

## REPORT FROM THE PRESIDENT

The 2017/18 season was again a year of new beginnings and adaptation for the Niagara Youth Orchestra. As many of our members graduated at the end of the 2016/17 season, our orchestras have seen many new faces fill the ranks. Along with our membership we had some losses on our Board of Directors; among them Jim Stangier, our Past-President, stepped down and was replaced in January. Fortunately, our General Manager, Coaches and Conductors have remained consistent.

Our musicians were able to showcase their talent in many locations this season; both orchestras combined in Partridge Hall for our 3rd annual Outreach concert, the Senior Orchestra broke down into smaller ensembles at St. Thomas Church for the annual Chamber Concert, each orchestra performed at Calvary Church for our season cycle and of course the holiday open house. Each orchestra also had their own special performance opportunities this year; the Senior orchestra played along side the Niagara Symphony Orchestra in Partridge Hall and the Junior orchestra had an amazing trip to Joliette, Quebec to perform with the Joliette Youth Orchestra.

Our string players had a great opportunity this year to work with Dr. Mark Chambers, who gave a free cello workshop. A big thank you to Ridley for allowing us to use the Ross Morrow Theatre.

Unfortunately our Trivia Night and Silent Auction were cancelled this year due to unforeseen circumstances, however, we are planning its revival coming up in the new year. New this year, buy a table and get one seat free so get your tables of eight ready.

That being said, Trivia Night, along with all of our events and even weekly rehearsals couldn't run without the generous support of our volunteers; from handing out programs, to sorting the library, our volunteers work tirelessly to help our organization thrive and I cannot thank them enough. We can always use more hands, so if you are interested in volunteering in some way please speak with myself or Tim Stacey to find your best fit.

Thank you to everyone who made this season a success, and here's to the success of the 2018/19 season!

Respectfully submitted,  
Karlie Boyle  
President