Ron Sealey is in charge of getting the stage ready on January 20 and he'd appreciate your help. Please attend early and do your part - or stay after and help then.

I am amazed at the vigour your Board has displayed in the last few months. We have made great strides in becoming more organized and efficient. A glance at the Concert program will show you how much we have progressed. A great shout out to Larry and Caroleen for their efforts and to Baya who is planning a very special event for June. Stay tuned!

Peter
President

Music Director's Message

Happy New Year!

Well, the holidays are done and that means we're close to our first full concert of the season. I'm looking forward to an exciting afternoon of music. We've worked very hard on the Symphony and it shows! The first half repertoire is in good shape too. There are always some tricky spots and we'll look at them one more time, but the big picture is excellent. Be nice to your friends - tell them about the concert!

I've been working with Jamshed Turel at Mohawk College, planning the concerto concert this year. The tentative date is April 4th and he's working on finalizing the location this week. We will be doing the auditions for the Mohawk soloists in the first week of February and I will be able to announce the repertoire soon after that. More to follow!

See you Tuesday! Anon,
Laura
Music Director

Photographic portraits - update

Thanks to those who participated in the opportunity last November to have a high quality photograph taken as part of a fundraiser for the orchestra.

As identified at the time, the photos were to be delivered after Christmas because Lauren, the photographer, was away for most of December.

She has indicated that she hopes to have the finished products available by the end of January. The activity has raised almost \$200.00 for the DVO.

And she has made progress in completing her academic requirements and wishes to thank those involved.

An apology to Len!

Readers will remember the photos included in the last issue of *Hi Note* which were taken at the Dundas Arts Weekend. Marg Jamieson's husband took the photos and we thanked him (of course!). However, your editor called him "Len Jamieson" but he is not! He is **Len Bolder** and it is Len Bolder whom we must thank!

You see, Marg had not changed her surname to that of Len's when they were married and your editor made an assumption which was wrong. Sorry, Len.

Keep this date open!

SUNDAY June 9 2013

More news later!

DVO Time Machine An excerpt from "Players' personal memories" in "The Dundas Valley Orchestra, A Jewel in the Valley: 1978-2011"

Rick Nielsen (French horn)

Rick Nielsen has played with the DVO since its founding and spent a decade as the orchestra's librarian.

There are a million library stories but, in general, it is difficult to get music back from the members at the end of the season. They take it home and bring it back a year later and think that you will be pleased! I used to stand by the back door of St. Paul's Church after the concert and snatch the music folders from the "old guys" as they went out the door. Frank Tester, being very forgetful, was the "best" at this.

Once he had four years' worth of folders with music. I would telephone him and ask, but he would say, "No, I turned it in."

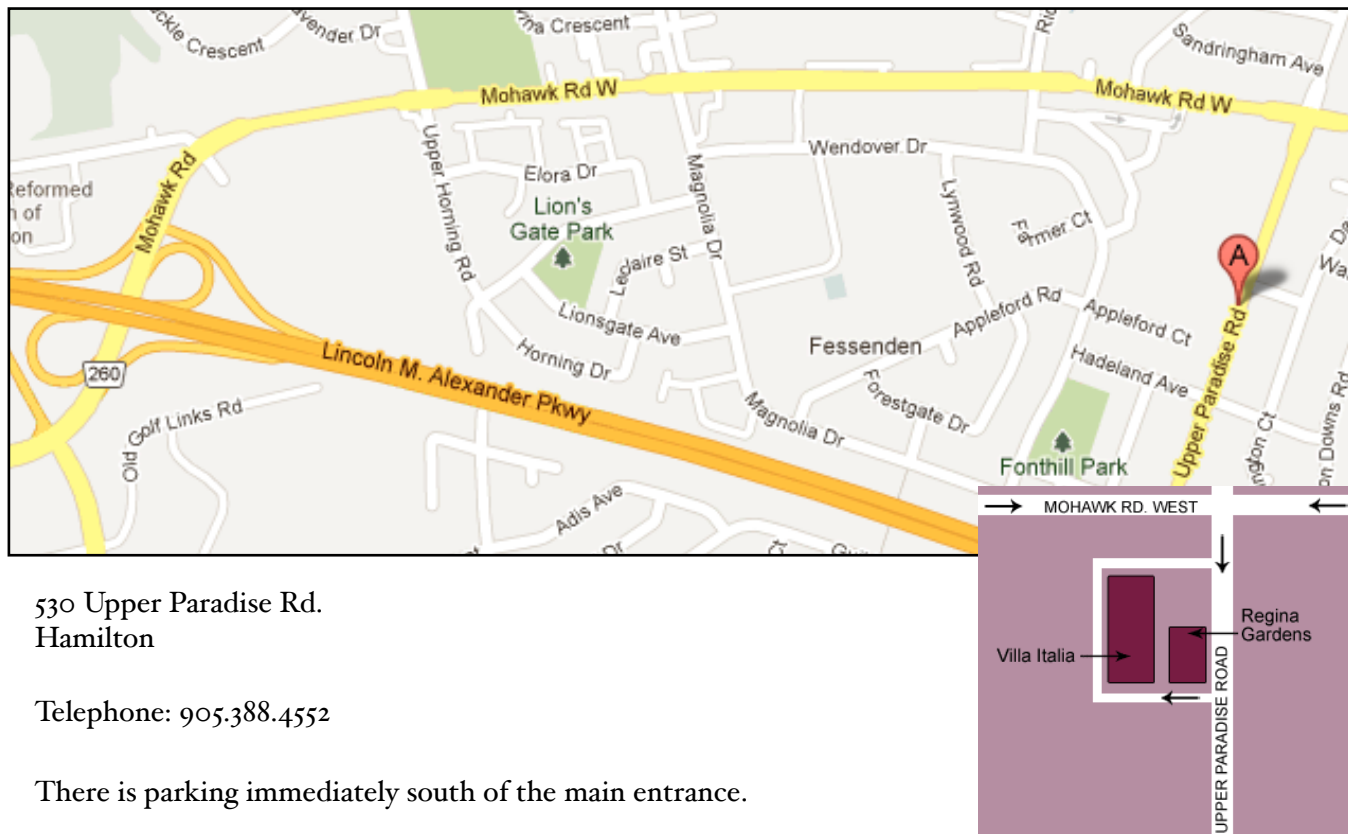
Then, one day, his mind cleared and he found the four folders, so he called Art Vogt (who had retired four years earlier!). Quick off the mark, Art jumped in his car and went over to Frank's to get them. Art understood how important they were to us.

I have played for over twenty years in the DVO and my favorite concert was Art Vogt's last concert. His son, Bruce, came from the University of Victoria, where he taught music, and the orchestra backed the beautiful Chopin piano Concerto #2. In spite of us, it was a wonderful performance.

With the music swirling through my head I went home and, that night, my old black Labrador dog died. I still cry when that music is played.

Nursing and Retirement Home Concert - May 28 2013

Arrangements have been made for **Tuesday, May 28, 2013** for us to visit **Villa Italia** on Upper Paradise Road in Hamilton. We have never played there before but their large entrance lobby provides a fine venue for a concert. See the inset below regarding what you do AFTER entering the grounds!



530 Upper Paradise Rd.
Hamilton

Telephone: 905.388.4552

There is parking immediately south of the main entrance.

Calendar

January 20 2013

Public Concert at St. Paul's United Church, Dundas
Timing to be given in early January

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

June 9 2013

DVO Fundraising event!

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