



**FRIENDS OF THE  
NATIONAL ARTS CENTRE ORCHESTRA**

**ANNUAL REPORT**

2021-2022



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HONORARY PATRON

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends of the National Arts Centre Orchestra,

We are delighted that we will be meeting you all in person once again for our 2022 Annual General Meeting. It has been far too long since our last AGM together in 2019, so we look forward to being able to talk and enjoy each other's company this fall.

On behalf of the FNACO Board, I wish to thank you all most sincerely for your continued renewal of membership and your very generous extra donations. Your love of music, your continued support of our musicians and the NAC Orchestra, and an understanding of the difficulties that face a music student, especially over the last two years, have really assisted us in maintaining our commitments to dedicated Ottawa music students and showing the value of FNACO to Ottawa's music community.



In particular, your FNACO Board of Directors decided to establish two awards for students enrolled in the academic musical programs at the University of Ottawa and Carleton University. You can read more about these awards in the Annual Report. We were also very pleased that the Ambassadors to Canada from Hungary and Norway agreed to open their doors to welcome us and support our cause with wonderful Embassy concerts that brought so many FNACO members back together.

Our quarterly Con Brio has been well supported with excellent articles and my thanks to all who took the time to make those valuable contributions. This newsletter plus our Facebook page have been at the heart of our ability to connect with all of you over the past year and ensure that we keep our sense of a community built on a shared love of music. We are always happy to hear what you think of these ways of staying in touch and we look forward to receiving more articles for Con Brio.

While we may not be a large organization, your support for our financial commitments enables us to make an impact that means so much.

My thanks to all Board Directors and primary supporters for their continued dedicated volunteer work.

Madeleine Aubrey, First VP and Membership; Melina Vacca-Pugsley, Second VP and Embassy Concerts; Louise Rowe, Treasurer; Colonel-Maître Michel Drapeau, Legal Director; Carol Lutes Racine, Diplomatic Liaison; Elizabeth Rajanayagam, Music to Dine For; Jean-Guy Dumoulin, Director without portfolio; Kathleen McKillop, Secretary; Gisele Lamontagne, Translator; Jim Burgess and Juan Molina, our two excellent IT specialists.

I know we all look forward to meeting again in Southam Hall for the wonderful music played by our NAC Orchestra, knowing that the music students we assist are one day closer to taking their own places in that and other professional orchestras.

Sincere thanks,



Christine McLaughlin

President, Friends of the National Arts Centre Orchestra

## FNACO MANDATE

Founded at the same time as the NAC Orchestra in 1969, Friends have been connecting music and people ever since. Our goal is to enjoy music while financially supporting young talented musicians and creating opportunities for the younger generation to enjoy orchestral music.

With your membership you also have the opportunity to attend selected free rehearsals and our fund-raising Embassy concerts and dinners at a reduced price.

**Please ask your friends to consider joining us today by becoming a member – remember that a FNACO membership is tax deductible.**

Potential members interested in joining can email: [Membership@FriendsOfNACO.ca](mailto:Membership@FriendsOfNACO.ca).

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## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS / CONSEIL D'ADMINISTRATION 2021-2022**

### **Executive Committee / Comité exécutif**

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Elizabeth Rajanayagam

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## EMBASSY CONCERTS

After a two-year freeze, the first FNACO Embassy Concert was held on April 7, 2022 at the residence of one of FNACO's most supportive Embassies, the Embassy of the Republic of Hungary. The Hungarian Ambassador, Her Excellency Mária Vass-Salazar, graciously continued the tradition of welcoming 40 FNACO members who were delighted to finally be able to enjoy in person the program of piano, guitar and vocal presented by pianist Judith Ginsberg, Nathan Bredeson and soprano Ania Hejnar. A joyful evening listening to pieces by Domenico Scarlatti, Bela Bartok, Johan Kaspar Mertz, Franz Liszt, Emmanuel Chabrier, Mozart, Verdi and Leonard Bernstein followed by a buffet of Hungarian delicacies completed this first post-COVID FNACO Embassy Concert.



