

Con Gusto

KWCO Newsletter

September 2019

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Welcome to the KWCO's 40th Anniversary!!

KWCO 2019-2020 Season

Sat. Nov. 9/19

Lucy Warren

Mozart Violin Concerto #5

Delius - Walk to the Paradise Garden

Beethoven Symphony #4

Sat. March 14/20

Katie Schlaikjer

Dvorak Cello Concerto in B-

Weber - Euryanthe Overture

Brahms - Variations on a

Theme by Haydn

Sat. May 30/20

Kiwanis Concerto Concert

Feat. Winds, Brass and Vocal

AND the KWCO's 40th

Anniversary Celebration!!

Greig - Norwegian Dances

Brahms - Symphony #4 Andante

Glinka - Russlan and Ludmilla

Overture

Strauss Jr - Eljen a Magyar Polka

Who would've thought, when a group of musicians got together for a summer music retreat, that 40 years later, they'd still be at it??

This season will be the KWCO's 40th performing season! In the fall of 1980, Erna Van Daele took a group of performers that had played together for a summer repertory camp, and formed the Kitchener Waterloo Community Orchestra - a place where amateur musicians could play classical music together. This type of orchestra wasn't available at the time. There were lots of orchestras and groups, but most required an audition. Erna and her group saw a need for amateur players to have a place to share wonderful music, so they took up the gauntlet and rode with it!! They encouraged casual players to get involved, to practice and perform. Local professionals were featured as soloists - our own Margaret Metcalfe was the soloist at their first concert! Now, 40 years later, the KWCO is still a place for amateur musicians to enjoy making wonderful music, and to share it with an appreciative audience. We still invite local professionals to perform with us, and now we feature young local musicians to perform with us in the Spring at our Kiwanis Concerto Concert.

This season, we will feature both our Kiwanis winners and celebrate our 40th Anniversary on May 30, 2020, with a special reception after the concert at Knox Church. A committee has been formed, and is already working on the details. If you have any ideas, or memories to share, please see Suzanne Brokaw (Vln2) or Carolyn Pratt (cello).

Please check out all the articles in the newsletter—there are some volunteer opportunities available, and we'd appreciate a person or two stepping into those jobs.

This season, we will be preparing for the KWCO Trip to Italy in July 2020!! The orchestra will also be performing a new commissioned piece by Vince Gassie, a Canadian Italian composer to celebrate our 40th anniversary and summer trip to Northern Italy.

We have a new payment option - paying through the Canada Helps website! You can link to their website from our kwco.org, and using Canada Helps will help keep our costs down. Since last season, we are able to use Visa/Mastercard, or eTransfer options. So there are lots of ways to manage your fees and donations - take advantage of them!!

We're delighted to start this, our 40th year, with all of you! Let's make this year a wonderful one, full of great music, and full of our signature enthusiasm....



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Save The Dates!!!!

Tues. Sept. 10 - new term starts - **Membership fees due** - \$190; or \$65 for one concert, \$130 for two. Cash, cheque, eTransfer or credit accepted. **Snacks being provided by the 1st violin section!**

Tues. Sept. 24 - Annual Budget Meeting, to be held during 2nd half of rehearsal. Please plan to attend.

Sat. Nov. 9 - Dress rehearsal and concert at Knox Church. Lucy Warren, Mozart Violin Concerto #5. **2nd violins to provide drinks and snacks.**

Tues. Nov. 12 - first rehearsal of term 2 - **Violas will be asked to provide drinks and snacks.**

Tues. Dec. 17 - Christmas Party!! To be hosted by the Wall's—details forthcoming!

Happy New Year!!

Tues. Jan. 7/20 - first rehearsal of 2020, at the ARC. **Cello section to provide drinks and snacks.**

Sat. March 14/20 - Dress rehearsal and concert at Knox Church with Katie Schlaikjer—Dvorak Cello concerto in B-. **Winds to provide drinks and snacks.**

Tues. March 17 - first rehearsal of term 3 - **Brass section to provide snacks.**

Sat. May 30/20 - dress rehearsal and Kiwanis concerto concert, featuring Wind, Brass and Vocal, and 40th anniversary reception, Knox Church. **Bass/perc/harp to provide snacks.**

Tues. June 2/20 - AGM and Potluck

Tues. June 9/20 - Chamber Music Night at The Music Room

2019-2020 KWCO Executive Board

President - Rachel Prichard
Vice-President - Janice Boich
Music Director - Daniel Warren
Concert Master - Rick Bond
Treasurer - Heather Rawlings
Secretary - Joyce Allen

Accounting and Legal - Michelle Bergauer
Concert Organization - Jackie Wall
Communications - Heather Sundin
Personnel Manager - Charlene Herbert
Long Term Strategy - **Volunteer Needed**
Special Events/Activities - Suzanne Brokaw

Volunteer Opportunities

It takes a village, literally, to make this orchestra run. There are numerous committees and subcommittees at work every day. From fundraising and advertising, to concert management, marketing, publicity, archives and more, help is needed to complete the work we do each year.

