

LA JEUNESSE YOUTH ORCHESTRA Music For Life!

> Saturday, March 5, 2022 2:00 pm Port Hope United Church

In the Spotlight

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Violin I Parsa Barari Sidney Gallimore ** Maya Gardzinski Luke Gardzinski Sophie Goodfellow Era Gragjevi Daniel Hughes Joshua Mostert Olivia Mullings Katie Simser Kristen Woodward

Violin II Caleb Arsenault Chelsea Collins Connor Demrovsky Kateri Gardzinski *** Kathleen Goodfellow Preston Hendriks Eva Jung Amelia Lane Madison Lepage Isabelle Mei Ireland Moore Sam Ninan Viola Ignatius Gardzinski Ardian Gragjevi *Saskia Tomkins

Cello Jacob Gardzinski Benedict Hughes *Jon Lepage *Maggie Loyst

Bass * Luc Arsenault Zach Arsenault *Jake Loyst

Flute Rylee Smith *Ray Moore Emily Yourt

Clarinet/Bass Clarinet

*Tom Box *Mark Vining Trumpet/Piano *Jeff Mitchell

Trombone *Cameron Dakers Molly Steeves

French Horn *Lorne Horwood

Percussion Kevin Chocorlan Kathleen Goodfellow

Librarians Kathy Coltof Peter Gardzinski Anna Hughes Stephen Hughes

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** Concertmaster

* Adult coach

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GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Thank you for joining us today to help us celebrate music for life, be it live or virtual. Last season, the orchestra performed without an audience, so today we are very pleased to have a live audience for our concert as well as a virtual audience. Our performance today is the culmination of a lengthy process which involves the soloists, their teachers, and our music directors. A big thank you to Laurie, Kevin, and the coaches who have dedicated their time to mentoring our young musicians.

I am very proud to be part of this wonderful organization and it never ceases to amaze me what these young musicians can do. Preparing for this concert took a team and I am so grateful to the Board of Directors, Orchestra manager, Communication liaison, staff, our livestream crew, and parent volunteers who worked tirelessly to make this day a success.

If you know of a young musician who would benefit from the experience of playing with the orchestra, please contact the orchestra manager, or visit our website and leave us a note.

The ongoing operation of La Jeunesse Youth Orchestra has been quite challenging for the last two years and we couldn't have continued without the financial help from our sponsors, donors, and businesses. We are moved by the generosity in this community. So, thank you and enjoy our 23rd annual In the Spotlight concert from historical Port Hope United Church.

Virginia Dakers, President

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Virginia Dakers (Pres.), Ruth Goodfellow, Andrea Lapthorne, Lisa McIsaac (Sec.), Jeff Mitchell, Kristen Moras (Vice-Pres.), Arnold Mostert, Dorothy Tse, Judi Wyatt (Treas.)



Luke Gardzinski enjoys music, playing sports, reading books, and playing chess. In addition to playing the violin, Luke plays the trumpet and piano. Luke recently finished his Grade 9 piano exam and is excited to perform a powerful concerto by prolific 20th century composer Dimitri Kabalevsky.





Jacob Gardzinski is Luke's younger brother and is in his second year with LJYO. He is an Air Cadet and plays the trumpet in the Air Cadet band. Jacob enjoys computer games, reading, building, and designing projects. His solo piece is very fast and energetic, showcasing the compelling tones of the cello.

Sophie Goodfellow is returning as a soloist this year, and this is her fourth year in the orchestra. She has been studying violin with Laurie Mitchell for over 10 years and attends Holy Trinity Catholic School. Sophie states she has a wonderful time at rehearsals and has made many friends through the orchestra. She has selected a romantic piece by Edward Elgar, focusing in practice on lightening her fingers on the strings and using vibrato for expression.





Ardian Gragjevi started out playing violin but switched to the viola two years ago. He attends All Saints Catholic Secondary School and has been playing in LJYO for 4 years. Ardian enjoys playing with his pet rabbit when not practicing LJYO repertoire, practicing piano, doing homework, or playing in Music4Life orchestra. Ardian was so eager to play this piece that he transcribed it himself for the orchestra, adding that he chose it because it is fast and virtuosic but with a lighthearted feel.

Era Gragjevi attends All Saints Catholic School with a pathway in the Arts and Media Program for Instrumental Music. She has been taking violin lessons with Laurie Mitchell for 7 years. This is Era's fourth year in the orchestra, and she enjoys the challenge of playing music in a group and working together with the other players. She will be playing a concerto from the 18th century classical period and describes that she selected it because of the variety of melodies, from fast and frantic to slow and sweet.





