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Scarborough choir joins Youth Orchestra for ‘Home For The Holidays’ concert, Dec 4

La Jeunesse Youth Orchestra welcomes St. Cecilia Youth Choir of Scarborough for ‘Home For The Holidays’, a seasonal celebration of symphony and song. The concert takes place at Port Hope United Church, Sunday December 4, 3 pm.

St. Cecilia Youth Choir combines 72 student voices from three different Catholic elementary schools. The three schools, Cardinal Leger, St. Martin de Porres, and St. Ursula, are a family of schools from the Toronto Catholic District School Board. Cobourg resident Maureen Murphy, itinerant vocal music teacher assigned to each school, is the choral director.

St. Cecilia Youth Choir originated from separate choirs representing each individual school. Eventually they blended into one choir combining their talents into a “Performance Choir” from the Scarborough area.

The students, who range in age from 8 to 13 years, have demonstrated a tremendous work ethic and a commitment to performance. They have been mastering choral skills and repertoire with eager anticipation of the opportunity to perform with a full symphony orchestra.

Now in its thirteenth season, Port Hope-based LJYO continues to grow, with a current membership of 38. The Orchestra typically draws members from as far as Oshawa, Lakefield and Grafton. Several of its members have performed with the Toronto Symphony Youth Orchestra or the National Youth Orchestra, and alumni have gone into university music programs across the country.

The Orchestra is led by Music Director Michael Lyons and Director of Strings Laurie Mitchell, assisted by six adult coaches who play in the various sections.

The December concert repertoire includes Variations on a Korean Folk Song, Bells of Christmas, and a medley of classics titled “Christmas at the Movies.”

LJYO will be joined by the Choir for South African folk tune Siyahamba, the Leroy Anderson medley Christmas Festival, and Breath of Heaven (Mary’s Song).

Tickets for ‘Home For The Holidays’ are \$20 adult, \$15 student, and \$50 family.

Tickets are available at 1-866-460-LJYO (5596), at the Capitol Theatre in Port Hope, at the door on concert day, and online at www.ljyo.ca.