



# Dundas Valley Orchestra

## “Hi” Notes

*Our 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Season!*

**April/May 2014**

### President's Message

Dear Fellow Musicians,

Great News! The Dundas Valley Orchestra now has Patrons - the first time ever!

It took two years of thoughtful discussion but we finally found our Dream Team, **Dr. Doug** and **June Barber**. They have consented to act as our ambassadors and help us to become better known in our community. With their support our orchestra will become better recognized as an asset in our area.

**June** and **Doug** were our guests at a luncheon arranged by **Peter Hill** and held at the Dundas Valley Golf and Curling Club on Tuesday, April 29th. Past-president **Peter**, Treasurer **Alicia Hutchings**, Secretary **Jim Jones**, Music Director **Laura Thomas**, and I spent a couple of hours getting to know the Barbers and talking about our orchestra to provide them with information about our history and our thoughts about our future to help them get to know us better. **Peter**, presented **Doug** and **June** with a copy of the book, “The Dundas Valley Orchestra: A Jewel in the Valley” which he had written about the orchestra in 2011.

Here's a short bio of our Patrons (as told by **Jim Jones**):

Both **June** and **Doug** are from Saskatchewan and have strong prairie and pioneer roots. They have three sons and a daughter all of whom have children of their own. Both are elders at St. Cuthbert's Presbyterian Church. **June** is a registered nurse and a potter. There was a retrospective of her works recently at Textures on Locke Street.

**Doug** is an electrical engineer. He was a professor at McMaster, later moved to Westinghouse and then founded Gennum, (the

### Music Director's Message

Hello DVO musicians,

Much has happened since the last issue of **Hi Notes**. We performed well in January with wonderful audience feedback and we got started on our new repertoire and had another valuable sectional evening. Board and committee work has continued with dedication and enthusiasm and we have welcomed some new members to the orchestra. All in all, it was a good couple of months.

I've already told you this, but let me say again – in writing – how very well you all did at the January concert. The music on that concert certainly had some difficult moments, but you rose to the challenge. The performance was strong top to bottom. Thank you for all the work that you did preparing for rehearsals and the concert. I hope you felt great playing it. You all deserve to be proud of your performances.

On we go now with music of the stage – beautiful melodies and big dramatic moments. Just think – by the time we perform this repertoire, it will be warm outside. At least, I hope it will.

Over n' out,

**Laura Thomas**

Music Director

company that makes microchips for hearing aids among other electronics), with partner Wally Pieczonka. He is now retired but still sits on a lot of corporate boards. **Doug** is a member of the Order of Canada.

Everyone will have a chance to visit with

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### (President's Message continued ...)

our Patrons at our concert reception. Please introduce yourself and thank them for their support.

We also welcome **Michael Abbott** as a new member of our Board. He fills a position left vacant because of illness. **Michael** is one of our bass players and is a valued addition to the Board, as a Member at Large. Thank you, **Michael**, for volunteering to fill this position.

Thoughts from **Olga**  
President

## Trillium Foundation grants the DVO \$13,500!

We have been awarded \$13,500 for the purchase of new timpani and percussion instruments by the Trillium Foundation of Ontario!

These funds will purchase a Snare Drum with stand, Crash Cymbals, a Glockenspiel with stand, a Xylophone with stand, a Cymbal, and three copper Timpani with folding stands for easy transport.

The addition of these instruments will greatly enhance our ability to provide a wider repertoire of music.

Look for the arrival of these instruments in the near future!

## Annual Meeting coming up

Don't forget that we shall have our Annual Meeting at Aberdeen Gardens right after our concert there on June 3. It is important that everyone's views, concerns and thoughts are put forward so please think a little about the orchestra and what it means to you prior to the meeting.

## A flowering reminder!

Last year, **Liz Lesser** was gracious enough to host an informal gathering of the orchestra after our concert at Shalom Residence.



Of course, a small "Thank You" gift was presented to **Liz** and her husband. It was a Mandevilla vine and a few weeks ago, **Liz** sent in a photo of the results of their care. Thought it was worth sharing in case anyone wanted to enjoy one too - just ask **Liz** for care instructions!

Thanks again, **Liz**!

## DVO receives a grant from the Dougher Community Fund!

We have just received news that our orchestra has been awarded a substantial grant from the Dougher Community Fund to assist us in our preparations for our 2014-2015 Season. It is to support our first Concert program for development of a repertoire of Gospel music for both orchestra and choir. More news later as things develop.

The Dougher Community Fund is administered by the Hamilton Community Foundation. Grants from this fund are intended to support and enhance services and facilities offered in the area known as the Town of Dundas. Mrs. Isabel Dougher, a lifetime resident of Dundas, established the fund "to help residents enjoy the many sights, facilities and services that the Dundas area has to offer.