On May 20, in the garden of the residence of the Norwegian Ambassador, 80 FNACO guests were warmly welcomed by His Excellency Jon Elvedal Fredriksen and Mrs. Marianne Fredriksen to enjoy a Norwegian Spring Concert in their spacious garden.

This second post-COVID concert featured violist and NACO associate concertmaster Jessica Linnebach, violinist and OSO concertmaster Erica Miller, NACO violist Paul Casey, NACO second clarinet/bass clarinet Sean Rice and cellist Karen Kang who performs regularly with the National Arts Centre Orchestra.

Following a lively program of Mozart's Clarinet Quintet and the String Quartet No.1 by Norway's most famous composer, Edvard Grieg, the guests went on to enjoy the post-concert reception featuring a buffet of the best smoked Norwegian salmon and other Nordic delights accompanied by a selection of wines.

The new season is looking promising once again and we look forward to more musical evenings.



Melina Vacca-Pugsley  
Director, Embassy Concerts.

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## AWARDS, DONATIONS AND MUSIC LIAISON

Despite COVID we were able to support all our commitments this fiscal year through your kind and generous donations. We even managed to present two **new** University awards, details of which you will read below.

This brings our support full circle from the very beginnings with Kiwanis and OrKidstra, through the teen years with the Young String Performers and Ottawa Youth Orchestra Academy, to the NAC education programmes and the NAC Bursary competition and to finally these new University awards. We are proud to say that many of our award-winning students through the last 50 years have realized their dreams and are now professionally employed with an orchestra.

On behalf of you, our members, we intend to keep this focus for many more years to come. Thank you.

**NAC ORCHESTRA BURSARY COMPETITION** (\$3,000) – This annual event is under the direction of a committee of NAC musicians. Since 1993, Friends has sponsored one of the winner's prizes. In 2019, we added the Evelyn Greenberg Award (\$1,500). We were delighted to have this competition live this year and it was a wonderful finals day held at Freiman Hall, at the University of Ottawa. The **winners for 2022** are: Friends of the NAC Orchestra Award - Eric Prodger (bass trombone); and Friends of NACO, Evelyn Greenberg Award – Glenda Lindgren (oboe).

**KIWANIS MUSIC FESTIVAL** (\$1,500) – Friends has contributed to the prizes at this festival since 1988. This year the **award winners** were: Senior Scholarship – Justin Saulnier (violin) \$1,000; John Gazsi Performance Scholarship – Iris Shen (violin) \$250; and Performance Scholarship – Jackson Kelly (percussion) \$250.

**ORKIDSTRA** (\$1,000) - This organization gives children in under-served parts of the city an opportunity to learn and perform instrumental and choral music as part of a social development initiative. The program has been very successful, and has enjoyed the support of leading figures in the musical community.

**YOUNG STRING PERFORMERS FOUNDATION** (\$1,000) - This organization helps develop the potential of young musicians in the National Capital Region. Friends has a long association with Y.S.P.F., as a source of talented musicians for our fundraising dinners.

**OTTAWA YOUTH ORCHESTRA ACADEMY** (\$1,000) - The Academy provides training in orchestral and ensemble playing for hundreds of young musicians in orchestral and ensemble playing. The Academy was founded by John Gomez and continues to benefit from the participation of current and former NAC musicians

**NAC COMMUNITY OUTREACH** (\$12,000) – Friends continues to provide financial support to the educational side of the Music Department at the NAC. We also support the **Kilpatrick Concert** which funds the extra musicians required for a particular programme. Our \$5,000 contribution supported the magnificent Marsalis and Mahler concert in June 2022.

## NEW AWARDS

### FNACO SPONSORS LEADERS OF TOMORROW IN CANADIAN MUSIC

Over the past year, the FNACO Board of Directors decided to establish two awards for the study of music for students enrolled in academic musical programs both at the University of Ottawa and Carleton University. This initiative was received by the academic staff at each of these institutions as a welcome motivator towards music excellence and community contribution by their students. According to the teaching staff, these awards “*ensure that our music programs maintain a strong and reliable reputation in our community.*” FNACO is proud to sponsor leaders of tomorrow in the Canadian music scene and to applaud the contribution of each of the first two laureates in this inaugural year of these awards.

