

LA JEUNESSE YOUTH ORCHESTRA
PRESENTS:

HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS

PORT HOPE UNITED CHURCH

DECEMBER 7, 2024 AT 2PM



Michael Lyons Music Education Scholarship

La Jeunesse Youth Orchestra Inc. is pleased to be able to offer a music education scholarship to LJYO graduating members who have participated for more than two seasons in the orchestra and who are planning to continue music education at a post-secondary level.

This scholarship is named after the retired founder of La Jeunesse Youth Orchestra Inc., Michael Lyons. Michael started the orchestra in 1999 to provide an opportunity for musicians to pursue their passion and to be able to play as a group in an orchestral setting on instruments such as brass, winds, strings, and percussion. Since its inception, many young musicians have passed through this program and have excelled in music at a professional level.



The scholarship application form can be found on our website at: www.ljyo.ca

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Message from the President

Welcome to Our 26th Annual "Home for the Holidays" Concert:

Thank you for joining us, whether in person or virtually, for this special celebration at our new home, Port Hope United Church. It feels wonderful to be back rehearsing here, a place that holds vivid memories for so many of us.

Today, we present the first concert of our season under the baton of our new Music Director, David Shewchuk. David, a professional musician and alumnus of the La Jeunesse Youth Orchestra, is joined by our talented Assistant Music Director, Kevin Chocorlan. We are also fortunate to have dedicated adult coaches who mentor our young musicians and enrich various sections of the orchestra. If you know a young musician who could benefit from the wonderful opportunities our orchestra provides, please reach out to our orchestra manager or connect with us through our website.

I would like to extend my gratitude to our board of directors, staff, volunteers, and Frank Gallimore for their invaluable contributions. Our success would not be possible without their unwavering support. We are always looking for additional volunteers—if you'd like to lend a hand, we'd love to hear from you.

Finally, we are moved by the generosity of our donors, sponsors, and local businesses who have supported us this season and in the past. Your support sustains our mission of providing "music for life" to the youth in our community.

Tonight's program, featuring our special guests Sounds of the Next Generation, is sure to fill you with the festive spirit as we usher in this joyous season. Sit back, relax, and enjoy the 26th annual "Home for the Holidays" concert!

Virginia Dakers, President

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LJYO is pleased to be able to offer financial assistance to a limited number of members, through two bursary awards for the current members. Funds can be used to cover LJYO membership fees, instruments rental, music lessons or other related music expenses approved LJYO.

Bill Boddington Bursary

Bill Boddington was one of LJYO's most enthusiastic supporters. After his death, the award was created by family and friends as a way to carry on his support for music and youth.

Cathie Long Music Education Bursary

An emphasis is placed on supporting French Horn players, but support will also be considered for players of double reed instruments (oboe and bassoon) as well as low stringed instruments (viola, cello and double bass). The late Cathie Long was a French Horn coach and LJYO supporter, and the award was created by her family and friends.

Application details for these awards can be found on our website

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Greetings from the Music Director

Good afternoon and welcome all!

I have the extraordinary pleasure of presenting our first concert of the year and my first concert as Music Director. What an incredible year it has been so far! These hardworking young musicians have lined up a stellar program for you this afternoon.

The theme I wish to present is that of iconic characters. In today's show we will pay tribute to characters such as Beetlejuice, The Pink Panther, The Genie from Aladdin and The Sugar Plum Fairy. Highlighting our Guest Musicians from S.O.N.G, we begin the show with Gondor, my arrangement of a Theme from Howard Shore's The Lord of the Rings. We then take a brisk step into the Symphonic Dances by Grieg, and Hungarian Dance 6 by Brahms, who's melodies inspire thoughts of Saturday morning cartoons. Topping it off, of course, with Leroy Anderson's Christmas Masterpiece featuring all of our favourite carols.

La Jeunesse has brought forth their finest efforts for you and I hope you enjoy listening to it as much as I've enjoyed rehearsing it.

David Shewchuk

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La Jeunesse Youth Orchestra

David Shewchuk, Music Director

Kevin Chocorlan, Asst. Music Director

Violin 1

Sidney Gallimore
Ardian Gragjevi **
Preston Hendriks
Amelia Lane
Simon Mazalek
Brooke Dakers *

Violin 2

Sara Barari
Rebecca Bhat
Patrick Mazalek
Molly McWade
Isabelle Mei
Gwen Osmond
Lily Wilcott

Viola

Caleb Arsenault
Era Gragjevi *
Kathy Coltof *

Cello

Heather Kodatsky
Deborah Henderson *

Bass

Zach Arsenault
Luc Arsenault *

Flute

Crystal Ding
Fiona Yu
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Oboe

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Lucas Marchand, Artistic Director; David Shewchuk, Strings Instructor;
Matthew McCreadie, Asst. Instructor

LJYO Group 2024-2025



Home for the Holidays

*"Today's concert is dedicated to our long-time benefactor,
William Murray Edwards who supported our vision and musical journey."*

Gondor	Howard Shore arrangement by David Shewchuk
Symphonic Dances #1	Edvard Grieg
Hungarian Dance #6.....	Johannes Brahms
The Young Prince and the Young Princess	Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov arrangement by C. Paul Herfurth
Friend Like Me.....	Alan Menken arrangement by David Shewchuk
The Pink Panther.....	Henry Mancini arrangement by John Cacavas
The Nutcracker - Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy	Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky
Beetlejuice.....	Danny Elfman arrangement by David Shewchuk
The Nightmare Before Christmas	Danny Elfman arrangement by David Shewchuk
Christmas Festival	Leroy Anderson

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Colleen Jenish

Music Scholarship

This scholarship will be awarded annually to an LJYO member who has exhibited a love of music through their enthusiasm, practice, achievement, and compassion towards others. Colleen Jenish was a violinist and concertmaster for La Jeunesse Youth Orchestra and this scholarship was created in her memory by her family in honour of Colleen's love for music.



Season 26 Concert Dates

December 7, 2024 – Home for the Holidays

March 1, 2025 – In the Spotlight

May 3, 2025 – Springtime with the Symphony

Auditions

May 2025

September 2025



Special Thanks to:

Reverend Kevin Moore and Port Hope United Church, St. John's Anglican Church, The Boddington family, The Long Family, Frank Gallimore, Joanne Mostert, Farnoosh Tavvakoli, Lisa McIsaac, Lucas Marchand, all LJYO coaches and parents.

Our activities would not be possible without the support of our generous donors

We invite you to join us in furthering opportunities for our members and for enhancing LJYO’s role in our community by making a financial contribution. Donations received after November 28, 2024, will be gratefully acknowledged in our March 2025 concert program.

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La Jeunesse Youth Orchestra is pleased to offer the Laurie Mitchell Music Award to an LJYO student who has demonstrated commitment to LJYO through punctuality and attendance and has demonstrated home preparation through excellence in performing LJYO repertoire for more than one season. This award is named after the retired Strings and Music Director who has earned 25 years of music education with the orchestra.

From our 26 years together, LJYO fondly remembers:

Rod Anderson - LJYO Foundation Director

Bill Boddington - scholarship donor

Patricia Crosbie - past President

Harry Davison - librarian

William Edwards - LJYO benefactor

Roger Henderson - LJYO President

Colleen Jenish - concert master

Cathie Long - French horn coach

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