

LA JEUNESSE YOUTH ORCHESTRA



“Music
For
Life”

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

I'm pleased to welcome you to our 27th season of making music in Northumberland County - and beyond - with La Jeunesse Youth Orchestra. This is my first year as President, but I have been involved with LJYO since 2019, and if you have watched one of our livestreams in the last few years, that's me running the cameras.

LJYO makes a difference in the lives of our musicians, as they develop their skills and their confidence. They attend different schools in different towns and come together at Port Hope United Church every Saturday to work together to polish their performance. They watch David intently, laugh at Kevin's jokes, and learn tips from our experienced coaches. And every week, the music grows. But we cannot have a concert without an audience, so I urge you to buy a ticket for our December presentation and see for yourself!

A special thank-you goes out to our donors and sponsors - your support means LJYO can keep membership fees down even as the prices of everything seems to be going up. If you haven't made a donation to us this year, I ask that you consider mailing us a cheque or visiting our brand-new website www.ljyo.ca to make an online donation. Finally, I'd like to thank the board of directors and parents, who work behind the scenes doing everything from moving chairs and musical instruments to designing our website.

Lisa McIsaac, President



"Muppets and Mozart" December 6th@ 2pm tickets can be purchased by clicking [here](#)



JOIN THE ORCHESTRA

Auditions:

Auditions are held throughout the season. Interested musicians are welcome to sit in on a rehearsal!

Auditions will take place on Zoom or in person and will be 15 minutes long

**Contact Frank Gallimore
manager@ljyo.ca or 905-373-8994
to book your audition or visit**

GREETINGS FROM THE MUSIC DIRECTOR

Hello everyone,

Our first concert of the season is just around the corner, and it is shaping up to be an incredible start to the year. We are excited to welcome choirs from SONG, who will be joining us for three of our pieces: “Scrooge,” “One More Sleep ‘Til Christmas,” and “It Feels Like Christmas,” all from the beloved holiday classic *The Muppet Christmas Carol*. This collaboration promises to be a lot of fun and will likely bring some new faces to our audience.

Our “In the Spotlight” soloists for this concert are Simon and Patrick Mazalek, who will perform Vivaldi’s *Concerto in A Minor for Two Violins*. The program will also include “Venus” from Gustav Holst’s *The Planets*, Mozart’s “Dies Irae” from his *Requiem*, and the first movement from his *Symphony No. 38*. We’ll close the concert with two Leroy Anderson favourites—“Sleigh Ride” and “A Christmas Festival”—to ensure the afternoon ends on a joyful note, with everyone leaving the hall humming their favourite Christmas melodies.

As we prepare for this exciting performance, our musicians continue to work hard behind the scenes. On Saturday, November 15, we’ll hold a special strings-only session, allowing our string players to focus on some of the trickier passages without keeping the other sections waiting. Rehearsals have been going wonderfully, and we can’t wait to share this music with you as we celebrate the start of another vibrant season together.

-Dave Shewchuk



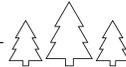
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‘MUPPETS AND MOZART’ CONCERT](#)



Coach Bio: Introducing Candace and Mark

Mark has been playing brass instruments for over 40 years. He grew up in a family where learning music and playing in bands was encouraged. He started playing euphonium and trombone in school and then later tuba. He has played in a number of groups doing concerts, parades, dances and shows. He has been a member of the Clarington Concert Band since it was formed in 1992. He is also a member of the Swing Street Big Band. Mark was with the Royal Canadian Sea Cadets in Bowmanville for 30 years where he spent some time as the Band Officer teaching music to the cadets. Mark joined LJYO this season and is looking forward to being a low brass coach.

Candace is thrilled to be the trumpet coach for LJYO, following the footsteps of Jeff Mitchel. She has been with LJYO for 2 seasons, and has enjoyed every minute. She is a Music Teacher in Bowmanville and runs a successful band program. She has been teaching music for 23 years. She was the recipient of the KPRETFO Teacher Of The Year Award in 2019. Candace studied Instrumental and Vocal Music at the University of Western Ontario where she received her Bachelor Of Music Education. She has played for several ensembles including the UWO Symphony Orchestra, the Governor Generals Horse Guards Band, the Clarington Concert Band, The Big Winds Jazz Band, and the Clarington Brass Quintet. She has played trumpet in several musical stage productions such as The Wizard of Oz, Little Shop of Horrors and Anne of Green Gables. Candace looks forward to another season of coaching the wonderful trumpet players at LJYO.



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