

**CHALLENGE CELEBRATION FINALE**

We were very pleased, not only with the participation in the final “Concert” video but with the entire Challenge program over the past two and a half months. While this is not the normal means of ensemble programming, COVID 19 is certainly making us adapt to the new norm. For the on-line program, the number of Senior Orchestra participants exceeded 75% and the String/Concert Orchestra participation exceeded 88%.

Our final concert saw the delivery of individual and family musical submissions as well as live and photo messages from others. It was a unique event for us! Many of the submissions had to be edited to enable the event to come in under 75 minutes. Our program sections divided by 8 draws of CALOS gear and gift cards, ranging in value from \$20 to \$115, for the Grand Prize.

Special thanks are extended to the musical Special Guests who brought a motivational close to our Celebration Concert:

**Stephen Ivany**, *Assistant Professor, East Carolina University, CALOS Alumni (2005-2010)*

**Marc David**, *Conductor/Artistic Director, Newfoundland Symphony Orchestra*

**Kiera Galway**, *former Executive Director, CALOS Youth Orchestras*

**Sean Rice**, *Clarinet, National Arts Centre Orchestra, CALOS Alumni*

**Ian Sutherland**, *Dean of Music, Memorial University of Newfoundland & Labrador*

**CALOS CELEBRATION CONCERT**

Watch the recorded video:

[https://youtu.be/1kY\\_2-r18YE?t=37](https://youtu.be/1kY_2-r18YE?t=37)

**To make this happen, CALOS thanks:**

- ☺ **Caitlin Harte** for creating the concert video.
- ☺ **Mrs. Etchegary**, once again, as our co-host.

- ☺ **Our Event Sponsors:** *Arts NL, City of St. John's, Individual CALOS Board Members, Long and McQuade, Music at Memorial, NSO, and the Perlin Family Trust.*

**A Message from CALOS Artistic Director**

On behalf of the artistic team, I want to thank all of our musicians (and home technicians) for participating in our weekly challenges. I hope that it was a good resource for you and that you will continue to challenge yourself by practicing to improve your playing skills. There are many resources online for musicians to acquire the necessary tools to make themselves better.

A huge thank you goes out to those musicians who will be leaving us this year. Your contribution has been amazing and appreciated by all of us.

I sincerely look forward to the day when we will be permitted to get back together and continue our musical collaboration. Take care and stay safe.

**- Grant Etchegary**

**Celebration Challenge Draw Winners**

**GRAND PRIZE WINNER**

**Concert Orchestra – Manou Lymburner**



**Manou** (Violin) is 9 years old and in Grade at Rennie's River Elementary. In school he is very involved with the School Basketball Raptors team. In the community, Manou participates in the St. John's Soccer Club, NL Handball

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Association U10 players, Seahawks Basketball Club and MUN Lab Band (where he plays clarinet, drums and percussion). In his spare time he loves soccer, handball, basketball, mountain biking, scootering and playing on the trampoline. Manou loves playing songs with whole orchestra and learning new things and seeing everyone. In the future, he hopes to be a professional soccer player for Barcelona FC. *Manou was the lucky recipient of a \$20 McDonald's gift card (Prize # 1) and the Grand Prize (\$115 value) of CALOS gear and a \$25 Long and McQuade gift card.*

### Senior Orchestra – Jasmine Bridger



**Jasmine** (Clarinet) is 15 and in Grade 9 at St. Bonaventure's College. She plays in the school's Wind Ensemble and Senior Jazz band. She loves playing orchestra music because "there are strings, and in concert bands we don't get to play with strings." Jasmine performs in Kiwanis every year, and is currently doing RCM 8 in clarinet and piano. Multi-talented, she currently plays 6 instruments. Beyond music, Jasmine really enjoys wheel gymnastics, and had hoped to attend the world championships, now probably cancelled due to COVID-19. In the future Jasmine hopes to eventually be first clarinet in orchestra, and though she is not sure of her specialization, she hopes to pursue a career as a doctor. *Jasmine was the lucky recipient of Prize # 7, including a \$20 McDonald's gift card and CALOS gear valued at \$40.*

### Senior Orchestra – Julia Cass



**Julia** (Trombone), is 17 years old and a Level II student at Holy Heart who also plays trombone in her school's concert and jazz bands. Multi-talented, Julia also sings alto 2 in her school's treble and chamber choirs, and participated in the school's Rotary Interact club. Outside of school, as well as CYO, Julia takes trombone lessons. What she loves about orchestral playing is the music. "It is so cool to play so much iconic repertoire." In February, Julia was recommended to the Junior Instrumental Rose Bowl for the Kiwanis Music Festival where she placed runner-up, the "coolest experience" she's ever had. Outside of Calos, Julia loves playing piano and hanging out with friends. In the future she hopes to gain a degree in music performance and become either a jazz musician or a pit musician and play for musicals. *Julia was the lucky recipient of Prize # 6, including a \$20 Subway gift card and CALOS/NSYO gear valued at \$35.*

### ♪♪MUSIC TRIVIA: Did you know? ♪♪

The music for *Star Wars*, originally composed by John Williams (1932) falls into the sub-genre of "space opera," which takes many of its elements from adventure fiction. Space opera involves plots, battles, characters and abilities on a huge, dramatic scale, all of which is true of *Star Wars*.

