



Dundas Valley Orchestra

“Hi” Notes

November 2013

Our 35th Anniversary Year!

President’s Message

Since our last newsletter, we have had some changes on the Board for a variety of reasons. Claire Lechner has resigned from the Board but will continue as Chair of the Social Committee. Jim Jones and Alicia Hutchings have switched assignments. Jim is now our Secretary and Alicia is Treasurer.

Jim is working to get a Mohawk student to take on the Designer role for our Posters and Program Committee through his contacts at the college. Peter Hill has agreed to be the Editor for that committee. Simon Woodside has agreed to be our Webmaster allowing Mark Thomas more time to concentrate on writing music as our Resident Composer.

We are still searching for someone to Chair the Sponsorship and Advertising Committee. Alicia and I will be carrying on with the work it entails and we are anxiously waiting for someone to volunteer and help us with the tasks.

We had a great response from our members when asked to perform during the Dundas Arts Weekend on November 2, from 1:00-3:00 p.m. at the Carnegie Gallery. Thank you to all! See the article and photos elsewhere in this issue.

I’d also like to thank those members who are remembering to let me know when they will not be attending a rehearsal! It may not seem important, but it is.

I hope you haven’t forgotten to hand in your ideas for our Mission and Vision Statements to a Board member. Your ideas are important and will help us to write statements for our Constitution that truly reflect the

Music Director’s Message

Thanks to all who helped organize and participated in the first string coaching session. I've had really good feedback from many people who enjoyed the chance to dig into the details of their individual parts. We will be working out another coaching night and will also involve the winds, brass and percussion. Details will follow when finalized.

Word is getting out about the 2nd Annual Composer Competition. Thanks to Peter, Marg and Jim for all their research locating emails for composition teacher contacts. I've already responded to four young composers who wanted more details about submitting their works.

We're making excellent progress on the symphony. I know it is challenging for many members of the orchestra, but please know that I am happy with our progress. We will be playing the 3rd movement under scherzo tempo at the retirement home concerts. It will still sound good at a more minuet-style tempo and we will have a chance to become more familiar with it. I'm also looking forward to working on more swinging rhythms as we approach the retirement home concerts. With a little more time in triplets, we're going to be the swingiest orchestra in Hamilton!

Laura Thomas

Music Director

purpose of our organization and assist us in obtaining grants.

Olga Hencher

President

DVO - Special Dates - 2013-2014 Season

All dates are rehearsal dates with special events noted in addition.

November

- 5
- 12 Board Mtg
- 19 Nursing Home concert at
St. Joseph's Villa
- 26 Nursing Home concert followed by
a "Social" for all members at
St. Peter's Residence at Chedoke

December

- 3
- 10 Board Mtg
- 17

January

- 7
- 14 Board Mtg
- 19 Public Concert
- 21
- 28

February

- 4
- 11 Board Mtg
- 18
- 25

March

- 4
- 11 Board Mtg
- 18 (Note: This is Winter Break week)

April

- 1
- 8 Board Mtg
- 15
- 22
- 29 Nursing Home concert

NOTE: the Mohawk Concerto concerts will be held on April 3/4 or April 10/11. We shall learn for sure when Mohawk determines their dates.

May

- 6
- 13 Board Mtg
- 20
- 25 Public Concert
- 27 Nursing Home concert + AGM

June

- 3
- 10 Board Mtg
- 17
- 24 Board Mtg

DVO Student Composer Competition well under way

The second year for our Student Composer Competition is well under way. Notices have gone out across Canada to Colleges and Universities as well as local High Schools.

We have already received one submission with the promise of more to follow from others who have enquired about further details. As we build out the competition, we are also attracting community support for the endeavour. This year there will be a

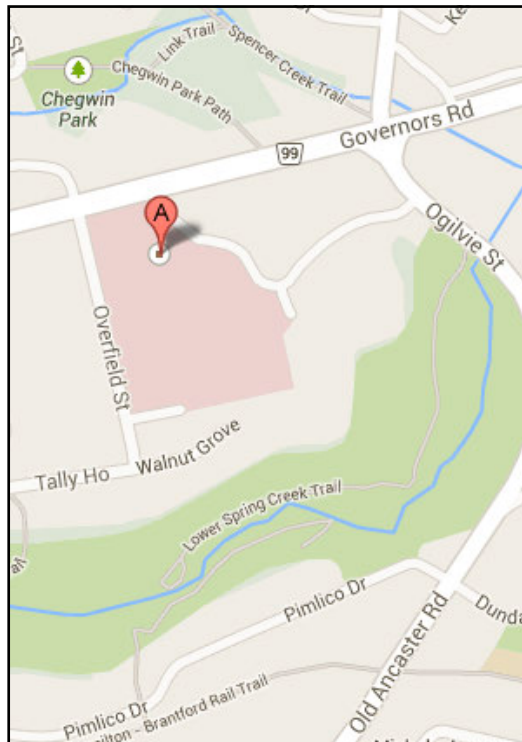
\$250.00 prize for the winner in addition to having us perform the piece.

We have to thank the Hamilton A.M. Rotary Club for providing the financial support necessary to provide this prize.

The poster for this competition is attached later in this issue of **Hi Notes**.

