

# North Bay Symphony Society (NBSO)

## Annual General Meeting

### November 25, 2015

## Past Season 2014-2015

### Hello to all our wonderful music lovers!

What a great season we have had!- our 38th - 2014-2015. We have continued to work diligently toward our vision of "Inspiring Community Through Music" and are deeply indebted to so many who have helped to make this past year a success:

- our dedicated staff - Thomas Jones, Music Director; Leanne Miners, Operations & Marketing Coordinator; Paul Baker, Marketing; Christian Robinson, Concert Master; Olga Rykov, Associate Concert Master & String School Teacher Jordan Wyshniowsky, String School Teacher; Nick Ross, String School teacher, Principal Second Violin & String Coordinator; Kay Heuer String School Certified Teacher; Geoff Sinclair, Librarian & Brass/Woodwind & Overall personnel Coordinator and Matthew Whitehead, Percussion Coordinator; Don Clysdale, Library/Personnel & Program Notes.
- our talented musicians: community musicians, community professional musicians and professional musicians.
- our hardworking Board: Carol Jodouin(President), Janet Zimbalatti (Past President & Artistic Chair), Rosalind Zimbalatti (Vice-President), Kay Heuer (Secretary), Rob Palangio (Treasurer), Don Redshaw (Chair of Marketing), Bonnie Roynon (Chair of Education), Judy Claus, Neal Reeve, Doug Franks, Mark Webster (Chair of Fund Development) and Matt Whitehead.
- our many wonderful volunteers for all the many & varied tasks required for our season.
- our many sponsors and advertisers.
- our supportive donors.
- and you .... our keen audience.

Season Highlights:

#### CONCERTS

We had another tremendous 5 concert season starting with:

Oct. 26 and our "Light of Day" concert featuring auditory and visual delights as we played music set to the beautiful images of our area taken by local photographers. With over 500 images submitted it was very difficult to choose but we were able to feature 25 photographers and are very grateful for the work they submitted.

Dec. 14 was our ever popular "Winter Festival" concert as we connected with our love of hockey and all things winter in or presentation of a reading of "The Hockey Sweater narrated by the author himself, Roch Carrier and set to the lovely music of Abigail Richardson-Schulte. Favourite songs of the season rounded out this inspiring night.

Mar. 1 was a highlight of bright, brass sounds as we featured "True North Brass", a world renowned Canadian brass quintet who also shared their expertise in conducting a brass workshop for local musicians.

April 12- Raums & Brahms - was a lovely concert featuring the virtuosity of Erica Raum on the violin as she played Tchaikovsky's Violin Concerto in D Major. The orchestra was pleased to perform Brahms'

romantic Symphony #4 as well as a piece composed by Elizabeth Raum "Halifax Harbour" who also played in the orchestra along with her husband Richard Raum... truly a family event!

May 10 had us featuring our first matinee concert as NBSO Went to the Movies and delighted our audience with popular and well known movies themes.

#### SYMPHONY STRING SCHOOL

The school continued in North Bay with private lessons in violin, viola, cello and guitar given by skilled teachers – Jordan Wyshniowsky, Olga Rykov, Nick Ross and Kay Heuer.

#### CHILDREN'S CONCERT

Several appearances by our Young –"String Squad" took place in local elementary schools. Children experienced seeing the skills of our very young musicians.

#### SCHOOL PROGRAMMES

For the 10th year, the Grade 4 "Instruments of the Orchestra" and Grade 5 "Rhythms in Use" programs were organized with musicians again visiting over 40 classrooms in North Bay and area. The Grade 5 program continues to be generously supported by Trans Canada and other education outreach is made possible through several generous foundations.

#### STRING RETREAT

A 4<sup>th</sup> annual chamber music string retreat at the Canadian Ecology Centre was led by Music Director Tom Jones and coached by the members of the Silver Birch String Quartet. We had the largest group to date with participants from across Ontario involved in honing their skills; performing as small ensembles and a string orchestra and listening to chamber concerts.

#### COMMUNITY "SIZZLE"

We were able to showcase our string musicians playing lighter classical and pop selections. Hearing spectators say... "They're playing Queen... that is so cool!" was great. We are also available to meet the needs of requests for private performances at weddings and special events... so give us a call!

Our musicians and Music Director, Tom Jones are ever up to the challenge of providing first class performances and are dedicated to bring you the best in musical entertainment!

For those of us who are enthusiastic about symphonic music, it is a joy to serve in this organization. We welcome you to join us in whichever capacity interests you as we are always looking for new volunteers to help us maintain NBSO as a powerful component of the North Bay and area cultural scene.

As a final note; we must recognize two very loyal and dedicated members of our Symphony family.

Paul Baker has served as our Marketing Director for many years, giving of his expertise in so many areas... Paul has relocated to Guelph and we wish him all the best in his new home. He will be missed.

... and it is with great sadness that we honour Doug Franks, educator, life-long learner, Board member and dedicated supporter of the Symphony. Doug passed away October 19 and will always remember him with deepest respect and gratitude.

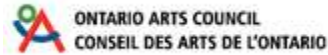
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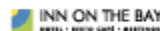
## Concert Listings for 2014-2015

1. STARS OF THE FUTURE - Oct 25, 2014, 7:30 pm
2. WINTER FESTIVAL - Dec 13, 2014, 1:00 pm – **Matinee**
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4. TERRY BARBER -Jan 16, 2015, 7:30 pm – Co-host production with the Capitol Centre; NBSO is not performing
5. VOYAGE OF THE VIOLIN - Feb 21, 2015, 7:30 pm
6. ODE TO JOY - Apr 25, 2015, 7:30 pm
7. PETER & THE WOLF - May 9, 2015, 2:30 pm – **Matinee**

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