

CALOS UPDATE CHALLENGE #1

During this time apart CALOS Youth Orchestra Faculty are trying to ensure that everyone is engaged and practicing. We are ever hopeful that we might play again before our season concludes in June for what we hope will be our CALOS – *A Celebration of Renewal* Concert. This past week all our orchestras were busy practicing excerpts from Wicked (Seniors), Crocodile Rock (Strings) and Star Wars (Concert), presenting them to their conductors and coaches for feedback. Remember that the focus is on practice and not necessarily perfection. It is the practice that hones our skills.

We were very pleased with the participation level for this event and can boast that 84% of all ensembles sent in Challenge # 1. That is a great turn out considering some of our International high school students have returned home. We wish them well and hope they are staying safe surrounded by family and friends.

And, if you would like to see a sample of last week's challenge submission, go to our website and view Maria Pearcey (Senior Orchestra) playing her "Wicked" Cello.

Please remember to send all video submissions to the proper email address:

Senior Submission Email:
calos.senior@gmail.com

Concert Submission Email:
calos.concert@gmail.com

String Submission Email:
calos.strings@gmail.com

This Week's Challenge #1 Draw Winners

Senior Orchestra – Abby McCarthy



Abby McCarthy (Cello), is 16 years and in Grade 11 at Crescent Collegiate. In school, she is very involved with their Vocal Ensemble, Chamber Choir, and Model Boat Group. As well she enjoys figure skating and softball. Abby enjoys orchestral playing: "I love the feeling of playing as an ensemble, you get to showcase the talents of so many people. There is no better feeling than performing with the orchestra and being able to really experience the music in a whole new way." Her musical accomplishments include: First Place in Carbonear Regional Kiwanis Music Festival 2018, Third place in Carbonear Regional Kiwanis Music Festival 2019, and Honors mark on Royal Conservatory of Music Level 5 theory examination. *Abby was the lucky recipient of a \$20 Subway gift card.*

This Month, CALOS Thanks.....

The players, who practice diligently and participate in our weekly challenges, and parents/guardians who support this online strategy to keep music and musical practice happening in your home.

Our conductors, coaches, and the Calos Board. For being innovative and open to all modes of orchestral expression

Concert Orchestra – Jason Wang



Jason Wang (Bassoon) is 15 years old, and attends Grade 10 at Gonzaga High School. As well as playing with Calos Concert Orchestra, he also plays with the school band and jazz band and has won many Kiwanis Festival awards for piano and Rotary Jazz Band 2019. In the community, Jason actively participates in Fieldian Soccer and is a PRCC voluntary lifeguard. What he enjoys about orchestral playing is working with others and playing music in a large group. *Jason was the lucky recipient of a \$20 Tim Horton's gift card.*

String Orchestra – Bayan Lymburner

Bayan Lymburner (Violin) is 11 years old and in Grade 6 at Rennie's River Elementary in St. John's. He takes violin lessons from Dominic Greene. *Bayan was the lucky recipient of a \$20 McDonald's gift card.*

More information and a photo will follow.

Quote of the Week

“I think music in itself is healing. It's an explosive expression of humanity. It's something we are all touched by. No matter what culture we're from, everyone loves music.”
— **Billy Joel**

UPCOMING CHALLENGE #2

Challenge 2 is posted on our webpage. Login to listen to and then practice your musical excerpt.

Deadline for Submission is April 5, and the winners of this week's participant draw will be announced on our YouTube live stream at 6 pm, Monday.

Please make sure you check within 24 hours of sending your video for the confirmation that it was received. Your conductor will provide feedback on your selection as quickly as possible.

Don't forget Photos and Questions

After you had submitted Challenge # 1, you were asked to send a photo and a short bio (responding to some questions.) As the winners are announced with each challenge, we are requesting permission to place that photo and bio in these weekly update newsletters and also on our social media sites. If you have not yet sent those back to your video challenge email, please continue to do so.

Dates of Note

- April 5, 6pm: Deadline for Challenge 2
- April 6, 6pm: Live YouTube Draw for winners of Challenge 2 (On Calos Webpage.)
- April 12: Happy Easter
- April 23, 7:30 pm: Calos Board Meeting: TELECONFERENCE
- June 2020 (pending): CALOS – *A Celebration of Renewal* Concert.