

DYO SPRING CONCERT PROGRAM

# Sounds of Spring



Saturday, March 28, 2026 - 7:00 pm  
Westminster United Church, Whitby

Paul Otway, Music Director  
Moira Burke, Assistant Music Director

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*The Durham Youth Orchestra is dedicating the 2025-2026 season to the memory of our founder, John Beaton*



# *Durham Youth Orchestra and Junior Strings*

This season, we have welcomed many new members to both our Junior Strings and the Senior Orchestra. If you, or someone you know might be interested in joining the Durham Youth Orchestra, please reference our website, [www.dyomusic.com](http://www.dyomusic.com).

## *Our Founder*



**John Beaton** earned a B.A. (Honours Music) from the University of Western Ontario and a B.Ed. from the University of Toronto. While at Western, he studied violin for five years with Prof. Yuri Mazurkevich, a graduate of the Moscow Conservatory and former student of David Oistrakh, and conducting with Prof. Derald Johnson. He attended workshops in Suzuki Violin pedagogy at Queen's University, the University of Guelph and Wilfrid Laurier University. Mr. Beaton has been a member of the violin sections of Orchestra London and the Oshawa-Durham Symphony Orchestra. He

founded the Durham Youth Orchestra in 1993, and led it with excellence for over 30 years. Mr. Beaton passed away after a battle with cancer on August 25, 2025.

## *Honorary Patron*



We would like to thank **Dr. Gary Polonsky**, former President of Durham College and UOIT, for serving as Honorary Patron of the Durham Youth Orchestra.

# *Music Director*

**Paul Otway** has worked with the Durham Youth Orchestra for over 20 years, since the mid 2000's. He started as the winds and brass coach, then Assistant Music Director, and is now the Music Director. Paul has worked as an adjudicator at Canada's Wonderland's Festival of Music, a guest conductor with High School bands, and a private teacher and clinician for over 25 years.



As a trumpeter, Paul has worked with several orchestras including: Windsor Symphony, Esprit

Orchestra, National Ballet of Canada, Ontario Philharmonic, Hamilton Philharmonic Orchestra, Toronto Concert Orchestra, Kitchener-Waterloo Symphony, Talisker Players, Orchestra London, Niagara Symphony, Peterborough Symphony.

Paul has been a part of over 50 professional productions, including ballets, operas and musicals, including: **MIRVISH:** Wicked (twice), Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, Singin in the Rain, Anastasia, Annie, Strictly Ballroom, The Wizard of Oz, Mary Poppins, The Sound of Music (twice), The Phantom of the Opera, Les Miserables, 42nd Street, and will be playing A Beautiful Noise and the Great Gatsby in 2026. **DANCAP:** My Fair Lady, Anne of Green Gables, South Pacific, West Side Story. **SHAW FESTIVAL:** Shawfest, Ragtime, My Fair Lady, The Admirable Crichton, One Touch of Venus, Play Orchestra Play, Sunday in the Park with George, Follies (in Concert), Wonderful Town. **STRATFORD FESTIVAL:** Dirty Rotten Scoundrels, Spamalot, Chicago, La Cage Aux Folles and as a fanfare trumpeter.

As a freelancer, Paul has played with: Idina Menzel, Diana Krall, Boy George, Josh Groban, Anne Murray, Rufus Wainwright, Marvin Hamlisch and Il Divo, among others. Paul has been recorded on several CDs, and broadcast on CBC Radio. Paul can be seen in the movie, "Fever Pitch", and in the pilot episode of "Brilliant Minds" (look for the trumpet player!). He has performed for live audiences in 36 states, and 7 provinces.



## *Assistant Music Director*

**Moira Burke** was drawn to the violin at the early age of 5, Moira has never questioned her calling towards music. Upon receiving her MA in Viola Performance from McGill University, Moira moved to Toronto and began her journey towards a career in music. Always striving to expand her creativity and musicianship, Moira is often seen performing on both viola and violin. She is a highly in-demand freelancer, a sought after recording artist and can often be seen performing in Toronto's Mirvish Productions. Her latest shows include, The Phantom of the Opera, The Book of Mormon, Hamilton and Moulin Rouge.

Moira has had the luxury of performing throughout Europe, Asia, Grenada, Cuba, the United States, and across Canada and has played in collaboration with pop icons such as Rod Stewart, Brian Adams, Barbra Streisand, Sarah McLachlan, Diana Krall, Earth Wind & Fire, and the Trans-Siberian Orchestra. Moira is also an active Yamaha Canada Artist and d'Addario Canada Artist.

