



# La Jeunesse Youth Orchestra



Fall Newsletter - 2017

*Music is the movement of sound to reach the soul for the education of its virtue ~ Plato*

## President's Report



Hello LJYO Families,  
Welcome to our 19th season. The beginning of anything is always filled with excitement and nerves. I am excited to meet our new members and hope that their experience will take them on a rewarding musical journey as well as a year full of new friends and accomplishments. I'm sure our new members are somewhat nervous about orchestra expectations and the new group of musicians whom they will work with to create an incredible musical product. I am more than confident that our returning members will do all they can to encourage our new players and make them feel more than welcome.

It is once again my honour to serve as the LJYO President. As always, we are well represented by our capable and hardworking Board members along with supportive parents and their many talents. I would like to welcome Ms Alison Loyst to the Board this year. Alison is also our librarian and can often use assistance in this area. The LJYO librarian position is predominantly an organizing job and Alison



is responsible for photocopying the sheet music for members. If you are willing and available, please let Alison know.

We sadly say good-bye to Ellen Woodward who has been the Orchestra manager for the past several years. Ellen has worked tirelessly at this position which is multi-faceted. The logistical aspects of this job are ten-fold and Ellen could handle the many intricacies, twist and turns at concert time and throughout the week to week activities of our organization. Please join me in a standing ovation to Ellen and her hard work. You will be missed.

While we are sad to lose Ellen, I am pleased and excited to welcome Ms. Tiffani Dakers into the role of Orchestra Manager for the upcoming season. Tiffani is no stranger to LJYO as she has been a member, alumnus and coach over the years. She comes with a wealth of experience including her current portfolio of studies regarding Musical Production. Tiffani will be the front line welcoming committee on Saturday mornings and Tuesday evenings and we are pleased to have her in her new role.

I certainly must thank our ever faithful and talented musical leaders Michael Lyons and Laurie Mitchell. This year we are

also pleased to welcome back John Kraus as our brass sectional leader. Together, with our host of adult coaches, these dedicated individuals work extremely hard to instruct, guide and encourage our members to continually perform to the best of their ability. Their love of music and contributions are so important and I thank them for their continued support of LJYO.

We are off and running and the 2017/18 season awaits. Thanks for being part of our family.

Cheers to all  
Jackie Nicholls  
President

## Fall Update

September 2017 marked the beginning of our 19th season, and we made sure to begin it in style! Our LJYO Family is thriving, with the welcome addition of several new members in September, and more joining throughout the fall and into the new year. While the age of the Orchestra is younger, it is such a fertile ground for musical learning and experience we are delighted with its composition. Welcome to all new members, we are thrilled to have you as a

part of our family!

Our first concert of the 19th season will take place on December 3rd, 2017, which we always call "Home For The Holidays". The program will again be varied and entertaining. We can not say enough about our partnership with Port Hope United Church and express how privileged we are to fill this incredible venue with the sounds of the season. We once again partner with the Cambridge Street United Church Choir of Lindsay. It's always a wonderful change with Voice in addition to our Orchestra. This year we will try again a 50/50 draw. It was a great success last year, and we would like to thank all those who contributed to this endeavour.

## Upcoming Events

### *In The Spotlight*

Sunday February 25th, 2018.

Our second concert of the season is a glamorous presentation of individual achievement. Each fall, LJYO members are provided the opportunity to audition for one of these coveted solo performance opportunities, and we are always amazed by the talent and calibre of our musicians. Returning this year are the area's youngest string players, from the private studios of LJYO Director of Strings Laurie Mitchell, and Northumberland resident private music instructor Debra Henderson. We look forward to welcoming these students every year, as for many it is their first opportunity to perform in a large orchestra setting.

### *TSO Excursion*

Several times a season, we try to provide educational and social experiences for the members of LJYO and their chaperones. A favourite day trip in recent years has been attending a TSO rehearsal. In April, 2018, LJYO members will catch an early morning bus to Roy Thomson Hall in Toronto to watch the TSO rehearse. At the end of the rehearsal, members will have the opportunity to speak with a TSO musician and ask questions.

## *Soup & Symphony Fundraising Event*

Winter weather has often wreaked havoc on this event, and so the board, in collaboration with the organizing committee, decided to move this event to a warmer month which lends itself to more favourable weather conditions. This year's date is Saturday April 7th, 2018, 11am, at Calvary Pentecostal Church in Port Hope. At this event we open our rehearsal doors to the public, where they can taste a variety of delectable soups donated by local businesses and bid on an array of donated items in a Silent Auction format, all the while enjoying the sounds of the orchestra in the background. As always, we have some big ticket items up for grabs - and this year is no exception. Follow us on Facebook for further item updates as we get closer to the event. Admission to this event is \$20, with tickets available at the In The Spotlight concert, on our website at [www.ljyo.com](http://www.ljyo.com), and at the door.

### *Sonic Bloom*

This day is always bitter-sweet in that it is our final presentation of year. Sunday, May 6, 2018 marks that day. Yet, it is a chance to show the growth and musical talent of our members and celebrate our hard work one last time. We also say good-bye to some of our graduating members who will be going off to university and other paths as they embark on alternative life journeys. Please come out and celebrate with us.



## *Coaches' Compass*



Frank Gallimore is proud to support the LJYO as a coach.

As a camper, Frank first met Michael Lyons at the International Music Camp in the summer of 1981. That was Michael's first year on faculty at the camp.

In 1982 Frank played with the Band of the Ceremonial Guard in Ottawa - marching the Changing of the Guard onto Parliament Hill every day for the summer.

Settling in Port Hope at the age of 26, Frank joined the Concert Band of Cobourg where he is the Concertmaster and first chair clarinet.

Frank can be found playing clarinet and saxophone--all the single reeds--with musical performance and theatre groups from Brighton to Toronto.