There are a few volunteer opportunities available - one of the more enjoyable jobs available is that of Social Organizer - someone to organize any social times we have, be it refreshments at the first rehearsals of the term, the Christmas Party or the end of the year dinner and AGM. All it requires is someone who's friendly and willing to ask people to help. Please see Suzanne Brokaw for more info.

There is also an opportunity on our Long Term Strategy Committee. Please speak to Rachel Prichard for more details.

Your KWCO board appreciates the vast amount of work that our members do behind the scenes, and congratulates everyone on a successful year in 2019, and looks forward to our new 2019-2020 season!!

Librarian's Note—from Charlene

Folders with the new music for the November concert will be handed out at the first rehearsal. Most people will get original music. The whole folder is to be returned in November after the concert, and a new folder and music will be handed out for the next concert (March 2020).

PLEASE NOTE!! If you wish to put your music into a 3-ring binder or similar, or need to mark with colour, PLEASE MAKE YOUR OWN COPIES for that purpose. **DO NOT CUT, TRIM, 3 HOLE PUNCH, USE COLOURED HI LIGHTERS, ETC** on any music you receive in your folder. You may be charged to replace the copy that has been defaced. Please use only an HB pencil when marking your parts. Sticky highlighter tape can be used to highlight, and then be removed before returning. Sometimes we rent music, and we are charged for defaced music, so please help us keep our rental costs down by treating our music with care.



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Visit <http://www.fundscrip.com/how-it-works> for more information to answer all your questions, or speak to Heather Sundin.

Meet your Board Members! Last season we ran a series of articles showcasing our board members, and the myriad responsibilities they embrace for the KWCO. In this edition, we welcome Joyce Allen, our new secretary, and also highlight the job that our President, Rachel Prichard has been doing in the past season, and this season.

Rachel Prichard - President -

After being self-taught on the recorder since before I can remember, I started playing the flute at age 14 and met my husband, (Hugh Prichard, viola section) when we both joined the orchestra of the Middlesex Hospital in London, England. I stopped playing regularly when my children arrived and bringing them up and practising physiotherapy took up all my time. Fast forward 4 children, 6 moves in 5 cities and 2 countries and I took it up seriously again 6 years ago when arriving in Waterloo region and joining the KW Community Orchestra. We moved to Waterloo after Hugh retired, partly to be nearer our children and grandchildren – now 13 of them - but we also needed more music in our lives and were delighted to find that Waterloo provides so much opportunity for professional concerts and outlets for amateur musicians.

Music has always been a very important part of my life and Hugh and I strongly believe that playing an instrument is such a very important part of learning, activating so many parts of one's brain – much more than listening to music or even reading – what a good thing it's so much fun too! If you are interested to know how playing music benefits your brain check out this 5-minute TED talk. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R0JKCYZ8hng> We gave our children every opportunity to play instruments and sing and between them they learned piano (all 4), violin (2), flute, clarinet, trombone, guitar (3), cello, drums, and our eldest would volunteer to play any instrument missing from her school band!

I am so grateful to my parents for their encouragement to play, to all the orchestras who have welcomed me in the flute section and to all my teachers, especially my current one Rosanne Warren (Dan's wife) who, with her endless encouragement and patience, facilitates my (hopefully) continuing improvement.

I am so glad to be playing and volunteering on the board with the KWCO. This orchestra is second to none in the KW area for the opportunity to play, not only in the orchestra where it is so much fun, but also to provide never-ending opportunities for chamber music. We have made so many good friends here and working with a wonderful dedicated group of people on the board is pretty special too. My duties as President consist of calling board meetings, preparing the agenda and chairing them, keeping a close eye on the board members, ensuring they are doing their jobs – which they invariably are – attending as many sub committee meetings as possible and pulling all the strings together. I am also the go-to person for any questions from all of you – the membership.

When not playing I can be found volunteering at Ten Thousand Villages in New Hamburg, volunteering at the Amos St. location of Carizon, visiting shut-ins, peer support counselling with the Canadian Cancer Society or sitting with people as a volunteer with the home-based Wilmot and Wellesley Palliative Care Association. Life is full!

Joyce Allen - New Secretary for 2019-2020

We are delighted to welcome Joyce to the KWCO Board. Joyce has lived in Guelph for the past four years, having moved from Toronto. She is retired from the Toronto school board, where she worked in parenting and preschool programmes.

Joyce learned the violin from age 12, and played until the end of high school. Then she took 30 years off, and started again when a friend invited her to a week of chamber music at Cammac, a summer music camp in the Laurentians. That was a bit of a baptism by fire, but she stuck with it, eventually playing in various community orchestras around Toronto and in small chamber groups. As well as playing second violin in our orchestra, Joyce is a member of the Guelph Community Singers.

