

RECENT EVENTS:

Concert at Atlantic Place!

Just in time for the annual downtown Santa Claus parade on Nov. 28, CALOS was back in Atlantic Place to perform for the general public on their way into and out of the building for hot chocolate and a reprieve from the cool but sunny day. We received wonderful feedback from many people and were thrilled to be able to give back to Martex Morgan Finch for their continued support, even though we have returned to Memorial for most rehearsals.



We were thrilled to be conducted by all our coaches and conductors – who also played with us, as well as guest mentors, Elena Vigna Sanchez, Mahina Graham-Laidlaw, and David Natsheh as well as CALOS alumni, Zhongli Hu.



Followed by our formal D.F. Cook Concert!

A mere two weeks later, CALOS was back again in concert, this time thrilled to have a formal sit down event for family and friends.



CALOS hosted a very special guest on December 13 as we were not only thrilled to



have Her Honour, the Honourable Judy M. Foote, Lieutenant Governor of NL in attendance but were inspired by her closing remarking and her good nature, in

conducting us.



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Also, for those who were unable to attend, we were thankful to be able to offer a concert taping. If you haven't seen it yet, check out the below link.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1U9skAJ2tYaxGpW6W9Sv8wwuM4AuDmZfI/view?usp=sharing>

We are very thankful to our audience for attending the show and also for supporting our Christmas Gift Basket Draw of wine and gift cards, which is a significant fundraising venture each season. We would like to thank our CALOS Board for organizing the fundraiser and the individual members of the outgoing Board for their contribution of 8 bottles of wine and 6 gift cards (approx. \$380 value.) The Gift Basket was awarded to the Rogers Family just before our final musical selection, Brahms' *Hungarian Dance*, no. 5.

Followed by Back On Line!!!

Not exactly what we wanted with an upcoming Masterworks III NSO concert, but for Christmas we returned to Alert Level 4!

However, with some education and listening required, we started our study of *The Planets* on Jan. 9 for our first large group online session. This was followed by three January mini-lesson online sessions (using Zoom and trying Google Meet) with our conductors and coaches on some of the more challenging parts of Holst's music, preparing initially for the concert to be rescheduled to Feb. 25.

Finally Back at MUN again!



Once we learned May 6 would be our NSO concert date, we regrouped, returned to in-person full orchestra play on Feb. 13 and changed our rep study to our Spring Concert, now March 27 at D.F. Cook Recital Hall. If CALOS has taken nothing away from the past 24 months, it is certainly the need to be patient and flexible.



Making sure we don't forget about the NSO May concert, a few smaller

ensembles used the final 30 minutes of our first rehearsal to

attack a little more of Holst's *The Planets*. From time to time, we will continue to include small groupings such as these.





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UPCOMING EVENTS: GET EXCITED!

CALOS Spring CONCERTS

Back with the possibility of 100% capacities after March 14, CALOS is very excited about two very different concerts this Spring. Please look forward to more details about our Spring Concert at MUN Music School on March 27 and our NSO “Starry Starry Night” Concert at the Arts and Culture Centre on May 6.



Our rehearsal structure on Feb. 20 changed to include two smaller ensembles which will

perform, alongside the full orchestra conducted by Grant Etchegary, in March. The String Ensemble will be conducted by Dominic Greene; The Wind Ensemble (including percussion and piano) will be conducted by both Grace Dunsmore and Hannah Gaultois.



the Board is asking for some help from our families. If you are able, there are two ways to contribute to the Spring Concert gift basket:

1. If you own or know of a local business that might offer an addition to the basket, CALOS will provide program advertising and thanks in our next newsletter. All we would need is a copy of the business logo.
2. If you have an item that you would like to donate, CALOS will provide you with program and newsletter credit as well, as thanks for your donation.

Please remember, all proceeds of the gift basket go either to the CALOS Bursary fund or directly into programming for each of our musicians. And for this event, the gift basket donations are not limited to wine and gift cards.



Finally, to make the fundraiser more efficient, we will be offering an EMT option to pay in advance, for your gift basket tickets. The tickets are \$5 each or 3 for \$10. This way, people who cannot attend the concert can still participate in the Spring Gift Basket draw. We will email you a photo of your tickets which you can use as proof of purchase. If you would rather not stand in line or get caught without cash, this could be a great option for you. Just email calos.office@gmail.com and we will provide you with the password for your electronic transfer.

NEWS from CALOS BOARD

Upcoming Spring Concert Gift Basket

At our March 27 concert, our Board members will once again be contributing to develop a gift basket fundraiser of wine and gift cards. This time, wanting to make the prize more significant as this will be the last CALOS fundraising event,



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Of course, we will still be selling the tickets in the lobby at concert time, as people enter the hall for those who love the excitement of the live draw.

As always, the winning ticket will be drawn just before the final musical selection for the evening and, should the winner not be in the audience to receive the prize, we will make a contact via email (as well as post the winning number on our social media sites) following the concert.



As well as finances though, we are developing an Orchestra Renewal Committee, a subcommittee of the CALOS Board, which will include Board members and interested parents. We will also seek advice from our musicians, as they perhaps best know what would help draw interest in orchestral playing.

At this time, we are asking for some parent volunteers who could attend one or two monthly virtual meetings to join with our Board members and brainstorm some ideas. If you have an interest in this subcommittee, please email Mandy at calos.office@gmail.com and she will add your name to the list.

Tickets for the NSO concert will be available through CALOS. If we purchase for all our families in bulk, our families can receive \$20 tickets (instead of the actual cost: \$48-\$43 & \$38/\$33). More information with deadlines will follow after our March 27 concert is well underway. If you have already purchased tickets for the Feb. date through the Arts and Culture Centre or if you gave Mandy a Feb. ticket order and cannot attend on May 6, contact Mandy directly. Otherwise your order will merely transfer to the May 6 list.

CALOS Orchestra Renewal Program

Now that we are moving hopefully moving out of the pandemic phase in this province, we are hoping to rebuild CALOS Youth Orchestras to the strength that it was in our 2019-2020 season. Our hope to return to three age and skill appropriate orchestras will be a slow one and we hope to seek grants and sponsorships to aid in the financial growth.

Dates of Note

- Feb. 21: CALOS Board Zoom Meeting, 7:30 pm
- Mar. 27: CALOS Spring Concert & Dress Rehearsal, D.F. Cook Recital Hall, further details to follow
- Mar. 28: CALOS Board Meeting, Zoom, 7:30 pm
- May 6: NSO Masterworks III Concert, Arts and Culture Centre, 8:00 pm. See previously emailed schedule for NSO rehearsal times in April and May.