

# LA JEUNESSE YOUTH ORCHESTRA



## SPRING 2026 NEWSLETTER

### MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Greetings and Happy Spring from all of us at La Jeunesse Youth Orchestra. By now I'm sure many of you have been out in the garden, or enjoying the flowers in our downtown. Spring is a new start, and yet it's a little sad as we wrap up our season on May 9 and say goodbye to those members leaving the orchestra to go on to other endeavours.

I want to extend a big thank you to the board members finishing out their terms, Dave Hendriks and Arnold Mostert. Dave has looked after the publicity and marketing for a few years now, and Arnold has been our official photographer for more than a few years. As we look ahead to next season, we will need more people to volunteer for the Board of Directors in these and other roles. So if you are passionate about keeping LJYO going in our community and providing a fantastic music experience to our members, please reach out to me for more information at [ljyotickets@gmail.com](mailto:ljyotickets@gmail.com).

We want to hear about how you see LJYO as part of the larger performing arts community in Northumberland and Southern Ontario. Click the link below to fill in a brief survey coordinated by Prairie Research Associates and Orchestras Canada. The survey is open until May 10.  
[LJYO Audience Survey](#)

We also need new members! Auditions for next season will be held on May 23 via Zoom and timeslots are open, please see the graphic below for requirements and contact information. Once again, thank you for being part of our community and supporting Music for Life!

Lisa McIsaac - President

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*thank you!*



**Passion & Dance:  
The Music of Spain**  
May 9th @ 2pm  
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# 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](mailto:manager@ljyo.ca) or **905-373-8994**  
to book your audition or visit

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## GREETINGS FROM THE MUSIC DIRECTOR

As spring begins to take hold, La Jeunesse Youth Orchestra has been hard at work preparing for two exciting concerts.

We had a fantastic concert last weekend as guests at St. John's the Evangelist in Whitby, performing in a new space for many in the audience. With over 200 attendees, we filled the church with plenty of new faces. Thank you to Premila from our Board of Directors for being the catalyst in making it all happen—we would love to return and make this an annual event. It was a strong outing for several of our concert pieces, and we are well on our way to polishing the remainder. I am very proud of the work our members have put in and what we have achieved musically this year: lots of fun, meaningful growth, and many concerts to be proud of.

With one concert left, we are preparing to close out a very successful season. Our upcoming performance, *Passion and Dance: The Music of Spain*, will showcase the energy and colour of Spanish-inspired repertoire, including works by Granados, selections from *Carmen*, and *Navarra*—promising an evening full of rhythm, intensity, and flair. We hope to see you there on May 9<sup>th</sup> in Port Hope.

-Dave



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TO OUR MAY 9TH  
CONCERT](#)

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### Coach Bio: Introducing Frank Gallimore

Frank is the LJYO manager as well as a coach. As the manager, he opens and later locks the rehearsal facility every week, coordinates set-up and vacuuming, and, most importantly, makes sure any questions from our players get answered by the correct person. He keeps communications flowing through the week as well.

Frank started playing clarinet in elementary school, and quickly learned saxophone as well. He was selected to be part of the Band of the Ceremonial Guard on Parliament Hill in the summer of 1982 as a teen, and says that there are probably more photos of him in his uniform, posing with tourists, than any time of his life after that.

Music remained an important part of Frank's life as a hobby after that, and he joined the Concert Band of Cobourg after moving to Port Hope. He was invited to join La Jeunesse Youth Orchestra in 2009 as a coach, filling in the french horn parts on saxophone as well as playing clarinet. Frank's daughter Sidney joined LJYO in 2018 on violin.

Frank is retired and regularly works on contract as a software consultant. When not at rehearsal, Frank has been spending time fixing up his hunting camp, boiling sap for maple syrup, and cutting firewood at a property just north of Stirling Ontario.



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