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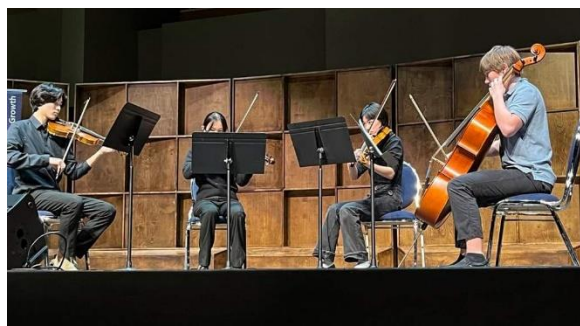
RECENT EVENTS:

January's Return to Upcoming Events

Our orchestras and ensembles returned in January with hopes of no snow cancellations and many events ahead. The winter was kind to us with only one snow Sunday on Feb. 18. Before that date our new Chamber Music Program added yet another String Quartet, for musicians in Grades 9-11. Our Senior String Quartet and Junior Strings and Full Orchestra continued to rehearse with Kiwanis on the horizon. For the new String Quartet a looming engagement with many local youth was within an even closer proximity.

City of St. John's Youth Talent Showcase 2024

Within a month of the first rehearsal, the newest quartet rehearsed to be ready to showcase its talents on Feb. 2. An afternoon of music, singing and dance now included a CALOS String Quartet. Under the tutelage and coaching of Elena Vigna, these four musicians amazed the audience and made CALOS very proud.



Brian Wang, Anna Zhao, (violin), Teresa Sheng (viola), and Henry Stone (cello) at City Talent Showcase.

NSO: Masterworks 3 – Feb. 9

CALOS was excited to attend the NSO's Masterworks 3: *Unraveling Ravel*. The concert featured guest pianist, Sara Davis Buechner in a program including well known pieces *Ma mère l'Oye*, *Concerto in G* by Ravel as well as Khachaturian's *Adagio from Spartacus*. Our Senior musicians were particularly excited to

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hear the NSO rendition of *Firebird Suite* by Stravinsky, after having played selections from the same in our December concert.

Kiwanis Music Festival 2024

This season, our Junior Strings and Junior Orchestra, as well as our Senior String Quartet prepared for Feb. 19 classes during their rehearsals. And once again, CALOS musicians excelled. Not only did each group finish their respective classes with marks of 90+, but the Junior Orchestra was invited to participate in the Instrumental Group Rose Bowl on Feb. 20 and the Senior String Quartet qualified for the provincial/national Kiwanis Music Festival levels in May.



Junior Orchestra & conductor Grace Dunsmore

The Quartet will be recording their next festival entry in the spring and we wish them every success.

On behalf of CALOS, Megan Au (Junior concert master) and Lauryn Au (Quartet violin) attended the Kiwanis Awards ceremony in March.



Lauryn Au (Senior Quartet Violin) & Megan Au (Junior Orchestra Concert Master) at Mar. 7 awards



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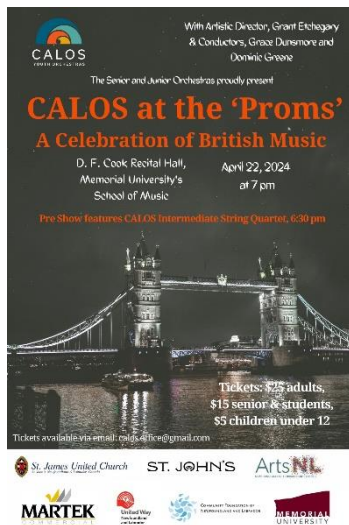
CALOS was also very proud that three of our musicians were nominees at the Junior Instrumental Rose Bowl and extends hearty congratulations to Sofii Terzioglu and Brian Wang for a job well done, as well as special accolades to Ronan Cook on winning this year's Junior Instrumental Rose Bowl.

(L-R); Sofii, Brian and Ronan backstage at the Junior Instrumental Rose Bowl.



Many CALOS musicians have participated and placed in this year's Kiwanis Music Festival and we are proud of each and everyone. It is wonderful to see the festival finally functioning at its pre-pandemic experience.

Upcoming Activities: Get Excited



As well as another NSO Masterworks Concert in March, CALOS is now busily preparing for both the upcoming Spring Concert on April 22 and the Rotary Music Festival on April 29. Both events will be held in the D.F. Cook Recital Hall at MUN School of Music.

Hall at MUN School of Music.

The Concert, CALOS at the "Proms": A Celebration of British Music", will feature the Junior String and Wind Ensembles as well as the Junior and Senior Orchestras. We are excited that our newest String Quartet will perform a pre show before the concert and that the concert will

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be attended by Her Honour Joan Marie Aylward, NL's 42nd Lieutenant Governor and our official patron as well as many of our generous sponsors and some students and teachers from local elementary and intermediate schools in the area.

CALOS Thanks

At this time CALOS would like to thank many of our season's sponsors without whom we would not be able to offer the many new programs of this season, the outreach activities (such as Orchestra Fest), our Bursary Fund, and our Instrument Lending Fund:

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We would also like to thank the CALOS Board of Directors and every family for their time and weekly commitment to this organization

Dates of Note

- March 22: Masterworks 4 (*Ode to Joy*)
- April 22: Spring Concert & Pre show, starting at 6:30 pm
- April 28: Last Sunday Rehearsal before Rotary
- April 29: Rotary Music Festival classes
 - * 1:05-1:50 Junior Wind Ensemble
 - * 1:55-2:40 Junior String Orchestra
 - * 2:45-3:30 Junior Orchestra
 - * 3:35-4:20 Senior Orchestra
- May 5: CALOS Test Drive Event & Final Rehearsal Celebration/Social