



Dundas Valley Orchestra

“Hi” Notes

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President's Message

Greetings from your President:

I wish to thank the members of the orchestra who have given me the opportunity to serve as President these last two years.

As we continue to build on past successes our orchestra is being recognized as a first-rate volunteer amateur orchestra. Our Executive and Board members have worked hard to increase our revenue stream and, as a result, we were able to structure musical development for our players and audiences. These opportunities have encouraged musicians to seek out and join our ranks. But our steady growth in membership has given us problems with rehearsal space and storage areas. This problem will be a challenge for the future

It has been heartwarming to watch partnerships develop with our community, alumni, and friends. The Hamilton Rotary A.M. is sponsoring our Student Composer competition; the Hamilton Association for the Advancement of Literature, Science, and Art has agreed to sponsor our new Young Musician competition; we are participating fully in the Arts Dundas Weekend with a special concert at St. Paul's United Church on November 8, 2015. Small groups of our musicians are playing at various locations in our community during this weekend that starts on November 5 and ends with our special concert on the Sunday afternoon.

All Dundas Valley Orchestra members are participating in the business of our organization through our committee structures. Our Volunteer Committee is reaching out to increase our community membership. This year we added a Social Media Manager to increase our networking on our website. The HAALSA Young Musician Award Committee is another new committee. Our new Vice-President, **Jim Locke**, is coordinating that committee with volunteer members **Stan Alama** and **Peter Hill**.

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Music Director's Message

Hello DVO:

With another successful season “in the books” it’s time to enjoy summer and start thinking, just a little, about next season. It’s going to be a lot of fun, and a very eclectic mix of repertoire.

In our first concert (November) we will be sharing the stage with the Dundas Pipes and Drums. It’s going to be a glorious sound! The concert will be both a commemoration of Remembrance Day and an event in the Arts Dundas Weekend. In addition to separate repertoire, we will also perform some pieces together with the Pipes and Drums.

The second concert; “Hot, Hot, Hot” will warm up January with music from tropical lands. We will be playing Spanish, Mexican and South American music and well as playing with a guest artist on steel drums.

The final concert of the season will feature Symphony No. 9 “From the New World” by Antonín Dvořák. We will start work on this symphonic favourite in the fall, much like we did with Beethoven Symphony No. 6 last season. It definitely has some challenges but, overall, I think you will find it a joy to play.

We will be uploading more repertoire information, including YouTube links, on the website throughout the summer.

Once again, thank you for a terrific 2014-15 season. I hope you all have a great summer of whatever you like to do - traveling, gardening, playing or just relaxing.

See you in September,

Laura

President's Message *(continued)*

We owe our progress to the dedicated members of the Executive and the Board and I thank them on behalf of our membership. I also wish to thank all who serve on our various committees. Without everyone's participation we would have a very different orchestra. Thank you, everyone, for sharing the workload. I feel proud of the progress we have made with our strategic plan:

1. Build on past successes.
2. Increase revenue streams.
3. Structure musical development for players and audiences.
4. Provide encouragement and opportunities for students of music to develop skills.
5. Build a partnership with our community, alumni and friends.
6. Initiate a Volunteer Committee for the orchestra.
7. Provide opportunities for leadership skill development for members of the orchestra.
8. Help the orchestra to be recognized as a first-rate volunteer amateur orchestra.

I pass on the Presidency to **Margaret Sherman-Bell** who I know will carry on with the tasks and will continue to move us forward with much success in the future.

Olga

A shout out to our Patrons!

They have attended out concerts for a long time; they are quietly supportive of our initiatives and give us encouragement; they are important contacts in our Dundas community.

They are our Patrons,
June and Doug Barber.

We don't often get an opportunity to thank them publically for their support but this is our chance:

**THANK YOU BOTH VERY MUCH
FOR BEING OUR PATRONS!**

Our New Board for 2015-2016

At the Annual Meeting in May we elected the following members to the Board. Congratulaitons to all!

