



CALOS NEWS

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MUSICAL MOMENTS:

Kiwanis Music Festival: Junior Orchestra

We were thrilled to see the return of the Junior Orchestra this season and even more pleased to have the Junior String Ensemble and the Junior Orchestra participate in the Kiwanis Music Festival in February. Unlike previous years, the Kiwanis was more public this year but that did not mean postponements due to snow could not be part of the event and our orchestras were once again reminded how easily we can be interrupted. Thankfully our sessions were only postponed by a day!

On March 23, our Junior Musicians were provided solo musical learning experiences with adjudicators, Michael Snelgrove and Rebecca Lane. The ensembles placed first in their classes and gained some feedback for further play in general and for future play of their selections.



As well, the Junior String Ensemble was invited to return to the Rose Bowl competition on March 25 and showcase their talents alongside other more senior groups. We were very pleased with both Junior Ensembles as this was a major indication of how far these young musicians have come since September.

As well as our Juniors, the Kiwanis Music Festival also highlighted some of our Senior Musicians. Congratulations to the many musicians who participated in classes during the Festival. Special Congratulations are extended to Sydney Chislett, this year's Junior RoseBowl



winner. Sydney is currently a Grade 11 student at Holy Heart and studies cello with Nathan Cook. This is her second year as a CALOS musician.

Royal Conservatory Congratulations: Lauren Woodland



Also, of note, Lauren Woodland travelled to Halifax to receive her RCM Gold Medal for flute 1 on Feb. 4. This is Lauren's first year with CALOS Junior Winds and Orchestra. She is currently in Grade 7 at

MacDonald Drive Junior High and studies flute with Debbie Parsons. This significant musical accomplishment as Lauren was chosen from all flute 1 exam participants in Atlantic Canada.

The Fantastical Fables of Fawn: Senior Orchestra & The Swinging Belles

March 3 also returned to one of CALOS pre-COVID activities, a free educational outreach for students in the local K-12 system. The collaboration with the Swinging Belles was a first for CALOS and resulted in an amazing opportunity for 1000 students in K-6 to participate in a curriculum-based concert at Holy Heart Theatre. Thanks to funding from the Community Foundation of NL (more specifically, the Burnham & Mary Gill Fund), some of the costs of this free concert were covered. To help defray the additional costs, this concert was performed for families with young children and as the Swinging Belles



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always add, “for the young at heart” at 7 pm on the same Friday evening.



This wonderful educational experience for our Seniors explored how an orchestra can

be the soundscape (and characters) of the performance. Special thanks to Duane Andrews for arranging all the classical selections and to Laura Ivany and Erin Power for their amazing



enthusiasm from the start of the project. We hope it will not be long before

another collaborative project arises.



We were thrilled to have students from Goulds Elementary, Juniper Ridge Intermediate, Lakecrest

Independent School, Larkhall Elementary, Mary Queen of the World, St Bonaventure’s College and St.. Theresa’s in attendance.

JUNIOR MENTORSHIP

Because this is a season of reinstatement, we would also like to highlight the re-introduction of our Junior Mentors program. This year, 8-10

Senior musicians worked with the Juniors during sectional and full rehearsals as well as during performances. This was a wonderful opportunity for our Seniors to provide leadership as well as provide a mentor within their small section of the orchestra.

The Junior Orchestra and Conductors would like to thank Elizabeth Acreman (strings), Lauryn Au (strings), Kalani Brake (percussion), Sydney



Chislett (strings), Daniel Dumaresque Correa (winds), Bethany Lee

(winds), Maksym Mekhanik (strings), Grace Noseworthy (winds), Ryan Pearcey (winds), Veronica Sawyer (winds), Sofiia Terzioglu (strings), Brian Wang (strings), Jason Wang (winds) for their leadership in this endeavor.

UPCOMING EVENTS: GET EXCITED!

April 24: The Classics with CALOS

Our final concert for the season has been moved from Sunday evening to Monday, April 24, due to a venue conflict at Memorial.

CALOS Senior and Junior

Orchestras are thrilled to be performing selections from the masters, Brahms, Beethoven, Rossini, Handel Bach, Strauss and others during this concert.