As secretary to the board of KWCO, Joyce will be assisting in keeping things organized so that the board functions smoothly, including jobs like writing letters, keeping board minutes, and maintaining membership lists – not glamorous, but essential stuff.



Florence Hansen-Jucker

We at the KWCO have been so lucky to have had Florence Hansen-Jucker play with us for the past few years. She was delightful and funny, a lady in every way; a superbly talented musician who graced the 1st Violin section with her musical gifts. We were all shocked by the news of her cancer diagnosis at the end of the 2018-2019 season, and we were saddened to hear of her passing on July 24. Her official obituary below tells of a life well and fully lived, and the KWCO sends it's deepest condolences to Florence's family. We were all blessed to have her brighten our little corner of the world!

JUCKER, Florence Anne (Misener) (nee Hansen) Surrounded by family, Florence (84) passed peacefully at home, July 24, 2019. Born February 7, 1935 in Kenora, Ontario, to Finnish parents Walter and Anne Hansen, she is lovingly survived by her children Deb Misener-Jones, Steven Misener, Warren Misener, her granddaughter Lindsay Weber (Bill Weber), and by her great-granddaughters Maybel and Lenora Weber.



Florence was predeceased by her husband of 33 years, Ralph Misener, and her husband of 26 years, Walter Jucker, and her grandson Adam Jones. Beginning violin lessons at age six, music surrounded Florence's life whilst she blossomed for the next 78 years as a renowned violinist, loving wife and caring mother. She graduated from Jarvis Collegiate, Toronto and studied music at University of Toronto. Florence, along with sister, violinist Andrea, performed as The Hansen Sisters for two decades on radio, television, and clubs (eg: Royal York, Banff Springs). Notably, the Arthur Godfrey Show (TV, N.Y.C.), big bands such as the Guy Lombardo Orchestra (Las Vegas, 1957), George Burns (TV, 1968), and Expo 1967. They entertained Canada's Armed Forces in The Middle East and Arctic with the C.B.C. Canadian TV included the Tommy Hunter Show and Country Jamboree. In 1968, The Hansen Sisters parted musical ways. Florence partnered with accordionist Edith Eaton (Hansen/Eaton Duo), performing for over 25 years at festivals, clubs, cruises, and TV (eg: Pig and Whistle, Ein Prosit, 11 years) here and in Europe. Along with daughter Deb, Florence also formed both The Hansen Singing Strings and The Hansen Alpine International Band, mainstays at KW's Oktoberfest, state fairs, and festivals. Florence's 1980's ensemble appeared and played in five episodes and an HBO movie with John Candy and Eugene Levy (S.C.T.V.) as the "Schmenge Brothers" band and, in 1993, performed on Toronto Islands for Major League Baseball's All Star (Game) Players. Even granddaughter Lindsay joined Deb and Florence for endearing, three generational, Hansen shows. In 1951, Florence met her first love Ralph Misener at summer camp, Glen Bernard, Sundridge, Ontario. They married in Toronto in 1954, residing there until 1971, when the Misener family relocated to Kitchener as Ralph accepted the position of Director of Personnel with JM Schneider's Foods. Florence then embraced KW's Oktoberfest, both performing, and as a Founder of Oktoberfest's School Program. In 1987, she was widowed at age 52. Challenging herself, she joined the Grand Valley Hiking Club, trained and went trekking in the Himalayas. She met her second husband, Walter (born in Zurich, Switzerland) on one of those Grand Valley hikes and they were married in 1990. They spent much of the next 26 years exploring the world and together founded the KW seniors' hiking club, "The Resoles". Florence celebrated KW's German Heritage, studying the language at Concordia (Club) School. She was recognized with The Lifetime Achievement Award (2012) by the KW Oktoberfest Women of the Year Committee. Florence was a member of the Garden Club of KW, KW Art Gallery, KW Symphony Volunteer Association, Charter Member, Probus Club of KW (25 years). More recently, Florence's classical music roots re-emerged as she played in the KW Community Orchestra, and hosted and played with numerous chamber music groups in both her KW home and beloved cottage at Doe Lake, where she played her final songs for family and friends on July 18, 2019, five days before she passed. Florence had a sparkling personality and cared lovingly for family. She held the deepest zest for all her friends, valuing the uniqueness of each one. She loved hosting, throwing parties, meeting and inviting new people, and sharing her love of music. Family, friends, and others whose lives Florence touched are invited to her Memorial Service on Sunday, September 8, 2019 at 2:30 p.m., Trillium (St. John's) Lutheran Church, 22 Willow St., Waterloo. A Celebration of Life reception will follow there post-service. Florence requested that in lieu of flowers, donations may be made to "Strings Across The Sky Foundation", P.O. Box 44, Parry Sound, Ontario, P2A 2X2, or online at stringsacrossthesky.com. Messages and condolences may be left at tricitycremations.com