Distinguished Leadership Award in Music	Award for Students in Music
UNIVERSITY OF OTTAWA	CARLETON UNIVERSITY
An award for an outstanding student completing undergraduate studies at the School of Music who has demonstrated exceptional proficiency in music studies and community involvement. This award is valued at <b>\$5,000</b> .	An award for an outstanding fourth year student graduating from the Bachelor of Music program at Carleton University. This award is valued at <b>\$2,500</b> .
<b>2022 LAUREATES</b>	
The inaugural winner at the University of Ottawa for this FNACO award is <b>KATE MORAN</b> who graduated this spring with a Bachelor of Music. Kate has been awarded a full tuition scholarship to pursue a dual Masters degree at the University of Michigan’s School of Music, Theatre and Dance. Kate’s goal is to complete two Masters of Music degrees in both Performance and Chamber Music.	The inaugural winner for this new Award is <b>EMILY POULSEN</b> who gave her graduating recital on April 26, 2022 at the Carleton <i>Dominion-Chalmers</i> Centre.  Emily proved to be a most deserving winner having demonstrated talent, devotion and achievement for all the goals set by the FNACO award.

Christine McLaughlin,  
Director, Awards, Donations and Music Liaison



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## **MEMBERSHIP SERVICES**

### **AUGUST 1, 2021 - JULY 31, 2022**

The past year saw a 12% decrease in our membership. Our total membership at the end of the 2021-2022 fiscal year is 204 voting members consisting of:

- 26 individual members
- 176 senior members
- 2 students

We also have non-voting members:

- 17 Honorary members (3 of which are still active voting members) and our honorary patron Alexander Shelley
- all orchestra musicians and officials of the Music department are considered non-paying members.

During this fiscal year, 54 members did not renew their memberships. However, 24 new members joined our organization this year and many did so using our website online membership application function.

Membership dues collected for the year were \$6,235. We thank our members who renewed their memberships and we welcome our new members.

Members often send a donation along with their renewal fees. Thank you for your extra generous donations that totaled \$1,195.

Last year FNACO started issuing tax receipts for membership fees as well as for other monetary donations members may have added. This new procedure is working well and has been well received by our members.

Your generous contributions and support are greatly appreciated. They have helped our association meet our mission and commitment to our NAC Orchestra and its musicians, as well as to all young aspiring musicians, through our awards and scholarships.

Comments from members on ways of improving your membership experience are always welcomed. Member input is key in continuing to make FNACO stronger and vibrant. Members interested in providing feedback can email:

[membership@friendsofnaco.ca](mailto:membership@friendsofnaco.ca).

Madeleine Aubrey  
Director, Membership Services

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**Friends of the National Arts Centre Orchestra  
ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT TO MEMBERS  
Year ending July 31, 2022**

So good to have the Friends' Embassy Concerts up and running again! And thanks to our members with their membership fees and generous donations, Friends of NACO remains strong financially. We have contributed all the financial support we committed to for this fiscal year AND were able to establish and provide for the Music Leadership Awards at the University of Ottawa and Carleton University.

Our investments, including the James W. Morton Fund, the William B. Kilpatrick Fund and the Friends' Anniversary Fund, continue to be invested conservatively in index-linked callable coupon notes that provide a steady source of income from interest earned.

I've also included a contributions chart showing Friends' support of NACO and music education over the past few years. If you have any questions about the accompanying financial statements, do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you to all our members for your support, commitment and for making Friends' support of community programs for youth and music education possible.

Louise Rowe  
Treasurer

**THANK YOU TO OUR DONORS IN 2020/21 and 2021/22**

**Friends of the National Arts Centre Orchestra**

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... and all those who gave anonymously through United Way and Canada Helps

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