

Con Gusto

KW Community Orchestra Newsletter

September 2017

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Welcome to the 2017-2018 KWCO Season!!

We hope that all of you have had a wonderful, relaxing summer, and now it's time to get ready for the KWCO's 2017-18 season! We have 3 great concerts lined up, with local artists mezzo soprano Jennifer Enns Modolo in November, and the 2018 Kiwanis Youth Piano Concerto winners in June. We will have pianist Olena Kuchyarova with us in March, playing Gershwin's Rhapsody in Blue... what a treat for our piano lovers!!

In July, a group of players and groupies represented the KWCO and the Waterloo Region on a tour of the UK, and had a wonderful time! See their report on page 5. Committees have been busy over the holidays, making arrangements for the new season - from concert details to checking out future show and rehearsal locations, to showcasing our new logo - work for the orchestra rarely takes a break! Thanks to President Heather Sundin for her work over what is usually a time to regroup - she has been hard at work with a number of projects that we will share in September.

Our **first rehearsal** will be on **Tuesday, Sept. 12, at 7.30**, upstairs at the ARC on King St in Waterloo. Please come around 7 pm. to register and pay your fees (if you haven't already done so on-line - see more about this on page 3) Fees this year will be \$190, payable either in one payment in September, or 2 payments of \$95 in September and January. You'll sign out your music for the November concert once you've paid your dues. Just a reminder to keep your music in a large music folder, to better protect it. The file folder you receive your music in is to be returned to the Librarian. If you need a new large folder, just ask Charlene for one. If you found any KWCO music at home over the summer, please return it to Librarian Charlene Herbert (bassoon) as soon as possible.

Now that we have our new logo in place, look for promotional products to show it off with! We will have products available at concerts for the audience to purchase, and we will be running a fundraiser this fall featuring useful rehearsal items - more details will be available shortly. We think that the membership will like the ideas we're working with, and we hope that everyone will support the orchestra and help us raise funds to continue sharing our music with the community!

We encourage everyone in the orchestra to offer their talents to help the orchestra throughout the year. We have almost a dozen committees that do the enormous amount of work required to run the orchestra, and we're always looking for volunteers. Please see page 3 for more details of how you can share your talents with the KWCO!



So, it's time to unearth your instrument, tune it up, and start getting warmed up for our new season. We'll be featuring music from Canadian composer Healy Willan in November, our tribute to Canada 150, as well as *Frauenliebe und Leben* by Schumann with our soloist Jennifer Enns Modolo, and *Danse Villageoise* by Champagne. Sounds like a great lineup!! Come and join us, and be part of what the KWCO does best... Con Gusto!!

2017-2018 Board of Directors

Thanks going out to those who volunteered to be part of the Board of Directors this year—and also to all of those who volunteer on committees. So much work gets done because so many are willing to share their time and talent!

Heather Sundin—President
Rachel Prichard—Vice President
Benedicta Hughes—Secretary
Heather Rawlings—Treasurer
Dan Warren—Music Director
Rick Bond—Concertmaster

Eric Kraushaar—Legal and Finance Chair
Elizabeth Fell— Concert Organization Chair
Suzanne Brokaw—Special Events Chair
Emily Cullen— Internal/External Communications Chair
Janice Boich— Long Term Planning Chair



We also have a number of people who work within committees and sub-committees, without whom the orchestra could not function. These include, but aren't limited to -

Librarian—Charlene Herbert	Retreat Committee—Rachel Prichard
Fundraising Coordinator—Heather Sundin, temporarily	Live at the Met—Rachel Prichard
Publicity Design—Vicki Abrams-Ogg	Chamber Night—Cindy Wright
Publicity Distribution - Zyg Janecki	Promotions— Suzanne Brokaw
Archives—Janice Boich	Dinner Show Committee—on hiatus
IT and Website Design—Dan Clements	Trip Committee— on hiatus
Newsletter—Suzanne Brokaw	

Celebrate our new Logo with a Fundraiser!

The board plans on having a fundraiser this fall to showcase our new Logo. We will be featuring rehearsal bags, insulated tumblers, pens, pencils and other small items that you will find useful for practicing and rehearsing. We hope to have items for you to see in September, and will begin to take orders as soon as possible. We plan on making items available at concerts as well, to raise funds to keep the orchestra playing. With the price of everything on the way up, we really hope that members and friends will support this fundraiser, and at the same time, show off our great new logo!!

KWCO Fall Retreat

Unfortunately, it has been decided to cancel the Fall Retreat that was being planned for September 23. There simply weren't enough players or instruments available to make the retreat feasible. We hope to try to organize a weekend retreat at another time, and perhaps invite other ensembles to join us. Thanks to Rachel Prichard and her committee for all the work they put into the Retreat - hopefully we'll be able to reschedule it later this year.

Congratulations!

Congratulations going out to Jill Klepacki, (2nd violin), her husband Daryan and daughter Poesy, as they welcome the safe arrival of Sullivan Laine Klepacki Angle. Sullivan was born on Father's Day, June 18, and weighed in at 7 lbs.

