



## CALOS NEWS

MAY – JULY 2020

### **RECENT EVENTS:**

#### **CELEBRATION CONCERT: May 7**

Finally, after our Snowmageddon and COVID19 closures, Calos had a concert like no other, our Celebration Concert. We were thrilled with all the participation levels and hope you enjoyed it as our first virtual concert of 2020. At the very least, we now know we can perform via technology and we will create more ensemble like performances for our next production.

If you have still not viewed the concert, the recording can be accessed through the following link:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1kY\\_2-r18YE&t=38s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1kY_2-r18YE&t=38s)

#### **Continuing Social Media Highlights**

Up to July 23 we have continued to highlight individual members of our orchestras. If you have not sent in your bio and photo with/playing your instrument, you can still do so. The bio details are listed below:

Your age, grade level, and school  
Organizations in school and the community you are involved in  
What you enjoy about orchestral playing  
Any musical accomplishments and/or awards  
What else you enjoy doing  
Your hopes and dreams for the future

Please send the information to:  
[calos.office@gmail.com](mailto:calos.office@gmail.com)

#### **Season end Parent Meeting**

On June 18, this year's parent meeting was held via Zoom to roll out the plans for our 41<sup>st</sup> Season. It includes a flexible plan that will support provincial health and Memorial University regulations but with a very strong foundation in guided individual practice, small masterclasses or workshops, small group sectionals, until a time when we can meet as a

full orchestra. If you could not attend and still want to watch the video of the meeting or read the meeting notes, please use the attached link: [Calos Parents Meeting June 18, 2020 Video and Notes](#)

#### **Parent Fundraising Committee Meeting**

On June 2 and 16 and July 8 several volunteer parents and some of Calos Board met via Zoom to consider some fundraising options for the fall. We are currently looking to a November fundraising venture. Thanks to Geoffrey Spencer, Gord MacGowan and Rosemary Norman (Calos Board) and Nancy Samson, Terri and Jeff Green for enthusiastically volunteering to get this project started. The committee will meet again (via Zoom) on Tuesday, August 18 at 7 pm. In a year without much revenue from concerts, fundraising will be essential to sustain the orchestra until we can offer live concerts to the public. If any other parents would like to become involved, please contact Mandy at [calos.office@gmail.com](mailto:calos.office@gmail.com).

#### **Survey Says.....**

We were very happy with the 90% return rate of the Calos Survey/Form return information on June 26, which allowed to establish our needs for orchestra placement and auditions. Many organizations and orchestras have decided not to return in Sept. or for any part of next year. While the concerns COVID 19 bring to us demand our attention, we are happy to say that our parents and musicians have provided us with the mandate to continue with our 41<sup>st</sup> season using Smart Music, Zoom and small ensemble to large in person meetings as public health permits. If you have not completed the form (takes 3-4 mins.), you can certainly still do so using the below link:

[Calos Youth Orchestras Return Survey](#)



**UPCOMING EVENTS: GET EXCITED!**



On July 22, Mark Jones of CBC's "On the Go" interviewed our very own Artistic Director, Grant Etchegary about this year's virtual audition process. Hopefully many of you saw one of the social media posts and were able of tune in and listen. If not, here are the necessary details if you are interested in auditioning.



Concert or String Orchestra musicians who wish to audition for Senior Orchestra can do so up to Sept. 11. Specific details are available on our website: <https://calosmusic.ca/join/>

Please "Register for An Audition" by clicking on the page link, completing and submitting the form. The audition can be a VIDEO recording submission (due no later than Sept. 9) or a ZOOM audition (evenings of Sept. 10 and 11).

Auditions are also open to the public at this time so if you know someone who would like to

become a Calos musician in the fall, tell them to check out our webpage for details.

**This Year, Calos is very Grateful to....**

The players, who practice diligently, even when they are not together. Our ensembles are stronger because of this dedication.

Our parents and parent-volunteers, the foundation of our support, who have faith in organization and what it offers our youth.

Our Board of Governance and Parent Fundraising Committee, for always having a focus on our mission.

Our partners, sponsors and supporters of the 40<sup>th</sup> Season: Music at Memorial, NSO, Brim, City of St. John's, NL Arts Council, Perlin Family Trust, Presentation Sisters.

Grant Etchegary, Grace Dunsmore and Dominic Greene, who approached our unusual winter and spring with a renewed vigour and commitment to coach and conduct our musicians in whatever way was possible.

Without each and every individual, Calos would not exist and it is because of that support Calos now looks forward to our 41<sup>st</sup> season.

**Dates of Note**

- Calos Parent Fundraising Committee Zoom Meeting: August 18, 7 pm
- Calos Board Meeting (Skype): Sept. 2, 7:30 pm
- Audition Videos Due: Sept. 9. Email [calos.auditions2021@gmail.com](mailto:calos.auditions2021@gmail.com)
- Audition via Zoom: Sept. 10-11, 7pm  
Email for an appointment time [calos.auditions2021@gmail.com](mailto:calos.auditions2021@gmail.com)