President: Margaret Sherman-Bell

Past-President: Olga Hencher

Vice-President: Jim Locke

Secretary: Jim Jones

Treasurer: Alicia Hutchings

Librarian: Homer Seywerd

Members-at-large: Lynne Calneck, Dorothy Haartman, Margaret Jamieson, Rudin Knights, Glenn Welbourn

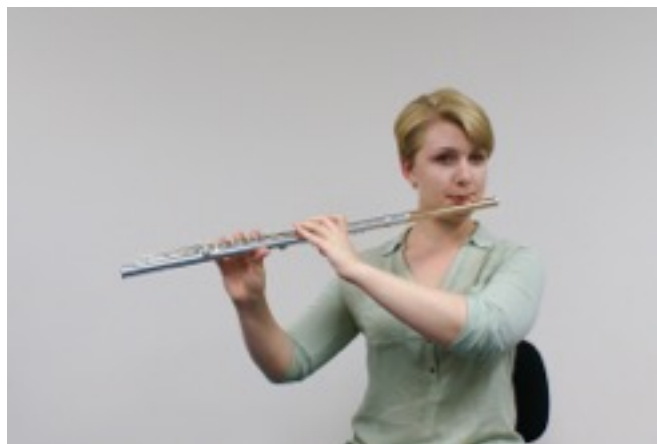
Ex-officio:

Music Director: Laura Thomas

Composer in Residence: Mark Thomas

Archivist & Hi Notes Editor: Peter Hill

Glenn Mallory Award Winner 2015



Congratulations to **Kirsten MacLean** for winning the Glenn Mallory Award this season. She is off to university and will be leaving us and we wish her great success. Kirsten established our Facebook presence for us and she encourages everyone to "like" us and to post comments.

May 24 2015 concert - a great hit!

It was a great concert and our audience evaluation forms show it. Here are a few responses:

- ★ I thoroughly enjoyed this year's concert. **Nancy Cassels** rendition of Beethoven's Concerto #3 was "music to my ears."
- ★ Excellent concert - we have enjoyed all concerts by the DVO we have attended.
- ★ We love the orchestra. Just keep playing and enjoying the music.
- ★ Really enjoyed the woodwinds/brass sections in particular and percussion. Nicely chosen program overall.

And there were many more appreciative comments from our audience. The audience seems to enjoy hearing local talent playing with the orchestra and to listen to Canadian composers, especially our Composer in Residence, **Mark Thomas**, whose work received loud acclaim.

Nancy Cassels is a local amateur pianist. In her day job over a period of 15 years she has taught Asian history at McMaster, Toronto and Waterloo universities and has published on aspects of the history of India. In Dundas, she is perhaps best known for her organization of Chamber Music concerts at the Carnegie Gallery almost every year since 1982. She began her piano tutelage under Iva Loughlin Guy in Washington D.C. Mrs. Guy encouraged her as a teenager to perform the third Beethoven piano concerto with Anton Kuerti's uncle playing an arrangement of the orchestral parts on a second piano. Ever since, Nancy had dreamed of performing the concerto with a live orchestra such as the DVO.



Young Composer Award 2015



Once again the Rotary Club of Hamilton A.M. sponsored our Student Composer Competition and Rotary member **Cameron Nolan** was there to present the \$250.00 cheque, this year to **Christopher Baretta**. His work, "L'Eroe e il Cattivo" (The Hero and the Villain) was very much enjoyed by the audience. He is a recent graduate of Brock University where he earned a Bachelor of Music degree, specializing in percussion, performance and composition. He intends to continue his music studies at the Master's level. Many thanks to the Rotary Club A.M. for supporting this initiative directed at promising student composers.

A new Award for young musicians!

Founded in 1857, The Hamilton Association for the Advancement of Literature, Science and Art (HAALSA) is one of Canada's oldest independent, not-for-profit, cultural organizations. Many prominent Hamilton and area educational and cultural organizations had their beginnings in, or received early support and encouragement from the Hamilton Association. These included the Hamilton Public Library, the Art Gallery of Hamilton, the Royal Botanical Gardens, and McMaster University.

