

# CON GUSTO

KWCO MEMBER NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 2015

**Congratulations KWCO players!!!** What a FANTASTIC concert on Saturday night! The Rachmaninoff was absolutely fabulous. Heidi was sublime, and the orchestra sounded as good as I've ever heard it in 10 years. The audience certainly got their money's worth! Thanks to Paul Wall and his family for delivering their Baldwin concert grand to the church. It made a lovely addition to the orchestra, and I know what a difference it made for the soloist - all the difference in the world when you can perform on the instrument you practice on!! We also had one of our largest audiences ever - nearly 300!!

Well, now on to the rest of our season! We have a few weeks before the holidays to start work on our February concert with Jennifer Elisabetta Centrone, on **Feb. 20, 2016**. If you haven't received your new music yet, go see Charlene! Please make sure you return your November concert music as soon as possible!

We have our annual **Christmas Party** coming up on **Dec. 15**, hosted by Hugh and Rachel Prichard. Details are still being ironed out, so look for an email to let you know what you can bring. We are all asked to kindly let Rachel know if you plan on being there, so she can prepare. Her email and phone number are on page 2.

**Our first rehearsal in January will be on Tues. Jan. 5, 2016.** We will be practicing downstairs.

You will be seeing a **Member Survey** come to your inbox soon. Please take a few moments to fill in the survey to help the board make the KWCO a better experience for all of us! Your responses and opinions are important to the board, and will help them plan upcoming terms and seasons.

The KWCO has had a wonderful 2015, with great concerts last season, our hugely successful Opernball in May, and now we capped off our performances with the brilliant Rach Two. Let's all work together to make 2016 another outstanding year, and show our community what great music we can make!

*Happy Holidays!!*

*S.B., Editor*

## Christmas time Fundraising!!

Every not-for-profit group needs their members to help with fundraising. It's not our favourite part of not-for-profit life, but it IS a vital one. The orchestra cannot exist without support for it's membership and family and friends. The KWCO has several regular fundraisers it runs. Our largest fundraiser is our Dinner Show, which occurs every two years. Last season we offered our Opernball show, which raised \$8000, which will be used for general expenses. We also have had success with gift

card sales. We have started our **Vincenzo's gourmet grocery** store card sales, with [delivery in time for Christmas!!](#) Order forms were emailed out on Oct 27, and Joanne has order forms at rehearsal. Orders will be taken until Nov. 17. Cards must be paid for upon ordering, (cash or cheque made out to the KWCO) and will be delivered at the Dec. 1 Tuesday night rehearsal.

We also run the Fundscrip program all year. Orders are made online at [www.fundscrip.com](http://www.fundscrip.com), and cards are sent directly to

your address, and the KWCO receives a percentage back as a donation. Please take the time to help the orchestra by purchasing cards for yourself or for gifts. There are cards from every retailer imaginable - grocery chains, clothing stores, gas stations, just to name a few. You can purchase your groceries with gift cards, and be supporting the KWCO just by buying your milk and eggs!

**Please speak to Joanne Clements, (2nd desk in 1st Violin) for more details.**

## SAVE THE DATES!!

**Tues. Dec. 8**

last rehearsal of 2015

**Dec 15**

Xmas Party @ Hugh and Rachel Prichard's home

**2016**

**Jan. 5/16**

first rehearsal of 2016

**Sat. Feb. 20/16**

next concert with mezzo

Jennifer Elisabetta Centrone

**Sat. March 19/16**

Youth Concerto Concert

**June 4/16**

Last concert with

guitarist Terry McKenna

**June 7/16**

Annual General Meeting and Potluck Dinner

**June 14/16**

Chamber Music Night at Jan Narveson's Music Room



Visit our website by taking a picture of our **NEW QR Code** with your smart phone!!!

## Music Exchange

If you haven't yet received your February concert music, or handed in your November concert music, please do so as soon as possible. Music is to be returned to Charlene Herbert, 2nd Bassoon, directly after the Nov 7 concert.

For our new members, here is a quick run down of our **music exchange protocol** -

All members receive the new concert music at the Saturday morning dress rehearsal, in a coloured legal-sized file folder. At the end of the concert Saturday night, you then return your current concert music to a box that Charlene places in the hallway outside the warm up rooms at the church, in that same coloured file folder. If you aren't playing the concert, please return your music to Charlene at the last Tuesday night rehearsal, or the rehearsal after the concert, at the very latest. She will then give you your new music for the next concert. Some of our music is rented, and we are charged extra if we don't get the music back on time, so please help us minimize our late fees!!

## FundScrip

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To join the KWCO Site, visit the Fundscrip website at [www.fundscrip.com](http://www.fundscrip.com) and click on Sign Up on the menu on the top right hand side. Complete the sign up information. Our code is LBT5XU.

There is a terrific variety of gift cards available, and more added all the time.

Learn more at [www.fundscrip.com](http://www.fundscrip.com)

Or contact Joanne Clements, 1st Vln  
[joanneclements3@gmail.com](mailto:joanneclements3@gmail.com)

Subscribe to our website - [www.kwco.org](http://www.kwco.org) for dates, venues, videos, newsletters and more!! A video of the Rach. #2 is up!

# Annual Christmas Celebration!

This year's Christmas Party is being graciously hosted by  
Hugh and Rachel Prichard

at 6.30 pm on Tues. Dec. 15,

At 23 Zinkann Crescent, Wellesley

to celebrate another successful year with the KWCO,  
have a little Christmas Cheer, and to welcome 2016!!

