

# Dundas Valley Orchestra

"Hi" Note

November 2012



# President's Message

As Laura states in her message, the concerts are upon us. This means Christmas cannot be far behind - nor can the January 20 public concert!

The Board wants to thank all those who raised our community profile by playing at the Carnegie Gallery on Novmber 3. Well done! I was there in the morning and overheard some visitors talking appreciatively.

Our Sponsorship & Advertising Committee is working hard at getting advertisers for our next program. Please help if you can.

Please see the item re: photography and respond as appropriate. A photo is a great memento of your musical talents!

Appointments can be made for either next week (Nov 20) or the week after (Nove 27).

There will be no "Hi" Note in December so I'd like to wish all of you a memorable Christmas or Hanukkah holiday. (continued on Page 3)

# **Music Director's Message**

Hello again,

It's hard to believe that we're already into November and will be doing our Retirement Home concerts in the next two weeks. It's true – time flies when you're having fun. We're making excellent progress on the current repertoire and I think the concerts are going to go very well. Thanks to all of you for listening, practicing and rehearsing so diligently.

Thanks also to everyone who is getting involved in advertising, fundraising, social and concert preparation activities. There is much to do and a place for everyone who wants to help out.

See you Tuesday – all dressed up and ready to play!

Anon,

Laura

Music Director

## **Arts Dundas Weekend**

The Carnegie Gallery was a beautiful venue to play and many thanks must go to those who "strutted their stuff" on November 3. Not only was the music appreciated by the Arts Weekend goers, so were the works of art and the artists demonstrating their talents.

DVO members present included: Ron Sealey, Margaret Jamieson, Jim Jones, Vic Neufeld

Stephanie Theuerkauf, Claire Lechner, Jenny Thomlison, Alicia Hutchings, Bettina von Kampen, Brian Snell, Homer Seywerd, Ryan Barber, Mary Anne Peters, Oliver Wesley-James, Priscilla Harding, Glenn Welbourn.

Because there were some last minute changes in who played, there may be someone left off the list. If so, please contact Peter Hill and note will be made in next month's issue. Apologies are offered.

# PHOTOS FROM THE DUNDAS ARTS WEEKEND

Thanks to **Len Jamieson** for the photos.





If you have never visited the Carnegie Gallery, do so. You might find a wonderful Christmas gift!





## President's Message (continued from page 1)

I want to thank **Morgan Levison** for looking after refreshments at rehearsals. As of January 15, 2013 she will be handing over the task to **Margaret Sherman-Bell** whom we thank for offering to contribute to the well-being of the members at rehearsal.

#### **Peter Hill**

President

# **Photographic Portraits**

You will have an opportunity to have your portrait taken with your instrument at both the November 20 and November 27 concerts.

Check your email inbox for details on how to make a firm appointment for your's.

Proceeds will go to the DVO. You will have a choice of an 8 by 10 or a 5 by 7 photo with a donation of \$15.00 - or get two for \$25.00.

It would make a great The Dundas Valley Orchestra

It's a fundraiser for the orchestra and we need to sell as many as we can. If you are new to the orchestra, this would make an interesting purchase and if you are a longer-standing member, there may be a friend

Christmas gift!

or relative who hasn't had the chance to read it yet.

To purchase a copy for \$20.00, speak to Treasurer Jim Jones.

#### Next Public Concert

Our first public concert for this season will be held at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 20, 2013.

For those members new to the orchestra, we always arrange to meet at 1 o'clock to rehearse and set up the platforms for our use. Please help if you can.

Tell your friends!

# Keep this date open!

SUNDAY June 9 2013

More news later!

### Calendar

#### November 20 2012

Carrington Place Concert 7:00 p.m. (Be there for 6:30 p.m. at the latest.)

#### November 27 2012

Macassa Lodge Concert 7:00 p.m. (Be there for 6:30 p.m. at the latest.)

#### January 20 2013

Public Concert at St. Paul's United Church, Dundas

Timing to be given in early January

#### May 12, 2013

Public Concert at St. Paul's United Church, Dundas

#### May 21, 2013

Nursing Home concert (TBA)

#### May 28, 2013

Villa Italia Concert

By the way ... Did you notice that the banner photo on the front page is now not old one taken at the concert to honour Art Vogt some years ago? Thanks to Len jamieson for providing a more current one with Laura as our Conductor.

# Nursing and Retirement Home Concerts - November 2012

Our first N. & R. H. Concert will be held at **Carrington Place** in Ancaster at 7:00 p.m. (be sure to arrive no later than 6:30 p.m.) on **Tuesday, November 20, 2012**. This will be the first time we have visited with them and Lynn Gledhill, their Activities Director, is looking forward to our visit.

The map on the right will show you its location. Specific details suited to a GPS

are: Carrington Place

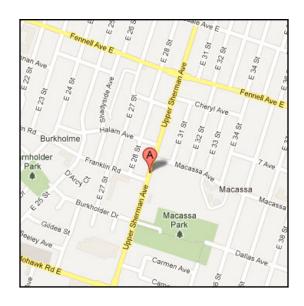
75 Dunham Drive Ancaster ON

L9G 1X7

Telephone: 905 648 0343

It is on the right as you turn on to Dunham Drive and there is parking at the rear of the building accessed by a driveway just before the building itself. You may also use convenient road parking.





Our second stop will be at **Macassa Lodge** at 7:00 p.m. on **Tuesday, November 27 2012**. We have played there every year since 2007.

The map on the left shows where it is on the Mountain and for those who are unfamiliar with its location, its address is:

#### Macassa Lodge

701 Upper Sherman Ave. Hamilton ON L8V 3M7 Telephone: 905 546 2800

Parking is available in front of the entrance.

#### NOTE:

Arrangements have also been made for **Tuesday, May 28, 2013** to visit Villa Italia on Upper Paradise Road in Hamilton. We have never played there before either but their large entrance lobby provides a fine venue for a concert. More about this in a future "Hi" Note.

# Don't forget your donation to the orchestra!

As you know the DVO is a listed Charitable organization and, as a result, your annual donations are tax deductible. If you intend to donate to the orchestra, don't forget to do it before the end of this year to get your 2012 Income Tax receipt!

#### **DVO Board of Directors**

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Music Director: Laura Thomas

### **DVO Time Machine**

Exerpt from "Players' personal memories" in "The Dundas Valley Orchestra, A Jewel in the Valley: 1978-2011"

#### Richard Wallace (violin)

Richard Wallace played with the orchestra for some twenty years. He served as President 1984 - 1986 and 1999, 2000.

At the Spring concert on April 8, 1984, we had guest soloists to perform with us. My old programs show that Ann Thomson was singing "Der Hirt auf dem Felsen" by F. Schubert. My red-headed 6 year-old son was sitting patiently and wide eyed awaiting the talents of the soloist with great anticipation - mostly because of the affinity he felt for her as she was also red-headed. But, alas, when she began her aria he clamped his hands over his ears and continued locked in that pose until the final notes.

At the end of the concert Ms Thomson approached him with a twinkle in her eye and asked him how he had enjoyed her singing. He looked at her with a somewhat distraught face and replied emphatically and with a loud voice, "I like music but I don't like opera!"

Another incident which I recall with some amusement occurred at a concert either at St. Joseph's Villa or Wentworth Lodge. We were well into the piece and at the bassoon entry, our bassoonist, Jeff Zucker, did not have his instrument ready! Realizing that the part was not going to wait for him, ever inventive Jeff sang his part ... and didn't miss a note!

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