



# Dundas Valley Orchestra

## “Hi” Notes

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### President's Message

Hello DVO members:

Our 2015-16 season has come and gone. Time seems to disappear when we are all focused on making great music and having fun.

We have had a great year - Remembering Vimy, Getting a little HOT, HOT, HOT and inspiring some FOLK by entertaining at the Retirement and Nursing Homes.

Our final concert was a great success; the weather was a little warm; the audience was great.

**Laura** “Thank You!” for your leadership, patience, knowledge and humour at each rehearsal as you help us develop as musicians.

We have to congratulate our HAALSA Award winner, **Lindsey Rynders**, for her amazing solo and our Young Composer winner, **Yuang Chen**, for letting the piglet dance.

We have one final event our Annual fundraiser Strawberry Social on June 12th at St Paul's in Dundas. Hoping to see many of you there for an afternoon of fun.

As we close the season we say goodbye to **Vic Nuefeld** our Principal Cellist. We wish him well on his move to Vancouver. He will be missed.

Hoping to see you all in September to start an exciting 2016-2017 season.

**Margaret**

P.S. Over the summer, don't forget to visit our Facebook page, like it, and post to it! Keep in touch.

### Music Director's Message

Hello DVO:

Once again, congratulations on the great performances in the 2015-16 season. I think I covered most of the kudos in my email, so let me use this space in Hi-Notes to give you a look at next season. It's going to be a good one with a grand finale, happy birthday concert for Canada's Sesquicentennial.

The 2016-17 is going to feature three concerts again this year. We will start in November with “Spotlight on Dundas”. This concert will be partially supported by the Dougher Fund and will feature many aspects of the musical life of Dundas; a performance by a Dundas area high school classical guitarist and his teacher, a professional Dundas area soloist, at least three Dundas composers and at least one full band with orchestra accompaniment. It's going to be a very eclectic and interesting community-focused event – not to be missed!

The second concert (January) is centred around music from movies – both orchestra repertoire used in movies and music written specifically for film. The highlights of this concert will be Gabriel's Oboe (from The Mission) featuring **Homer Seywerd** and Schubert's Unfinished Symphony. As we have done in the past couple of years, we'll start working on the symphony in September so we have lots of time to learn it well.

The final concert will be a celebration of Canadian history and music. Flutist **Douglas Miller** will be our soloist on three Canadiana

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### **Music Director's Message** (... continued)

arrangements. We are also looking into the possibility of bringing back the "Dundas Celebration Singers" for this concert. If you know people who like to sing, keep posted for more information, then help us spread the word!

Next season will also include the 5th Annual Student Composer Competition and the 2nd Annual HAALSA student soloist awards. If all goes according to plan, these two important awards will be featured on different concerts (January and May).

We will be working on getting music ready for you for September. Meanwhile, start listening to Schubert's Unfinished while you enjoy the summer.

I wish you all the best summer for you and your family – traveling, visiting the cottage, summers activities or relaxing. Enjoy!

See you at the Strawberry Social and/or in September,

**Laura**

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*Thank  
You!*

To our Music Director:  
Laura Thomas



The entire orchestra wants to thank you, Laura, for the wonderful leadership you have given them during this, and previous, seasons. Your sense of humour, your thorough understanding of music and the needs of the players are admired by all. You have encouraged every one of us to higher levels of achievement and the results of your work are seen in what we produce for our audiences. We are all looking forward to next year's programs.

**DVO 40th Anniversary coming up!**

**Planning has started to celebrate our 40th Anniversary!**

The DVO was founded in 1978 and our Board has decided that we shall make our 2018-2019 our year of celebration. Something historical will be featured at every concert during that season.

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## Images of our May 29, 2016 concert



LEFT: **Lindsey Rynders**, 2016 HAALSA Young Musician Award winner performing Cui's "Orientale" on her oboe.

BELOW: Family photo taken at the May 2016 concert.



LEFT: **Lindsey Rynders**, 2016 HAALSA Young Musician Award winner with **Yuang Chen**, winner of the Hamilton Rotary Club AM Young Composer Award winner for his composition "Le porcelet de valse."

RIGHT: The Brass section of the orchestra playing DVO member **Leen Tuk's** arrangement of "Shenandoah."





## More photos of May concert



ABOVE:

Hamilton Association for the Advancement of Literature, Science and Art Board member, **Peter Banting**, presents **Lindsey Rynders** with her Award. She is the first winner of this new award.



ABOVE:

**Cameron Nolan** of the Rotary Club of Hamilton A M presenting **Yuang Chen** with his Young Composer Award as MC **Peter Hill** looks on.

## Anecdotes of Great Musicians

### 218 Beethoven's Gratitude

In spite of his occasional petulance of temper, Beethoven had a warm heart for those in distress; and, moreover, he seldom forgot any one who had rendered him a good service, although at times he did impute selfish motives to his friends when they advised him for what they considered his own good. When his mother lay ill at his old home in Bonn, he hurried to her from Vienna, but arrived in time only to witness her death. After the funeral he found himself reduced to the verge of starvation. Had it not been for the violinist, Ries, who advanced him some funds, he would have suffered the pangs of hunger.

Many years afterward, the son of this violinist came to Beethoven for musical instruction and presented a note of introduction from his father. The great composer gave him a warm reception, a thing many aspirants for his introduction did not receive; and besides having his request that Beethoven should oversee his musical education granted, he was given this message to his old father in Bonn: "Tell your father I have not forgotten the death of my mother."

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

## On our Facebook page!

So you haven't visited our Facebook page yet! **Stan Alama** who looks after our Facebook page has imported a lot of interesting performances, quizzes, and other materials for our enjoyment. Tell him how much you enjoy his posts.

When you visit, be sure to "like" the page too.

# DVO - Rehearsal and Special Dates

## 2015-2016 and 2016 - 2017 Season

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

### 2016

#### June

12 **Strawberry Social Fundraiser**  
at St. Paul's United Church, Dundas

#### Summer holidays!

#### September

6 Rehearsal  
13 Rehearsal and Board meeting  
20 Rehearsal and Membership Meeting  
27 Rehearsal

#### October

4 Rehearsal  
11 Rehearsal and Board meeting  
18 Rehearsal  
25 Rehearsal

#### November

1 Rehearsal  
6 "Spotlight on Dundas" concert  
8 Rehearsal and Board meeting  
15 Rehearsal 22 Rehearsal  
29 Rehearsal

#### December

6 Rehearsal  
13 Rehearsal and Board meeting

### Event Calendar 2016-2017

**Sunday, November 6, 2016**  
Spotlight on Dundas concert

**Sunday, January 29, 2017**  
Movie Classics concert

**Sunday, May 28, 2016**  
Happy Sesquicentennial Canada!

### 2017

#### January

3 Rehearsal  
10 Rehearsal and Board meeting  
17 Rehearsal  
24 Rehearsal  
29 "Movie Classics" concert

#### February

#### March

#### April

**May** 28 "Happy Sesquicentennial Canada!"  
concert

#### NOTE TO PLAYERS:

The dates on this page 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.

### DVO Board of Directors 2015-2016

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