



Dundas Valley Orchestra

“Hi” Notes

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President's Message

Dear Members:

Wow! How time is passing quickly. We are half-way through our season already.

We had great success with our November tribute to Vimy and January's Hot! Hot! Hot! concerts. Our nursing home concerts were also well received. The audience attendance was great, filling St. Paul's to the rafters.

Congratulations on two great performances.

We are now preparing for our spring concert May 29th to include Dvorak's New World Symphony and more. We have lots of work ahead of us. We are looking forward to our first HAALSA winner to be announced and a performance at our May concert.

The Board worked hard on grant applications for the Trillium and Dougher grants and both have been submitted and the waiting begins.

Here's to a successful second half of the season!

Margaret

Music Director's Message

Hello DVO musicians,

With two good concerts done, we are into the final concert cycle of this season. This is going to be a lovely concert with some wonderful, familiar music and some surprises for the audience as well. The Dvorak will take up most of our time but there are some tricky bits in the Sibelius, Copland and Palmer that will keep us on our toes too.

We will have two more pieces to hand out once the decisions are made about the student soloist and composition competitions. The Young Composer competition has had a lot of interest this year. I'm pleased with how it is becoming better known among young composers.

Currently, we have received three entries and are expecting 2 or 3 more - and I've had to turn away 2 people because they are not students in a Canadian school. The deadline was February 5th and a decision will be made soon after that.

Vice-President **Jim Locke** has been working hard to get the word out about the HAALSA student soloist competition and we will also know more about that soon.

Thanks to **Leen Tuk** for doing a brass arrangement of Shenandoah. It will be an excellent addition to the concert and give the brass a chance to shine soli.

Sectionals will be coming up soon, so keep your lists of requests for the coaches!

Laura

Visit our website: www.dundasvalleyorchestra.ca for more information about the orchestra.

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.

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 Rehearsal
- 19 Nursing Home Concert - Deerview
Crossing

May

- 3 Rehearsal
- 10 Board Mtg and Rehearsal
- 17 Rehearsal
- 24 Rehearsal
- 29 **CONCERT**
- 31 Nursing Home Concert - Villa Italia

June

- 4 or 5 - Fundraiser - Date and Location TBA

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 the Concertmaster (Olga) as soon as your plans are made. This helps greatly in our making arrangements for rehearsal repertoires.

Our condolences go out

Two members of our orchestra have recently suffered losses in their immediate families and our heartfelt condolences go out to them.

Carolyn Konrad's husband, Jonathan, died unexpectedly in Thunder Bay after having a massive heart attack on December 23, 2015 while on a family vacation.

Larry Ridge's wife, Lois, died suddenly on February 7, 2016 after suffering a massive stroke. Lois volunteered on our Welcome Desk at our concerts in the recent past.

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Anecdotes of Great Musicians

#150 Beethoven's First Triumph

The story of Beethoven's first triumph as a composer is told in a very interesting way by Meyerbeer. When Beethoven was scarcely sixteen years of age he was invited one evening by his good friends, the Von Breunings, of Bonn, to spend the evening with them in the company of a number of well-known musicians. Among them were Capelmeister Reis, the brothers Romberg, Count Waldstein, several members of the orchestra and others.

After there had been some music performed by various persons, Count Waldstein announced that he had received a trio in manuscript, and that he wished very much to hear it; but he desired not to mention the name of the composer until the work had first been performed. He then called on the two Rombergs and young Beethoven to try the composition *prima vista*. They complied. The work was found to be original in form and full of vigour and life.

Many expressions of admiration were given as to the trio, and much comment was excited as to who its composer might be. One declared that it was too passionate to be from Haydn's pen, and another added that it was too gloomy to be by Mozart. Ries declared that at any rate it was by a man who thoroughly understood his work.

Finally Count Waldstein announced that the trio was composed by young Beethoven. The musicians looked as if something has fallen from the clouds. Then succeeded the most hearty congratulations, and the young composer went to his humble home that night with a fresh inspiration for his life work, brought by this first triumph as a composer.

Excerpted from: *Anecdotes of Great Musicians*
by W. Francis Gates, Theodore Presser,
Philadelphia, 1897 309 pp.

Nursing/Retirement Home Concerts



Location: Deerview Crossing
Date: April 19, 2016
Address: 460 Rymal Rd West (at Garth)
Hamilton
Tel: 289 309 7436



Location: Villa Italia
Date: May 31, 2016
Address: 530 Upper Paradise Road,
Hamilton
Tel: 905 388 4552

Event Calendar 2015-2016

Tuesday, April 19, 2016
Nursing Home Concert
Location: Deerview Crossing

Sunday, May 29, 2016
Public Concert: Antonín Dvořák PLUS!

Tuesday, May 31, 2016
Nursing Home Concert
Location: Villa Italia

Saturday or Sunday, June 11/12?
FUNDRAISER: Details to be confirmed

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