

North Bay Symphony Society (NBSO) Annual General Meeting December 12, 2018

Past Season 2017-2018

Dear Friends of the Symphony:

We have once again had a wonderful past season – our 41st – 2017-2018 and have worked consistently and strongly in fulfilling our goals and objectives which are clearly set out in our Strategic Plan. We are ever mindful of our vision of “Inspiring Community Through Music” and programming is always carefully undertaken and carried out with this in mind. So too, we have a very hard working group of Directors, staff and musicians who all play an important role in helping the Symphony maintain its viability as well as the lead in artistic excellence it plays in the community.

For our 2017-2018 season, 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 volunteer 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 and Dan Jarvis
- our many wonderful volunteers and committee members
- our many wonderful supporters, patrons and donors
- our great donors and advertisers
- and our enthusiastic audiences
- ... all who help us make the music through their ongoing dedication.

Season Highlights:

We had a tremendous season of music made up of 3 regular evening concerts, 1 regular matinee concert and 2 Chamber matinee concerts.

Main Concert Series

Oct 21, 2017 – Our season opener, “Rising Stars”, once again brought back our Young Performers Competition and featured Jamie Gooch, soprano singing “Bester Jungling” from Der Schauspieldirektor by Mozart and Michael Denomme on trumpet, performing the first movement from Trumpet Concerto in E-flat by Johann Nepomuk Hummel. Along with our performing winners, we also featured local children’s artistic talents inspired by the music of John Burge’s “The Canadian Shield”.

Dec 9, 2017 – Our “Christmas Caravan” concert brought back to the stage the very popular “Sultans of String” as they took us on a musical trip around the world featuring beautiful new holiday selections as well as our all-time favourites. We continued in our community outreach by again collecting pyjamas for patients in need at the North Bay Regional Health Centre.

Feb 25, 2017 – We continued with our full concert matinee, and were thrilled to feature our advanced string school students performing Jeffrey Ryan’s “And the Children Shall Lead” composed to celebrate the year 2000 in Canada. The second highlight of this concert was a performance of Beethoven’s F-major Romance for Violin by our Concertmaster and String School instructor Calvin Cheng.

Apr 14, 2018 – This last concert, “The Planets” was all about musical space travel and featured the “Star Wars Suite” by John Williams, Canadian composer Allan Crossman’s “Earth March”, the 2001 Space Odyssey theme “also sprach Zarathustra” by Richard Strauss and Gustav Holst’s challenging work, “The Planets”. It also included a wonderful partnership with the North Bay Astronomy Club as it highlighted photos supplied by them to compliment the music.

Chamber Music Series

Our first Chamber Music Series took place in the afternoon at the smaller and more intimate setting of St. Andrews United Church and was well attended. Both concerts were made even more special by the world premiere of two pieces written by local talent.

November 25, 2017 – Beethoven Septet – Showcased our wind section and included a world premiere performance of “Time”, a composition by our Concertmaster, Calvin Cheng. Featured pieces included selections from Brahms’ Clarinet Quintet in B-minor, Aho’s Quintet for Bassoon and String Quartet and Beethoven’s Septet in E-flat Major.

May 26, 2018 – Beethoven Quartet – Brought our strings back to centre stage performing Shostakovich’s String Quartet No. 8 in C-minor and Beethoven’s String Quartet No. 14 in C-sharp minor. It also featured a world premiere piece “Night Sky” by NBSO oboist Patricia Morehead.

Other Activities:

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 has developed a solid core of young musicians and continues to grow strongly and delight people with some truly superb concerts.

SCHOOL PROGRAMMES

For the 14th year, our outreach into the schools included a revised curriculum for Grades 1-6 and grew in popularity and demand as we accessed more and more classrooms.

In the COMMUNITY

We continue to be available to meet the needs of requests for private performances at weddings and special events. Please call the Symphony number at 705 494-7744!

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 2018-2019

Main Series:

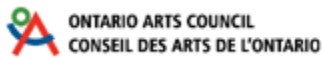
1. STAGE AND SONG - Oct 20, 2018, 7:30 pm
2. HOW THE GRINCH STOLE CHRISTMAS - Dec 8, 2018, 7:30 pm
3. PRESTO MAMBO - Matinee Feb 24, 2019, 2:30 pm
4. SYMPHONIE FANTASTIQUE - Apr 14, 2019, 7:30 pm

Chamber Series:

1. SCHUBERT TROUT QUINTET - Nov 17, 2018, 2:30 pm
2. QUARTET FOR THE END OF TIME - May 12, 2019, 2:30 pm

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