

# Con Gusto

KWCO Newsletter

June 2018

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**2018-2019**

**KWCO SEASON**

**November 10, 2018**

**Opernball Concert**

St. George Hall, Waterloo

Soprano/Tenor soloists, TBA

Variety of opera music from Puccini, Verdi, Bizet and many others

**March 16, 2019**

**Heidi Wall - Piano**

Brahms Piano Concerto #1

Mendelssohn Sym.#5

**Sunday, June 2, 2019**

**Kiwanis Concerto Concert**

Mendelssohn - Wedding March

Ravel - Menuet from Tombeau de Couperin

Bizet - Farandole from L'Arlesienne Suite. #2

Sibelius - Valse Triste

Mussorgsky - Night on Bald Mountain

Well, that season went by in a hurry!!! It seems like it was just last month that we were working on the Willan Symphony, trying to perfect the unfamiliar modern harmonies, and then putting on a fabulous concert in November! Didn't we just pack up from the Christmas party??

Now we're weeks away from the end of our 2018 season - we're getting ready for Dan's 20th anniversary, our Kiwanis Concerto concert, the end of year BBQ and AGM, and the Chamber Music Night!! Everyone is busy getting something ready!

Please note some important dates - **Sat. June 2** - dress rehearsal and Kiwanis concert, and a special reception for Dan's anniversary. Please make sure to get tickets early, as we're anticipating a good audience! We also will have some special international guests - we are hosting 25 Chinese University Presidents and Vice-Presidents who are in Waterloo for a Leadership and Development exchange program with WLU, and they wanted to experience some local community events. They are looking forward to attending our concert and meeting people from the community.

The following **Tuesday, June 5**, we're having our annual BBQ and AGM, to be held at the Rawlings' home. Please plan on attending. We will be voting in the new board, there will be important information shared, and we always have an enjoyable evening together over a meal. An email will be going out with details, and a food sign-up sheet will be available at rehearsals.

**Tuesday June 12** is our Chamber Music Night, at Jan Narveson's Music Room, 57 Young St, Waterloo, at 8 pm. Cindy Wright (bassoon) is organizing the evening. Even if you're not performing, please plan on attending, as this is a fundraising concert, and Jan generously donates all profits to the KWCO.

The KWCO Board is excited to announce that Rachel Prichard has graciously offered to stand as Orchestra President for the next two seasons. Heather Sundin has served for the past 3 years as President (a year longer than the usual mandate) and we sincerely thank her for all the amazing work that she has done on the Board in the past 3 years. We have put a new board structure into place, we've hosted more events than ever, and she has handled everything with a calm hand and encouraging words. Thank you, Heather!!

Now we start to look forward to the 2018-2019 KWCO Season. The Opernball dinner show will be held in November, with an elegant new venue at St. George Hall in Waterloo. In March, we have our favourite local piano phenom, Heidi Wall, playing Brahms! And in June, we'll be showcasing young string players with our Kiwanis Concerto Concert. So, strap in, gear up, and let's finish this season on a high note! Enjoy your summer, and we'll see all of you back in September, with a brand new program for our Opernball, and another season of making beautiful music... **con gusto!!!**

***The KWCO board is asking for volunteers to help with the 2018-2019 season. Please speak to Heather Sundin or Rachel Prichard if you would like to share your talents with the orchestra!***

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**Orchestra**

## LAST CONCERT OF THE SEASON, COMIN' RIGHT UP!

Our final concert of the season is fast approaching! On June 2, at Knox Church, we will have our Kiwanis Concerto Competition Winners, showcasing 3 young local pianists, winners of the Piano Concerto classes at KW Kiwanis Festival in April. Our soloists will be Tatyana Palmer playing Liszt, Bill Vu playing Mozart, and Brendan Wong playing Beethoven.

We will also be celebrating Conductor ***Daniel Warren's 20 Years on the KWCO Podium at this concert.*** We will have some special guests, wine at the intermission, and a reception for everyone after the concert. Orchestra members are asked to bring snacks (chips, or other nibbly-type snacks to share) or crackers for the cheese trays to the dress rehearsal. We will be selling tickets for wine at the ticket tables for \$7/glass. Knox Church staff will be helping us with the reception and bar.

Please be sure to get your tickets early for this concert, as we expect a full house.

## ANNUAL DINNER BBQ AND AGM – TUESDAY, JUNE 5

We will be having our annual end of year dinner and AGM at Dave and Heather Rawings' home in Kitchener, at 6.30 pm on Tuesday, June 5. Please sign up to bring salad, appetizers or dessert, and the board will provide the 'bbq' part of the program!