Jill tells us that Big Sister Poesy is loving her new brother, and that everyone is settling into being a family of 4 now. Jill hopes to join us for the fall season.

Do you have family news you'd like shared with the KWCO? Please let Suzanne Brokaw know, and she'll be happy to publish your news in the newsletter. Please let us know about any births, passings, special birthdays or anniversaries, or other special events, and we'll include them in Con Gusto.



Sullivan Angle

Help Wanted!!

With the recent changes in the KWCO Board structure, we now have a smaller number of board members, who then count on committees to take care of the numerous jobs that must be done to keep the orchestra running. The board is in need of a number of people (and not necessarily players) to take on some of the job postings that are currently open. We need people for the following jobs -

Venue Coordinator - we are currently booked at Knox Church, but someone is required to keep in touch with the venue manager before concerts to make sure all is in order. Also, venues need to be booked once dates are decided upon for the next season.

Concert Manager - someone to **coordinate** people before each concert, ensuring everyone is working together towards a successful concert—from the Equipment Manager, Librarian, Conductor, Players, Soloists, to Front of House, Ticket sales, programs and everything in between.

Front of House Coordinator - someone to manage the ticket sales, draws and/or any sales that may occur the night of the concert. Coordinator should be a member, but non-members (such as family members or friends) are encouraged to attend the tables, so that there is someone still at the ticket table after the concert starts, to welcome late-comers, and collect their ticket money.

Fundraising Coordinator - we need someone to take over coordinating our fundraisers. Joanne Clements has done this for a number of years, but needs to step down due to health concerns.

Social Organization - someone to organize any social gatherings. This includes snacks at the first rehearsal after each concert, at dress rehearsals, the Christmas Party, the end of the year AGM potluck/BBQ, or other times that food/drink may be needed. You needn't provide the food, but simply organize the event, or make sure someone is organizing an event.

There are always jobs on the committees that anyone could help with. Please speak to Heather Sundin if you want to share your talents - we'll find a spot for

2017-2018 Orchestra Payments

We now have several options for membership payments. Cash and Cheques will be accepted at rehearsals, and online options are now available. Please contact the Treasurer at hrawlings159@rogers.com for more information regarding e-transfer and credit card payments (\$5 processing fee for credit card payments).

Membership fees will stay the same this year - \$190 for the year, payable either in one payment in September, or in 2 payments of \$95 in September and January.

This year, the Treasurer has found that we look to have a budget shortfall. With the increase in the prices of everything from venue rentals, rehearsal space rentals to music purchases, we will have to count on donations to help meet our expenses. We will be having fundraisers this year, and we hope that the members will support them generously. As well, any donations will be gratefully accepted - remember, your donations are tax-deductible, and tax receipts are given out in the Spring.

Save These Dates!!!

Tues. Sept. 12 - first rehearsal of 2017-18 season, at the ARC, Waterloo

Tues. Sept. 26 - Annual Budget meeting, at rehearsal break

Tues. Oct. 3 - sectional rehearsals

Sat. Nov. 18 - dress rehearsal and concert at Knox Church, featuring mezzo-soprano Jennifer Enns Modolo. *Please take note that the dress rehearsal will be at 1.30 pm, instead of 9.30 am.*

Tues. Dec. 5 - last rehearsal of 2017

Tues. Dec. 12 - Christmas Party, location TBA

Tues. Jan. 9, 2018 - first rehearsal of 2018, ARC, Waterloo

Tues. Feb 6/18 - sectional rehearsals

Sat. March 24/18 - dress rehearsal and concert at Knox Church, with pianist Olena Kluchyarova

Tues. May 1/18 - sectional rehearsals

Sat. June 2/18 - Kiwanis Piano Concerto winners in concert, at Knox Church

Tues. June 5/18 - Annual Dinner and AGM - details TBA

Tues. June 12/18 - Chamber Music Concert at The Music Room, Young St., Waterloo



It's the perfect way to raise funds for our group without breaking the bank!

Are you tired of typical fundraising campaigns?

Would you like to contribute without spending a penny more than you do in your day to day life?

Fundscrip is the ideal way to raise funds to support our group.

All you have to do is buy gift cards from Fundscrip for the stores where you already shop.

How does it work?

Fundscrip has hundreds of retailers listed on their site. You can purchase gift cards from any one or more of the retailers and a percentage of your purchase will be given to the group. You receive the full value of the cards, in other words if you order a \$100 gift card from for your groceries you get a \$100 card.

Who are the participating retailers?

There are tonnes of choices from A&W to Winners, and everything in between.

Visit www.fundscrip.com/retailers for the complete list.

How do I pay?

Fundscrip's secure website offers 4 options. Payments can be made either by credit card, EFT (electronic funds transfer) INTERAC Online or online bill payment.

Great idea !!!