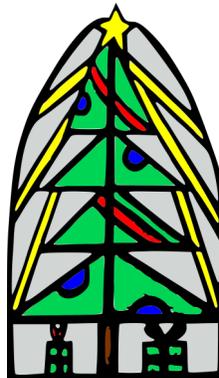
Plans are underway for the party and details will be  
emailed regarding the menu when they are confirmed.  
We are told that Prichard's Private Vintage wine will be  
served, and we are asked to bring our own  
soft drinks or beer.

**Please** let Rachel know if you are attending by emailing  
at [hrprich@gmail.com](mailto:hrprich@gmail.com) or calling 519-502-7764

Directions can be sent if you don't have GPS

**SAVE THE DATE!!**

**DEC. 15, 2015**



**And speaking of Christmas....  
It's time to order your  
Vincenzo's gift cards!!!**



The KWCO is selling Gift Certificates from  
**Vincenzo's** gourmet grocery store on  
Caroline St, just in time for Christmas giving!

Vincenzo's offers a wide variety of home made  
pastas, cheeses, and other gourmet foods,  
including kosher. Vincenzo's is a popular local  
shopping spot and it is located right beside our  
rehearsal space, in the Bauer building!

Gift Certificates are available in denominations of  
\$25, \$50 and \$100.

You can take orders for yourselves, and your  
family and friends.

All orders and cheques (payable to the KWCO)  
need to be in to Joanne Clements by rehearsal  
on Nov. 17. Cards will be delivered at rehearsal  
on Tues. Dec 1, or arrange to pick up from Jo-  
anne. Heather Sundin emailed all the details  
and order forms on Oct. 27, so check your in-  
box for all the details, or see Joanne for  
an order form!

**A Special Thank You...** In June, 1st Violin Florence Hanson-Jucker hosted a large  
party to celebrate her husband's and her 25th anniversary, and a family birthday. Friends  
were encouraged to donate to the KWCO in lieu of gifts. Florence and her friends generously  
donated **\$2355** to the KWCO from her party. We sincerely thank Florence and her family,  
and appreciate her thought to benefit the orchestra instead of herself.

We are sad to note, though, that Florence's husband Walter is suffering from cancer, and was  
doing rather poorly at last report. Please keep Florence and her family in your thoughts as  
they struggle through this stage in their family's life.

**KWCO Trip Update...** In the Spring of 2015, a sub committee of the KWCO Board began  
planning for another orchestra trip.

Plans are in the works for a trip to England in early July 2017. Looking at 9 days with the promise of excel-  
lent venues for performing, guaranteed audiences, carefully planned itinerary to include the English country  
side, castles, Roman ruins, medieval towns and quaint English pubs. Estimated cost will be about \$3500  
per person. We will provide updates as the planning proceeds.

Submitted by committee rep Ellie Rimmer (cello)

Don't forget to visit our [Facebook](#) page,  
and encourage your friends to visit and  
'like' us as well!! Encourage your friends to  
visit [www.kwco.org](http://www.kwco.org) for concert infor-  
mation, concert excerpts, and members  
can access lots of information regarding  
programming, soloists, etc.

## Met Opera Live in HD!!

Please join us for an afternoon at the Met  
to see Turandot by Giacomo Puccini—at  
the Cineplex cinemas in Waterloo, live via  
satellite from New York on Sat. Jan.  
30/16 at 12.55pm. For more infor-  
mation, go to [http://www.metopera.org/  
Season/In-Cinemas/SynopsisCast/  
Turandot/](http://www.metopera.org/Season/In-Cinemas/SynopsisCast/Turandot/). Join us afterwards for a meal  
(venue to be advised) where you can chat  
with your fellow players and their friends



and family. The tickets will  
be about \$22 for group  
booking, and we need to  
know numbers by Tues.  
Jan. 19/16. Please con-  
tact Rachel Prichard/flute  
at [hrprich@gamil.com](mailto:hrprich@gamil.com) or  
519-502-7764. The next  
opportunity will be March  
5/16 for Manon Lescaut -  
also by Puccini.

## A New Future Flautist!!!

Principal flute Amber Karpuzov and her husband Stefan are  
delighted to announce the arrival of their daughter Sofia Rose  
Karpuzov! Sophia arrived at 2.50 pm on Oct. 21, weighing  
6.5 lbs. Sofia, Mommy and Daddy are all doing very well!



Sofia Rose

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"LIKE" us on Facebook by  
visiting our public group  
'Kitchener Waterloo  
Community Orchestra'

## NEW MEMBER SURVEY IN AN INBOX NEAR YOU!

Please take the opportunity to fill out our new-  
est online survey. We value your input and opin-  
ions on the new initiatives the board is doing  
this year, as well as past and future activities  
we have or can do. Your answers will be used  
to help create a positive playing experience for  
all.

Seating changes in the string sections have  
been made in the interest of pairing more expe-  
rienced players with newer or less experienced  
players. The board hopes this will make our  
string sections more homogenous, and make  
practices more effective for all our players, as  
well as helping us to get to know each other  
better!! For seating preferences, we will try to  
place you as wish, but with so many players,  
this may not happen at each concert.

Thank you for being a member of the KWCO  
and the creating and participating in the fun we  
have making music together.