



CALOS NEWS

RECENT EVENTS:

Rehearsal Progress

We have been very busy preparing for our upcoming concert and are excited by the many special events that continue to educate our musicians.

In late October and November, we were very excited to share our rehearsal space with composer Jim Duff, and solos violinist, Heather Kao, Concert Master of the NSO.



(Photo: Jim Duff quietly observes rehearsal)

This allowed us to revise some of our playing and further enhance the musicality of the now completed *Suite for Solo Violin and Orchestra* which will be performed at our upcoming Fall concert on Dec. 1.



(Photo: Senior Strings & Soloist, Heather Kao)

Being able to ask the composer about the selection, its tempos and tonalities and adding a professional violinist to the rehearsal has been an amazing educational experience for all our Senior musicians. This type of musical mentoring exists during the season for both orchestras. Senior Orchestra would also like to highlight the efforts of cellist, Laura Ivany, who attended rehearsal in advance of our concert to help in the string section. As well, pianist, Chelsea Abbott was on hand at rehearsal and during the concert to mentor both Orchestras. Both Laura and Chelsea are

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CALOS/NSYO alumni and we are very grateful for their assistance.

For our fall concert, our Junior Orchestra will be mentored by



Mahina Graham-Laidlaw and Senior Orchestra musicians as well. Thanks to Elizabeth Acremen, Charlotte - Aubrey Bassler, Julia Bassler, and Ethan Gough for doubling up their rep practice in assisting the Junior Orchestra.



(Photo credit: Junior String mentoring. C. Deacon)

NSO – Masterworks 2



Continuing with our belief that good musicians make great audience members and learn about instrument play, another group of musicians headed off to see *CelloScapes*, the

second in the NSO Masterworks series on Nov. 15. This concert, conducted by Dina Gilbert, featured cellist Rafael Hoekman, who originally played with the NSO but is currently on staff at the University of Alberta. It was amazing to see Rafael perform solo in the first half but also inspiring to see him complement the NSO by returning to his former NSO seat in the second half of the concert.



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Cheque Presentation – Nov. 24

Each season, CALOS is very grateful to many sponsors. As well as our commissioned selection for this concert, CALOS was the benefactor of financial support from United Way Newfoundland and Labrador during our 2023-24 season.



On November 24, Amy Palmer attended our rehearsal on behalf of UWNL and presented us with a cheque which has aided in our Renewal Through Music Program. This allows individuals, small and large groups and the public to gain a music education through CALOS. It also heightens musical technique and theory which is not as much a focus in many K-12 schools currently.



(Photo: Amy Palmer, UWNL, & Senior Orchestra)

Amy, having played in youth orchestras in her past, not only attended rehearsal but also was thrilled to come to our concert. It was wonderful to have her at both and we hopefully look forward to other UWNL projects in the future.

Fall Concert December 1 – l'eau

CALOS Junior and Senior Orchestras were blessed to perform before a full house on December 1. We were thrilled that the concert audience included Jim Duff and Amy Palmer, and so many CALOS family and friends.

A special thank-you is extended to Christopher Deacon for attending and providing wonderful

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concert memories which can be viewed on our Facebook page: Calos Youth Orchestras – CYO



(Photo credits: C. Deacon)

UPCOMING EVENTS

CALOS Annual General Meeting – Dec. 16, 7 pm, ZOOM

For our upcoming nominations, CALOS is seeking interest from parent representatives. This is typically a 2-year term which can be extended. If you are interested in serving on the CALOS 2025 Board, please make a contact with Mandy at calos.office@gmail.com All families are invited to the AGM to find out more about our past season and our future plans. At the ZOOM AGM and the link will be sent to all families prior to the meeting. It takes approximately 60 minutes.

At this time, we would like to thank the outgoing Board Directors for their contribution to CALOS Youth Orchestras.

Dates of Note:

Dec. 16 – CALOS Annual General Meeting, 7 pm, ZOOM link to be distributed at all families

Jan. 5 – CALOS Rehearsals Resume (2:15 pm check-in)

Jan. 18 & 19 – Senior Orchestra Burry Heights Retreat, Salmonier Line