What if I want to ask family & friend to help me support my group? Please invite family members, friends, co-workers and neighbors to participate in **FundScrip** as well. After all, they probably buy groceries and gas, just like us! If you order online, they can order online the same way you do or you can make it really easy and order for them through your own account. Some people even keep a supply of grocery cards on hand and sell them to people they come into contact with everyday! Asking people you know to help support our group will increase our earnings so that we will reach our goal much sooner.

How do I join?

We invite you to visit the FundScrip website at fundscrip.com and click on **Sign Up** on the menu on the top right hand side. Complete the sign up information

Don't forget our invitation code : LBT5XU

Confirm your sign up information (you will be sent an email at the address you provided when you signed up)

What does the group get out of it?

Our committee raises funds that provide all kinds of things like: Music, Hall rentals, Risers, Coaches, posters, programs, conductors, and More !!!

The FundScrip Gift Card Fundraising program allows you to: Continue with your regular daily life and help the group! No more out of pocket expenses for fundraising. Eliminate typical fundraising campaigns Sign Up Now!

Questions / Need Help

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The KWCO is now part of CanadaHelps, a gateway organization that simplifies online giving for non-profit organizations. The public can search the website for organizations they'd like to support, and through the website, can donate. We hope that our members will let their friends know about this new way to support the KWCO, and other Canadian non- and not-for-profit groups. CanadaHelps charges a small fee per donation—4% for one-time donations, and 3.5% for donors who make monthly donations. They also offer other services, such as Third Party Fundraising, Peer-to-Peer Fundraising Solutions, and other customizable tools for charities.

Visit their website www.canadahelps.org for more information on how you and your friends can help the KWCO and other charities in Canada.

2017 UK Tour



Most of our players and interested friends are aware that a group of KWCO players and companions spent the first 2 weeks of July on tour in the UK. This is the fourth trip the KWCO has made for European tours – other trips were to Prague, Vienna and Salzburg, and the Netherlands. The trips combine sightseeing and two concerts.

The KWCO took 62 players and friends to present two concerts with two community choirs in England and Wales. Conductor Daniel Warren arranged music to be sung by the choirs with accompaniment by the orchestra. Audiences in Hoylake on the Wirral peninsula near Liverpool were delighted by the local choir “Singing Our Socks Off” accompanied by the KWCO in the “Humming Chorus” from Puccini’s *Madame Butterfly*. The KWCO’s concert was the initial performance of the Wirral Festival of Firsts.

In Llandudno, Wales, the Cor Meibion Maelgwan Male Voice choir sang the Chorus of the Hebrew Slaves by Verdi, accompanied by the KWCO, as well as Tydi A Roddaist, a Welsh Prayer, both arranged for choir and orchestra by Daniel Warren, much to the enjoyment of the standing room only audience. In addition, the Welsh choir sang a stirring a capella version of the Canadian National Anthem, as well as the Welsh National Anthem.

The KWCO was featured playing Mendelssohn’s Hebrides Overture, Beethoven’s Symphony #1, the Trio from Mahler’s Symphony #1, English Folks Songs suite by Vaughn Williams, and Salut D’Amour by Elgar. The repertoire chosen by Mr. Warren was enjoyed by the orchestra and both choirs, and was enthusiastically received by the audiences.

Between concerts there were group meals, as well as many a pub visit. Walking tours of Liverpool, Chester, Conwy (Wales), Cheltenham, Windsor and Ness Gardens were enjoyed by all. An impromptu jazz get together and singing of Beatles songs was natural in off hours in Liverpool. A stroll along a Welsh beach brought seafood on the pier and a Punch and Judy show. The weather was perfect for walks around the walls of several castles as well as many guided tours of town like Cheltenham, Chester and Liverpool. Side trips were organized to the wonderful scenery of the Cotswolds and Stratford-upon-Avon. The group also enjoyed a visit to the Elgar Birthplace Museum and the Holst Museum in Cheltenham. The trip was enjoyed so much that some members are already speculating about the next trip - 3 years away, at least.

The tour was not just to enjoy scenery and history. Camaraderie among the players was high to begin with and strengthened over the trip. The concert in Hoylake raised \$1093 Cdn for Cancer Research UK and Wales, and the concert in Llandudno raised \$1500 Cdn for St. David’s Hospice, which offers end of life care in the area of North Wales. It relies entirely on donations to continue.

To view some pictures of the tour, and a video of the Welsh Prayer by the Welsh Male Voice Choir and the KWCO, please visit our website – www.kwco.org or check out our Facebook page KWCO UK Tour 2017.

Many thanks go out to the organizing committee for the tremendous amount of work that was put into the 2017 KWCO Tour - Dan Clements, Ellie Rimmer, Fran Henderson, Rick Bond, Rachel Prichard, Vinnie Buchanan, Dan Warren and Heather Sundin.



Attendance Line

Don’t forget that if you cannot attend a rehearsal or concert to email the Personnel Manager at attendance.kwco@gmail.com!! Thanks to all who have been using this service this year!