**Concert Orchestra – Jasmine Kecheroud**



**Jasmine** (Violin), aged 11, is in Grade 6 at MacDonald Drive Elementary. She enjoys playing in Calos Orchestra because she believes “it is a great opportunity to meet new people.” Musically talented, Jasmine has been awarded two first and three second place awards during the last three years at the Kiwanis Music Festival. In her spare time she enjoys making arts and crafts and, in the future, hopes to become a pediatrician. *Jasmine was the lucky recipient of Prize # 5, including a \$10 McDonald’s gift card and CALOS gear valued at \$40.*

**Senior Orchestra – Lauryn Au**



**Lauryn** (Violin) is 14 years old in Grade 8, at Brookside Intermediate. She is involved in band, choir and strings groups at school, and participates in Sunday School at the St. Phillips

Anglican Church. Lauryn is also a member of the Suzuki Talent Education Program, dances with The Dance Centre, and plays soccer with CBS Minor Soccer Association. She enjoys playing in the orchestra with talented young musicians and learning from enthusiastic mentors. Last summer, she completed her RCM exam for violin and scored 90%. In the future, she hopes to play violin with the NSO and to attend university to study chemistry or medicine. *Lauryn was the lucky recipient of Prize # 4, including a \$20 Tim Horton’s gift card and CALOS gear valued at \$20.*

**Concert Orchestra – Emily Murphy**



**Emily** (Trumpet) is thirteen, in Grade 8, and attends Beaconsfield Junior High. She is involved in her school’s jazz and concert bands. She enjoys Calos because “I enjoy being able to play with strings.” Emily has received the Rotary Music Festival Honors Award and the distinction of being named Top Grade 7 Musician. *Emily was the lucky recipient of Prize # 3, including a \$10 Subway gift card and an NSYO CD valued at \$20.*

**QUOTE OF THE WEEK**

*Music isn't just something that comforts or distracts us, it goes beyond that - it's an ideology. You can judge people by the kind of music they listen to.*

**- Paulo Coelho**

**Senior Orchestra – Molly Findlay**



**Molly** (Violin) is 15 years old and is in Grade 9 at St Kevin’s High School. Ever so creative, Molly sends a time-lapse CALOS Logo and COVID 19, “Stay Safe” message to all her orchestra peers, which can be viewed on the CYO webpage. <https://calosmusic.ca/> Molly was the lucky recipient of Prize # 2, including a \$10 Tim Horton’s gift card and CALOS gear valued at \$15.

**ON LINE BONUS SAMPLE!**

This week **Rory Murphy’s** bonus technique challenge has been added to the Calos website. Rory, a Grade 12 student from Waterford Valley High, is demonstrating his ability to play the tuba on one foot, with a hula hoop while wearing a kilt. This is truly amazing Rory!!!

**ADDITIONAL RESOURCES**

Another Great Challenge: ***Test Your Musical IQ***

*Harvard University is investigating how people make sense of music they hear. Click on the link below to test your musicianship skills:*

<https://www.themusiclab.org/quizzes/miq>

**Challenge # 1 Draw Winner**

**String Orchestra – Bayan Lymburner**



**Bayan** (Violin) is 11 years old and is currently in Grade 6 at Rennie’s River Elementary. In school he plays saxophone in the school band. In the community he is involved with NL Handball Association U12 player, MUN Lab Band (Clarinet, Cello, Saxophone, Trombone). On his own time, Bayan dabbles in piano. He also loves photography, soccer, handball, mountain biking, hiking and baseball. Bayan loves how the whole orchestra sounds when all the different pieces are blended together. He enjoys learning new songs and to play with a larger group. In the future, he wants to become an actor. *Bayan was the lucky recipient of a \$20 McDonald’s gift card.*

**PHOTOS AND BIOS**

Photos and bios are still requested for everyone. So please, get them in and not be left out of the Facebook, Instagram and Twitter Orchestra Introductions over the next several weeks. Please send the information to:

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[calos.concert@gmail.com](mailto:calos.concert@gmail.com)

**DATES OF NOTE**

- May 28, 7:30pm: CALOS Board Meeting via Skype