Daniel Hughes attends school at the Virtual Learning Centre and has been playing the violin for 10 years. This is his first season playing with La Jeunesse Youth Orchestra. Before joining LJYO Daniel sang in the Bach Children's Chorus, and enjoys hockey and woodworking. He will be performing the haunting theme from the movie "Schindler's List" written by John Williams, joined in duet by his brother **Benedict** on cello.

Rylee Smith has been in LIYO for four years, attends Port Hope High School, and studies flute with George Lee. She enjoys playing rugby, boxing, hunting, and fishing. Rylee will be performing Tico Tico, a light-hearted toe-tapping piece by Brazilian composer Zequinha de Abreu and arranged by LIYO coach Mark Vining.





Kristen Woodward attends CR Gummow Elementary School and has been playing violin since the age of 4. This is her second year playing in LJYO, joining LJYO's In the Spotlight concert in previous years as a member of the junior strings. She states that she loves the contrast between the fast sections of her piece and the slow dramatic sections. Czardas is based on a Hungarian folk song and written by Italian composer Vittorio Monti in 1904.

La Jeunesse Youth Orchestra presents

In the Spotlight

"Carillon" from L'Arlesienne Suite No.1Georges Bizet
Violin Concerto in G MajorJoseph Haydn arr. Mark Vining
Soloist: Era Gragjevi
Hungarian Dance No. 1 trans. Ardian Gragjevi
Soloist: Ardian Gragjevi
Violin Concerto in C MajorDimitri Kabalevsky Soloist: Luke Gardzinski
Salut D'AmourEdward Elgar trans. Kevin Chocorlan
Soloist: Sophie Goodfellow
Cello Concerto No. 4, Op. 65, Final MvmtGeorg Goltermann Soloist: Jacob Gardzinski
Czardas
Theme from "Schindler's List"arr. Longfield/Vining/Barlowe
Soloist: Daniel Hughes, Duet: Benedict Hughes
Tico TicoZequinha de Abreu arr. Mark Vining
Soloist: Rylee Smith

Please note video recording and flash photography are not permitted during the concert.

GREETINGS FROM THE MUSIC DIRECTOR

Welcome!

Today we celebrate the accomplishments of our orchestra and put the spotlight on eight of our members who successfully auditioned to perform as soloists. "In the Spotlight' has become a tradition for LJYO and each year it is exciting to see what our students select to perform and who steps forward for this wonderful, yet daunting opportunity. This year, we have two concertos, several romantic-era concert pieces, a piece written originally for a movie, and a big band hit. Quite a wide variety, so a big learning curve for our young orchestra but also, a lot of fun!

Our preparation period was affected drastically by the pandemic. We couldn't gather to rehearse until late January and following that, we had some students participate virtually due to Covid exposures. I want to thank our coaches for waiting for us to resume and for being there to continue once we could. The presence of coaches makes a huge difference during rehearsals--they inspire our members through their genuine love of playing.

Another group that I must thank is our truly awesome Covid team. They keep us safe. This is our second pandemic year, but we haven't stopped making music and we have stayed safe.

Whether you are watching in Port Hope United Church, or you are at home, I know that you will enjoy the selections today, and I thank you for joining us.

Laurie Mitchell



GREETINGS FROM THE ASSISTANT MUSIC DIRECTOR

I have always looked forward to the LJYO *In the Spotlight* concerts as a parent and now as the Assistant Music Director. These concerts allow orchestra members to step up and take on the added responsibility of leading the orchestra in a solo piece, a piece that they have spent countless hours working on individually.

I love the fact that the soloists are supported by their friends in the orchestra, who are working as hard as they can to help the soloists shine. This support includes spontaneous applause for the soloists in rehearsal and, of course, hours of practice on their own parts so that every soloist feels as comfortable as they can in this incredibly intense and demanding performance.

I hope you enjoy the fruits of the soloists' and orchestra's labours!

Kevin Chocorlan





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BILL BODDINGTON BURSARY

Bill Boddington was one of LIYO's most enthusiastic supporters. After his death, the award was created by family and friends as a way to carry on his support for music and youth.

CATHIE LONG MUSIC EDUCATION BURSARY

An emphasis is placed on supporting French Horn players, but support will also be considered for players of double reed instruments (oboe and bassoon) as well as low stringed instruments (viola, cello, and double bass). The late Cathie Long was a French Horn coach and LIYO supporter, and this award was created by her family and friends.

Application details for these awards can be found on our website at <u>www.ljyo.ca</u>









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