

North Bay Symphony Society (NBSO) Annual General Meeting February 13, 2018

Past Season 2016-2017

Dear Friends of the Symphony:

The 2016-2017 season brought with it the excitement of celebrating our 40th Anniversary... 40 years of making music in North Bay and sharing our vision of inspiring community through music. Our concert season, also embodied our mission which is "to entertain, enrich and educate the community through the performance of orchestral music." This programming, once again, was diverse in nature, challenging in its execution and thrilling and delightful in its sounds. Many long and dedicated hours are given to the delivery of such a great season and many dedicated hands and hearts look forward to the next 40 years!

For 2016-2017 we thank and recognize:

- our dedicated staff: Thomas Jones, Music Director; Leanne Miners, Operations & Marketing Coordinator; Calvin Cheng, Concert Master & String School Teacher; Jordan Wyshniowsky, String School Teacher; Kay Heuer String School Teacher; Geoff Sinclair, Librarian & Orchestra Personnel Manager; Matthew Whitehead, Percussion Coordinator; Don Clysdale, Programme Notes.
- our talented musicians: community musicians, community professional musicians and professional musicians.
- our Board: Carol Jodouin(President), Janet Zimbalatti (Past President and Fund Development Chair), Sarah Anderson (Vice-President), Geoff Sinclair (Secretary and Artistic Chair), Rob Palangio (Treasurer), Bonnie Roynon (Education Chair), Rosalind Zimbalatti (String School Chair), Debbie Hudson, Thomas Brown, Dan Jarvis and Tracy Davis.
- our many great volunteers and committee members; wonderful supporters, patrons, sponsors and donors who help us make the music through their ongoing dedication.

Season Highlights:

We had a wonderful season of celebration made up of 3 regular evening concerts, 1 regular matinee concert and 1 family matinee concert.

Evening Series

Oct 22, 2016 – Our season opener, "Basso Cantabile", featured our own Music Director, Thomas Jones as double bass soloist in a concert with an Italian theme featuring works by Bottesini and Paganini as well as Mendelssohn's Italian Symphony.

Dec 10, 2016 – Our "Christmas Dreams" concert brought us again the wonderful sounds of traditional favourites and highlighted a 40 voice choir directed by our dedicated and talented Board Director, Rob Palangio. In addition, we welcomed renowned poet, novelist and screenwriter, Giles Blunt, as narrator for A Dickens Christmas Carol Suite. The concert's dream theme also allowed us to engage in community outreach as we collected pyjamas for the North Bay Regional Health Centre.

Feb 26, 2017 – In our second full concert matinee, "Symphony Storyteller", we were thrilled to once again present a world premiere piece... this time, written by talented Ontario composer, Luc Martin, to celebrate our 40th Anniversary. What a wonderful way to culminate an evening journeying through

some of history's greatest symphonic works with a look at how far we have come and a look forward to in the future at how much we can still accomplish.

Apr 22, 2017 – Mozart & Mahler"... what a way to end this anniversary season... with an incredible performance of the complex and beautiful First Symphony by Gustav Mahler, showcasing just how far we have come as an orchestra. This concert also featured a long-time performer with NBSO, French horn principal Gilles Thibodeau as soloist for Mozart's Third Horn Concerto.

Family Matinee

December 10, 2016 Matinee – Once again this slightly shorter concert "Family Christmas Dreams" was similar in format to the evening performance but was geared to children and young families and featured our community choir as well as our talented young string students playing traditional Christmas carols with the NBSO and of course, a special visit again by Santa Claus.

SYMPHONY STRING SCHOOL

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

NBS YOUTH ORCHESTRA

The Youth Orchestra continues to grow strongly and delighting people with some incredibly great concerts.

SCHOOL PROGRAMMES

For the 13th year, our outreach into the schools included some of our new classroom programs as well as our cornerstone Grade 4 "Instruments of the Orchestra" and Grade 5 "Rhythms in Use" programs.

In the COMMUNITY

We continue to be available to meet the needs of requests for private performances at weddings and special events... so give us a call!

We would not be able to function as a strong, dynamic cultural force within the community without our volunteers. So please consider joining us: info@northbaysymphony.org 705-494-7744
.... And liking us on Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn.

Concert Listings for 2017-2018

Main Series:

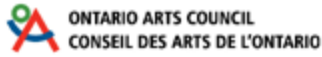
- 1. RISING STARS - Oct 21, 2017, 7:30 pm**
- 2. CHRISTMAS CARAVAN – Dec 9, 2017, 7:30 pm**
- 3. COMING TOGETHER – Matinee Feb 25, 2018, 2:30 pm**
- 4. THE PLANETS – Apr 14, 2018, 7:30 pm**

Chamber Series:

- 1. BEETHOVEN SEPTET – Nov 25, 2017, 2:30 pm**
- 2. BEETHOVEN QUARTET – May 26, 2018, 2:30 pm**

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