## DVO - Special Dates 2013-2014 Season

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

### May

6

13 Board Mtg

20

25 Public Concert

27 Nursing Home concert at St. Elizabeth Villa  
(see map below)

### June

3 Nursing Home concert at Aberdeen Gardens  
Residence + AGM  
(see map below)

10 Board Mtg

17

24 Board Mtg

## DVO Student Composer Competition news

The second year for our Student Composer Competition is making progress. As mentioned in the last issue of **Hi Notes**, we have received financial support from the Rotary Club of Hamilton AM Club.

We received five submissions by the deadline date and the Board has selected a winner. As you know, we shall be playing the winning composition at our May 25 concert and the Rotary Club of Hamilton (A.M.) will be presenting a \$250 prize.

## DVO - Special Dates 2014-2015 Season

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### September

9 First rehearsal

16 Board Mtg

23

30

### October

7

14 Board Mtg

21

28

### November

4

11 Board Mtg

18

25

### December

2 Nursing Home concert TBA

9 Nursing Home concert TBA + Board Mtg

16

## 2015

### January

6

13 Board Mtg

20

25 Public Concert

27

### February

3

10 Board Mtg

17

24

### March

10

17 Board Mtg

24

31

### April

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14 Board Mtg

21

28 Nursing Home  
Con.

### May

5

12 Board Mtg

17 Public Concert

19

26

### June

2

Nursing Home  
Con.

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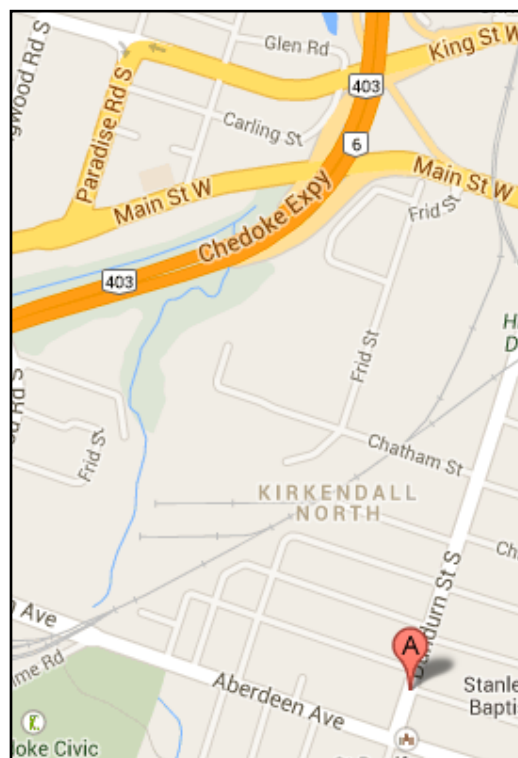
## Nursing Home Concert May 27, 2014

Location: St. Elizabeth Villa  
391 Rymal Road West,  
Hamilton  
(905) 388-9691



## Nursing Home Concert June 3, 2014

Location: Aberdeen Gardens Retirement  
Residence  
330 Dundurn St. South, Hamilton  
(905) 529-3163



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## Only four left from our original printing

It's a fundraiser for the orchestra. We only have four left! No kidding!

If you are new to the orchestra, this would make an interesting purchase and if you are a longer-standing member, there may be that friend or relative who still hasn't had the chance to read it yet and to fully understand how much you blow, bow or hammer!

To purchase a copy for only \$20.00, speak to Treasurer **Alicia Hutchings** (violin).





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## **DVO Fundraiser to be held on June 8 2014**

Once again **Baya Vertes** and **Simon Woodside** and their committee have been working hard on our Fundraiser which will take place on June 8 2014 at the Valley Manufacturing premises on Hatt Street in Dundas.

We are by now all aware that orchestra members have been invited to play at the event but it is also important that those who are not playing attend - and take their friends and family - to enjoy the activities, including a Silent Auction. This building is very historic and has played a major role in making our head of the lake community a major player in manufacturing for almost two centuries and not too many people have been inside. So you will see a bit of history too.

The tickets are very reasonably priced and the revenues are important to us. If you are unable to serve on any of our Committees, attendance at the Fundraiser is at least one thing that every member of the orchestra can do to assist us in our endeavours going forward.

### **Event Calendar 2013-2014**

#### **Sunday, May 25, 2014**

Spring Concert at St. Paul's United Church,  
Dundas 3:00 p.m.

#### **Tuesday, May 27, 2014**

Nursing Home Concert at St. Elizabeth Villa  
7:00 p.m.

#### **Tuesday, June 3, 2014**

Nursing Home Concert at Aberdeen Gardens  
Retirement Residence  
7:00 p.m.

**NOTE: Annual General Meeting** of members  
will be held immediately after this Nursing Home  
Concert.

### **DVO Board of Directors 2013-2014**

**President:** Olga Hencher

**Past-President:** Peter Hill

**Vice-President:** (position open)

**Secretary:** Jim Jones

**Treasurer:** Alicia Hutchings

**Librarian:** Homer Seywerd

**Members-at-large:** Margaret Jamieson

Glenn Welbourn, Rudin Knights

**Music Director:** Laura Thomas

**Composer in Residence:** Mark Thomas

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