

**North Bay Symphony Society (NBSO)**  
**Annual General Meeting**  
**December 14, 2016**

**Past Season 2015-2016**

**Dear Friends of the Symphony:**

This has been a very busy year for us! As we closed off our 39<sup>th</sup> season – 2015-2016, we were able to celebrate many successes but also faced some challenges. Our concert season, once again, provided our community with a variety of concerts, all exemplifying our commitment to bring the best in symphonic performances to our audiences. This, of course, is due to the dedicated efforts of everyone involved in making the North Bay Symphony as success.

For 2015-2016 we thank and recognize:

- our great staff: Thomas Jones, Music Director; Leanne Miners, Operations & Marketing Coordinator; Christian Robinson, Concert Master; Olga Rykov, Associate Concert Master & String School Teacher; Jordan Wyshniowsky, String School Teacher; Kay Heuer String School Certified Teacher; Geoff Sinclair, Librarian & Brass/Woodwind & Overall Personnel Coordinator and Matthew Whitehead, Percussion Coordinator; Don Clysdale, Programme Notes.
- our gifted musicians: community musicians, community professional musicians and professional musicians.
- our Board: Carol Jodouin(President), Janet Zimbalatti (Past President), Rosalind Zimbalatti (Vice-President), Geoff Sinclair (Secretary and Artistic Chair), Sarah Anderson (Treasurer), Rob Palangio (Co-treasurer), Bonnie Roynon (Chair of Education), Jeff Campsall, Debbie Hudson, Thomas Brown, Dan Jarvis and Tracy Davis
- our many great volunteers; wonderful supporters, patrons, sponsors and donors without whom we would not be viable.

**Season Highlights:**

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

**Evening Series**

Oct. 17, 2015 – We opened our season with a fantastic and energetic concert “Symphony of World Music” with our guest artists The Sultans of String, Canada’s ambassadors of musical diversity. Our audience was thrilled by their energy and passion.

Dec. 12, 2015 - Our tribute to the season “A Sparkling Season” featured a narration of the timeless story “’Twas the Night Before Christmas” narrated local radio host, Mike Monaghan and brought to musical life by the NBSO performing a special score to highlight the text.

Feb. 21, 2016 – We presented our first full concert matinee to address the needs of many of our patrons finding it difficult to navigate the really cold, dark winter evenings and the title “Inspirations” truly said it all as we were captivated by visual artist, Holly Carr, who created an amazing piece of artwork as the Symphony performed Elgar’s “Enigma Variations.” This beautiful artwork is now residing in its permanent home at the North Bay Regional Health Centre where it will continue to inspire all who view it.

April 23, 2016- Our final evening concert, "Last Night of the Proms" was modelled after the popular Proms concerts at London's Royal Albert Hall and featured the wonderful virtuosity of violinist, Julia Glenn as our guest artist.

### **Family Matinee Series**

December 12, 2015 Matinee – Similar in format to the evening performance, this "Family Christmas" concert also featured the narration of the story "'Twas the Night before Christmas" but was geared to children and young families but in timing and traditional Christmas carols and of course, a special visit again by Santa Claus.

May 14, 2016 Matinee – We ended our season with a toe-tapping celebration of Celtic music, "Whistle a Celtic Tune" and featuring the wonderful artistry of Daev Clysdale on the penny whistle. We were also privileged to hear the world premiere of a composition by Daev entitled, *New Irish Music for Tin Whistle and Orchestra*.

### **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, and Kay Heuer.

### **NBS YOUTH ORCHESTRA**

The Youth Orchestra has developed exceptionally well and has been successful in increasing the number of very talented youth in the area. Many members of the Youth Orchestra were also able to join the regular orchestra onstage at Christmas much to the delight of our audience.

### **CHILDREN'S CONCERT**

Our community was again treated to several appearances by our Youth as the "String Squad" performed in various public venues across the city.

### **SCHOOL PROGRAMMES**

For the 12th year, the Grade 4 "Instruments of the Orchestra" and Grade 5 "Rhythms in Use" programs were delivered to classrooms in North Bay and area. Piloting of our new Gr. 1-6 program also began in the spring.

### **STRING RETREAT**

A 7<sup>th</sup> annual chamber music string retreat at the Canadian Ecology Centre was led and coached by the members of the Silver Birch String Quartet once again. This was particularly meaningful as it was the last retreat most likely in this format with the movement to Calgary Symphony of one of the principal players in the quartet, Christian Robinson, who also was our Concertmaster. We wish Christian and his family all the best and thank him for his wonderful years of dedication and outstanding musicianship with us.

### **COMMUNITY "SIZZLE"**

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](mailto:info@northbaysymphony.org) 705-494-7744 .... and liking us on Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn

## Concert Listings for 2016-2017

1. BASSO CANTABILE – Oct 22, 2016, 7:30 pm
2. FAMILY CHRISTMAS DREAMS – Dec 10, 2016, 1:00 pm – **Family Matinee**
3. CHRISTMAS DREAMS – Dec 10, 2016, 7:30 pm
4. SYMPHONY STORYTELLER – Feb 26, 2017, 2:30 pm – **Full Concert Matinee**
5. MOZART & MAHLER – Apr 22, 2017, 7:30 pm

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