Everyone is asked to bring your own beverages, alcoholic or not, to share. Look for an email, flyer and Annual Reports Package with more information coming soon!

## CHAMBER MUSIC NIGHT – TUESDAY, JUNE 12

The Tuesday after the AGM, at 8 pm, we will present our annual Chamber Music Night at The Music Room, 57 Young St, Waterloo. Many of our orchestra members are preparing various musical numbers for your listening pleasure! Rick Bond is leading a group playing Elgar's Serenade for Strings, and another group is presenting the Brandenburg Concerto #5. Every year we are blown away with the talents of our orchestra colleagues playing a huge variety of music, sometimes playing their 'other' instruments, and often working together with friends outside of the orchestra. It's always an enjoyable evening, and one that is always worth the time, not to mention that the proceeds are donated to the KWCO! Thanks, Jan!! Please speak to Cindy Wright (bassoon) for more details.

## NOTES FROM CHARLENE, (LIBRARIAN EXTRAORDINAIRE)

Thanks to everyone for being so prompt at returning music at the end of the concerts. It has made sorting and returning the music much quicker. Folders will be handed out at the dress rehearsal on June 2, and music can be returned in them after the concert, to 'the box' in the hallway by the green rooms. New music will be handed out in September.

## ***IMPORTANT DATES***

### ***2018-2019***

**JUNE 2/18 – 9.30 am Dress Rehearsal and 8 pm Kiwanis Concert** at Knox - reception to follow

**JUNE 5/18, 6.30 PM - Annual BBQ and AGM**, at Heather and Dave Rawlings home - see pg 2 for more details.

**JUNE 12/18 – 8 PM – Chamber Music Night** at Jan Narveson's Music Room, 57 Young St., Waterloo.

Annual KWCO fundraising concert, featuring KWCO musicians and friends

**SEPTEMBER 11/18** – first rehearsal of 2018-19 season, ARC - annual fees due; cash, cheque or e-transfer to treasurer accepted

**SEPTEMBER 18/18 - Opernball tickets** go on sale at ARC, 6.30 pm

**SEPTEMBER 25/18 - Annual Business meeting**, 2nd half of rehearsal at the ARC

**NOVEMBER 10/18 – Opernball Dinner Show and Concert Fundraiser** - St. George Hall, Waterloo, see pg 3 for more details.

**DECEMBER 11/18 - Annual Christmas Party**, location TBD

**JANUARY 8, 2019**, first rehearsal of 2019, at the ARC

**MARCH 16/19**, Concert at Knox Church with Heidi Wall, piano

**JUNE 2/19 – 3 PM (AT A SPECIAL TIME) - Kiwanis Concert** at Knox Church—special rehearsal schedule for this concert—stay tuned!

# *Opernball 2018 at an elegant new venue!!*



Halls A & B, St. George's Hall, Waterloo

The KWCO Board is excited to announce that we are having our biennial Dinner Show and Concert at one of Waterloo Region's premier banquet centres, St. George Hall!! To be held on Saturday November 10, our largest fundraiser will be held in the lovely, spacious halls of St. George Banquet Centre on King St. in Waterloo. This venue is widely known for its excellent cuisine, superb service and gorgeous property. We will have more space for our audience, our Silent Auction and other fundraising fun, and more comfortable prep space. The music program that Dan has set up features lots of new music, and new soloists, so we'll have a fresh concert to enjoy, as well! We are certain that our audience and orchestra will be pleased with the changes we are making this year!!

The 3-course dinner will feature a roasted chicken and red pepper sauce entrée with roasted potatoes and seasonal vegetables, a salad course and various cheesecakes or fruit plates for dessert. Coffee and tea are included. A vegetarian menu is available, featuring vegetarian stuffed peppers. A children's menu will feature chicken fingers, fries, vegetables and dip and dessert. The cash bar will be open at 6.30 pm, and during the evening.

**Tickets will go on sale at the ARC on Tuesday September 18. Ticket prices will be \$75 for adults, \$50 for children.** Tables will seat 8. Start lining up your guest list for this special night now, and be the first in line to choose your table!! Orchestra members who buy a ticket to attend the dinner will receive a tax receipt for the 'concert' portion of the price (the amount over the cost of the dinner).

**Silent Auction** - Please consider what you can donate for the Silent Auction, and ask your local merchants or businesses if they can donate items or services for the Auction. The Silent Auction has been a wonderful fundraising success in past years, and it all depends on our members to bring in interesting items, so please do your part!

For more information, or to volunteer to help out, please speak to Emily Cullen (2nd Violin). Look for an information flyer by email soon. More information will be shared as the date comes closer.