The inaugural HAALSA Young Musician Award will be presented during Dundas Valley Orchestra's 2015/2016 season. The winning candidate will perform with the Dundas Valley Orchestra. The winner also will receive a \$250 prize along with a certificate to commemorate the event.

Highlights of our May 24 2015 concert



President Olgar Hencher presenting the Glenn Mallory Award to Kirsten MacLean



Volunteer Co-ordinator Lynne Calnek presenting flowers to DVO Music Director Laura Thomas

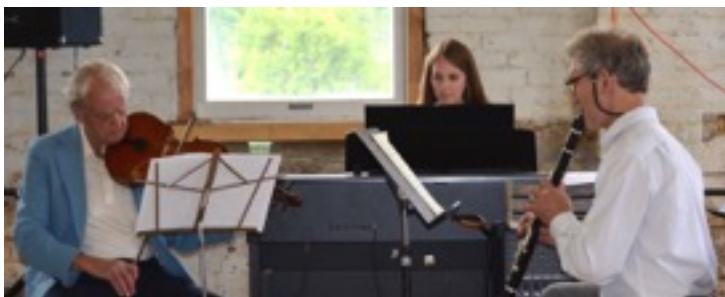


Lynne Calnek presenting flowers to guest performer Nancy Cassels

Highlights of our Fundraiser on Sunday, June 7, 2015



Lots of music and hidden talents!



Lots of creative, food and good times!



DVO - Rehearsal and Special Dates

2015-2016 Season

NOTE: All dates are subject to change as arrangements are modified. Be sure to check the most recent calendar.

2015

September

- 8 First Rehearsal and Membership Meeting
- 15 Rehearsal
- 22 Rehearsal
- 29 Rehearsal

October

- 6 Rehearsal
- 13 Board Mtg and Rehearsal
- 20 Rehearsal
- 27 Rehearsal

November

- 3 Rehearsal
- 8 Arts Dundas Weekend Concert at St. Paul's
- 10 Board Mtg and Rehearsal
- 17 Rehearsal
- 24 Nursing Home Concert - Location tba

December

- 1 Nursing Home Concert - Location tba
- 8 Board Mtg and Rehearsal
- 15 Rehearsal

NOTE TO PLAYERS:

These dates are subject to change due to a variety of reasons so stay tuned for up-dates.

If you are planning holidays or substantial periods of being absent, please contact **Laura** or **Margaret** as soon as your plans are made. This helps greatly in our making arrangements for rehearsal repertoires.

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2016

January

- 5 Rehearsal
- 12 Board Mtg and Rehearsal
- 19 Rehearsal
- 24 CONCERT
- 26 Rehearsal

February

- 2 Rehearsal
- 9 Board Mtg and Rehearsal
- 16 Rehearsal
- 23 Rehearsal

March

- 1 Rehearsal
- 8 Board Mtg and Rehearsal
- 15 Rehearsal
- 22 Rehearsal
- 29 Rehearsal

April

- 5 Rehearsal
- 12 Nursing Home Concert - Location tba
- 19 Nursing Home Concert - Location tba
- 26 Rehearsal

May

- 3 Rehearsal
- 10 Board Mtg and Rehearsal
- 17 Rehearsal
- 24 Rehearsal
- 29 CONCERT

June

- 4 or 5 - Fundraiser - Date and Location tba

Nursing/Retirement Home Concerts

Once locations are determined, maps and directions will be shown here.

Location: tba

Date: November 24, 2015

Address:

Tel:

Location: tba

Date: December 1, 2015

Address:

Tel:

Event Calendar 2015-2016

Tuesday, September 8 2015

First Rehearsal and Membership Meeting
at 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, November 8 2015

Arts Dundas Weekend Concert
Location: St. Paul's United Church, Dundas

Tuesday, November 24 2015

Nursing Home Concert
Location:

Tuesday, December 1, 2015

Nursing Home Concert
Location:

DVO Board of Directors 2014-2015

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