

Dundas Valley Orchestra "Hi" Notes April 2013



President's Message

Happy Spring!

As you will read in Laura's message, things are going well in rehearsal and your Board is planning the concerts for our next season. Our goal is to have next season's schedules all in order before the end of this season so that we can all plan ahead.

Several of you play in other groups and we always try to avoid date conflicts so that you can meet your other commitments. If you are in another group, please always tell the DVO President the dates of your other concerts when you learn of them via email (so that it can be easily circulated to the Board). Coordination is important!

I must say that I was very impressed with those who were involved with the Mohawk Concerto Concert on April 4. It deserved more than the 50-60 people in the audience. Well done! Finally, and as usual, we shall be looking for help in setting up and running our May 12 concert. Please respond positively when Ron Sealey asks you to sign up.

Peter

President

This photo shows a fundraiser from the 1980's outside the Webster home in Ancaster. Note the art on the walls which was for sale. This is a predecessor of our June 9 2014 event! Can you identify anyone in the photo?

Music Director's Message

Hello DVO musicians!

Rehearsals are going very well. We are working on lots of details and I'm confident that we're going to present a great concert on May 12. Keep listening and practise – but just the difficult bits! While working on the details for the end of this season, the Board is also looking forward to next season. The ideas for next year's concerts came from suggestions from DVO members. I have added more repertoire to fill out the concerts and more complete information will be out soon.

The theme for the January 2014 concert will be "Winter Dreams" and will feature Tchaikovsky's Symphony No. 1 ("Winter Dreams") as well as Mozart's Three German Dances (which includes the one called "Sleigh Ride") and Prokofiev's Troika. We are working on an idea for a soloist but we need to wait until we know about the OAC grant and the success of the June Fundraiser to responsibly know what we can afford.

The May 2014 concert theme will be "Song and Dance" - music of opera and ballet. We shall play the Overture to Nabucco, music from Copland's Rodeo, The Barber of Seville Overture and other operatic and ballet works. We are still working on the details for vocalists but the plan is to include two singers who can do, among other pieces, the Papageno, Papagena duet from Mozart's Magic Flute.

I'm excited about these plans for next season and I'd like to give my thanks to those who made the repertoire suggestions. More news to follow!

See you Tuesday! **Laura** Music Director

DVO Fundraiser planning well under way

We have all received the flyer announcing the major fundraiser to be held on June 9, 2013 which is being organized by **Baya Vertes** and **Simon Woodside**. It is an **invitation only** event and, in many respects takes us back to the origins of fundraising for the DVO so ably carried out by Gordon Webster (our first President) and his wife, Betty who held "Strawberries and Champagne" concerts (see photo on front page) in the garden of their Ancaster home in the early 1980's. Once again, our guests will enjoy summertime refreshments, works of art and music by the DVO. Attendees this year will be given an original work of art by John MacGregor created especially for this event. Tickets are \$100.00 (but \$130.00 per couple). If you'd like to attend, please speak to **Baya** or **Simon** soon.

Remember the date!

SUNDAY June 9, 2013



Please try to be there!

The Mohawk Concerto Concert, April 4, 2013

Again this year the DVO was the back-up orchestra for this important event in the life of Mohawk College's music students. The concert was held next door to the Mohawk College Fennel Campus at Hillfield Strathallan College's Artsplex. A couple of the Mohawk students will be invited to perform with us at our May 12, 2013 concert. It should be fun for all!



Mohawk student Marina Mulligan.

Caroleen Molenaar wins the Glenn Mallory Award for 2013

The Board of Directors has chosen Caroleen Molenaar as this year's winner of the Glenn Mallory Award. This is not the first time she has been honoured in this way for she won it last year too. In addition to her position in the flute section, she has inspired us all in the way she has designed out concert programs this year, having put many hours into the effort. This is in addition to the hours she spends in practice and on her third-year studies in Music at McMaster University.





The Mohawk soloists taking their final collective bow and thanking the Orchestra. <<<



The Orchestra waiting for the Conductor at the start of the program. >>>

Nursing and Retirement Home Concerts:

May 21, 2013

Arrangements have been made for **Tuesday, May 21, 2013** for us to visit **Shalom Village** on Paradise Road in Hamilton. 70 Macklin Rd. N. Hamilton 905.529.1613



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.



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530 Upper Paradise Rd. Hamilton Telephone: 905.388.4552 *There is parking immediately south*

of the main entrance.

Calendar

May 12, 2013 at 3:00 p.m. Public Concert at St. Paul's United Church, Dundas May 21, 2013

Shalom Village

May 28, 2013 Villa Italia Concert

June 9, 2013 DVO Fundraising event!

June (date TBA) DVO Annual Meeting

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