



# Dundas Valley Orchestra

## “Hi” Notes

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### President's Message

Dear Members:

Good things have been happening for us. Once again we were able to acquire a Doucher Grant from the Hamilton Community Foundation to sponsor our Arts Dundas Weekend Concert to be held on Nov. 8th, 2015 at St. Paul's United Church. The Dundas Pipes and Drums Band will be featured as our guest along with a soprano soloist. The Dundas Legion will provide a suitable display. The concert theme is three fold, Remembrance Day, Vimy, and the Arts Dundas Weekend Festival. We are hoping that this concert will be another inspiring event for the Dundas community.

We are pleased to announce that The Hamilton Association for the Advancement of Literature, Science and Art has agreed to sponsor our new Dundas Valley Orchestra Young Musician Competition with a \$250 prize given for the next five years. We have our Past President, **Peter Hill**, to thank for this new venture.

Our Nominating Committee, **Rudin Knights**, **June Barber**, and I have been busy finding candidates to fill our Board Positions and Committees. Our Board nominees so far are: **Dorothy Haartman** for Member at Large; **Jim Locke** for Vice President; and **Margaret Sherman Bell** for President. Current Members at Large who are willing to continue are: **Rudin Knights**, **Lynne Calnek**, **Glenn Welbourn**, and **Margaret Jamieson**. **Alicia Hutchings** will remain as Treasurer, **Homer Seywerd** as Librarian, **Jim Jones** as Secretary, and I will move to be your Past President. Our Ex Officio members: Music Director, **Laura Thomas**; Composer in Residence, **Mark Thomas**; Archivist, **Peter Hill**; and Concertmaster, **Olga Hencher** continue as before.

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### Music Director's Message

Happy Spring DVO musicians:

Progress on the Beethoven concert, "*Immortal Beloved*", has been very good. Everyone is doing excellent work! Soon we will start rehearsals with our soloist for the concert, Nancy Cassels. We will also continue to polish the rest of the repertoire as we prepare to close this season.

Plans are well under way for next season and we are aiming to have some promotional materials ready for the May 24 concert. Stay tuned.

I hope everyone has marked June 7<sup>th</sup> on your schedules. Our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual fundraiser is going to be an exciting afternoon of music with friends. Alicia is still looking for volunteers to perform. Please let her know if you can play a short set with DVO musicians, or other friends and colleagues that you know.

Thanks to Homer and his library crew for getting the Retirement Home repertoire together so quickly at the rehearsal before the first Retirement Home performance. I am looking forward to trying out the repertoire in a performance situation.

See you on Tuesday,

**Laura**

### A New Award!

Many thanks to the Hamilton Association for the Advancement of Literature, Science and Arts (HAALSA) for agreeing to support our Young Musician Award to be given annually to a young student musician who has demonstrated

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## President's Message *(continued)*

Our Monday morning 9:30 "string practice group" at the Hencher's keeps growing in size. When all are present, we swell to 10 members to include **Ron Sealey, Charlotte Price, Margaret Jamieson, Suzanne Lindsay, Dorothy Haartman, Claire Lechner, Rudin Knights, Alicia Hutchings, and Jim Jones**. We have lots of fun dissecting the various passages of our music selections as we prepare for our concert performances. We finish our morning with coffee, tea, goodies and social time.

Don't forget to put our Fundraiser on your calendar (See **Alicia Hutchings**, our Treasurer, if you can help in any way). It is going to be our year-end social celebration and fun time. Spread the word and invite your relatives and friends of DVO. Entry is by a donation to the orchestra. Tax receipts will be issued for donations of \$10 or more.

Finally, we are at present planning our Annual Membership Meeting. If you have an item you wish to add to the agenda, please speak with me or **Jim Jones**, our Secretary.

**Olga**

## Young Musician Award

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exceptional talent in performance.

The first Award will be given during our 2015-2016 Season and will be awarded after consultation with local Music Schools. The winner of the Award will be given a cash prize of \$250.00 and will perform with the orchestra at our Spring concert.

A Committee has been formed to create the structure required to administer the Award. The financial support is initially for five years with a review at that time to establish whether it will be continued.

## The Dundas Quartet performs

From time to time DVO members form themselves into smaller groups for special performances such as the one at **noon** at the **Main Branch of the Hamilton Public Library on Friday, April 24**. So it is with the **Dundas Quartet**, comprised of **Seiichi Ariga** (flute), **Ron Sealey** (violin), **Glenn Welbourn** (Viola), and **Baya Vertes** (cello). Catch them if you can! They start playing at 12:20 p.m. Thanks to Seiichi for acting as leader of the quartet.

## DVO - Rehearsal and Special Dates 2014-2015 Season

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

### 2015

#### April

- 21 Nursing Home Concert - Deerview Crossing
- 24 Hamilton Public Library - Seiichi's Quartet
- 28

#### May

- 5
- 12 Board Mtg.
- 19
- 24 Public Concert - Immortal Beloved
- 26 Nursing Home Concert - Shalom Village

#### June

**Have a wonderful summer!**

# Nursing/Retirement Home Concerts



**Tuesday, April 21, 2015**

**Chartwell Deerview Crossing Retirement Residence**

460 Rymal Rd West (at Garth)  
Tel: 289 309 7436

**Tuesday, May 26, 2015**

**Shalom Village**

70 Macklin Street North, Hamilton  
Tel: (905) 529-1613

## Event Calendar 2014-2015

**Tuesday, April 21, 2015**

Nursing Home Concert at 7:00 p.m.  
Location: Deerview Crossing

**Sunday, May 24, 2015**

Public Concert - Beethoven - Immortal Beloved

**Tuesday, May 26, 2015**

Nursing Home Concert at 7:00 p.m.  
Location: Shalom Village

## DVO Board of Directors 2014-2015

**President:** Olga Hencher

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