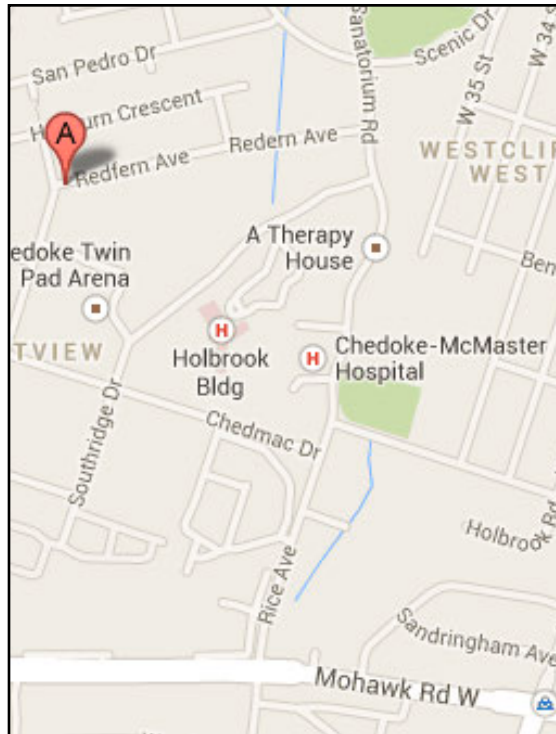
Nursing Home Concert November 19 2013

Location: St. Joseph's Villa
56 Governors Rd. Dundas



Nursing Home Concert November 26 2013

Location: St. Peter's Residence at Chedoke
125 Redfern Avenue, Hamilton



Dress code, timing and other info for these concerts

Our dress code for these Nursing and Retirement Home concerts is the same as for our public concerts: black and white. Be sure to bring your music stand.

The facilities are expecting us starting at 6:30 p.m. to do the set-up and being ready to play at 7:00 p.m. We are playing in the **St. Joseph's Villa** Auditorium. Chairs will be available but at the time of writing, a firm number has not been provided. Availability will be announced at a rehearsal prior to the concert date or via email.

Access to the St. Joseph's Villa parking area is off Overfield Street which is immediately west of the Villa on Governor's Road.

St. Peter's Residence at Chedoke has its parking in front of the building. We shall be playing in the "Gathering Place" which is basically the lobby/entrance area. Turn right as you go in the door. Our assigned changing area is at the end of the hall in the Family Dining Room.

Twenty chairs without arms will be available and others with arms also. If in doubt and/or if you prefer, bring your own.

Don't forget that after this concert we shall enjoy our "Early Christmas Social." If you wish, bring a plate of your favourite Christmas (or any other style) nibbles.

Arts Dundas Festival November 2, 2013

Once again this year the DVO participated in the Arts Dundas Weekend. The weather didn't cooperate fully but things went well from all reports.

Thanks to the following people for getting together and putting themselves on the list for performing. They include:

“The Fiddlers Three + one” at one o'clock

Ron Sealey, Marg Jamieson, Olga Hencher and Larry MacDonald

“Clarinet group” at one-thirty

Gary Fleming, Brian Snell, Marg Jamieson, Oliver Wesley-James and Glenn Welbourn

“The Renaissance Quartet” two o'clock

Oliver Wesley-James, Glenn Welbourn, Priscilla Harding, Olga Hencher

“Flute and String Ensemble of Dundas” at 2:45 p.m.

Seiichi Ariga, Baya Vertes, Glenn Welbourn, and Ron Sealey

Participation in this weekend activity gives us a higher community profile which means potential new players and larger audiences in the future as we become better known.

If you didn't participate this year due to lack of notice (or any other reason) start now to get into a group or speak to other potential partners and get planning for next November!

[See photos on the Gallery page.](#)

Event Calendar

Tuesday, November 19, 2013

Nursing Home Concert (St. Joseph's Villa, Dundas)

Tuesday, November 26, 2013

Nursing Home Concert (St. Peter's Residence at Chedoke)

Sunday, January 19, 2014

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

Tuesday, April 29, 2014

Nursing Home Concert (Location TBA)

Sunday, May 25, 2014

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

Tuesday, May 27, 2014

Nursing Home Concert (Location TBA)

Annual General Meeting of members 7:00 p.m. will be immediately after Nursing Home Concert

DVO Board of Directors 2013-2014

President: Olga Hencher

Past-President: Peter Hill

Vice-President: (position open)

Secretary: Alicia Hutchings

Treasurer: Jim Jones

Librarian: Homer Seywerd

Members-at-large: Margaret Jamieson

Glenn Welbourn, Rudin Knights

Music Director: Laura Thomas

Composer in Residence: Mark Thomas

Archivist & Hi Notes Editor: Peter Hill



Call for Submissions

The Dundas Valley Orchestra
announces its

2014 Student Composer Competition

The Dundas Valley Orchestra will be accepting compositions by students currently enrolled in a Canadian educational institution (secondary or post-secondary, full or part time).

Instrumentation available:

2 flutes, 2 oboes, 2 clarinets, 1 bassoon
4 horns, 4 trumpets, 3 trombones, tuba
Timpani, percussion, harp (troubadour - lever)
Strings

Suggested length: 5 – 10 minutes

**The winning composition will be performed by the DVO
in May and June 2014 (3 separate performances) and earn a cash prize of
\$250.00.**

Deadline for submission: January 10, 2014

Address for submission:

Dundas Valley Orchestra
c/o Centre for String Playing
1603 Main St. W., Unit #2
Hamilton, ON L8S 1E6

For more information about the
Dundas Valley Orchestra, go to:

www.dundasvalleyorchestra.ca

Contact for questions:

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(Please use "DVO Student Composer Competition" in the header)

Decisions of the Student Composer Competition Committee will be final.

This initiative is supported by the Hamilton Rotary a.m. Club.

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Len Bolder
Thanks, Len!



Gallery Page - Dundas Arts Weekend, November 2 2013



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