Aside from her performance career, Moira takes great pride in teaching her students offering both private and group lessons as well as children music classes. She is known for her enthusiasm and patience and loves spreading the joy of music.

When not performing or teaching, Moira is no doubt spending time with her 3 children, enjoying their never-ending laughter and boundless antics.



## *Board of Directors 2025-2026*

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# Programme

Fiddle Tune #1, Folk melody <b>Durham Youth Orchestra Junior Strings</b>	arr. Merle Isaac
William Tell Overture <b>Durham Youth Orchestra</b>	Gioachino Rossini
Shenandoah	Traditional – Arr. Frank J. Halferty
Adagio, K.V. 484a <b>Durham Youth Orchestra Chamber Winds</b>	Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart
Clarinet Concerto in A Major <i>II. Adagio</i> <i>I. Allegro</i> <b>Payton File – Clarinet</b> <b>Durham Youth Orchestra</b>	Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

## INTERMISSION

Brandenburg Concerto #3 <i>I. Allegro Moderato</i> <i>III. Allegro</i> <b>Durham Youth Orchestra Chamber Strings</b>	Johann Sebastian Bach
The Blue Danube Waltz <b>Durham Youth Orchestra</b>	Johann Strauss II



## Orchestra Members

### First Violins

Ethan Funnell, Concertmaster  
Linxuan Huang  
Barukh Loboda  
Kassiani Pfeil

### Second Violins

Abby Saunders, Principal Second Violin  
Vivien Atkinson  
Tanya Bhutani  
Ayn Kim  
Nathaniel Legere  
Aria Lopez  
Amber Saunders

### Violas

Edward Hou, Principal

**Cellos**

Chiara Asztalos, Principal  
Blake Funnell  
Leona Gonzaga  
Raya Robinson

**Flutes (also doubling oboes)**

Mikayla de Oliveira  
Lily Huh  
Lucy Lu  
Quentin Nichols  
Carolyn Reeder  
Sophia Wang  
Sissi Xu

**Piccolo**

Carolyn Reeder

**Oboe**

Abi Whyte

**Clarinets**

Payton File, Principal  
Makena Downer  
Andy Lu  
Chloe Custodio (bass clarinet)

**Bassoons**

Emily Munro, Principal  
Chloe Custodio (bass clarinet playing second bassoon)

**French Horn**

Tyler Trudeau, Principal

**Trumpets**

David Hunter, Principal  
Cameron Jin

**Timpani**

Maia Milios, Principal

**Percussion**

Mikayla de Oliveira

**Junior Strings Members**

Amelie Bahadur – violin  
Nalanie Campbell – violin  
Myla Diapena – violin  
Adalyna Doodnah-Burke – violin  
Tashmey Natendran – violin  
Opaline Robinson – violin  
Victoria Saunders – violin

## **Durham Youth Orchestra Chamber Winds**

Abi Whyte – oboe

Andy Lu – clarinet

Makena Downer – clarinet

Chloe Custodio – bass clarinet

David Hunter – trumpet

Cameron Jin – trumpet

## **Durham Youth Orchestra Chamber Strings**

Kassiani Pfeil – violin I

Barukh Loboda – violin I

Abby Saunders – violin II

Ethan Funnell – violin II

Edward Hou – viola

Aria Lopez – viola

Chiara Asztalos – cello

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## **Thank You to our Alumni, performing Parents and Professionals**

Deborah Stroh (French horn), Collins Saunders (trombone),  
Charlie Henderson (trombone/tuba), Rod Gonzaga (violin), Moira Burke (viola),  
Ludmilla Loboda (viola), Sara Lukjanovs (Double Bass)

## **Thank You**

- Matt Saunders for serving as Master of Ceremonies and preparation of this programme
- Durham District School Board for permitting us to use the music rooms at Sinclair Secondary School for rehearsals
- St. George's Anglican Church for allowing us to use their upper hall for rehearsals
- DYO parents, board members and volunteers for their many hours of service in support of our orchestra
- DYO donors whose generous financial assistance is essential to our success
- A special thank you to Kristine Dandavino, who has made a generous donation in memory of Meagan Turner, and James St. Fleur, who has also made a generous donation in memory of John Beaton. We are grateful that you have chosen to honour their memories by helping the Youth Orchestra as a tribute to John and Meagan.

## **Audience Members:**

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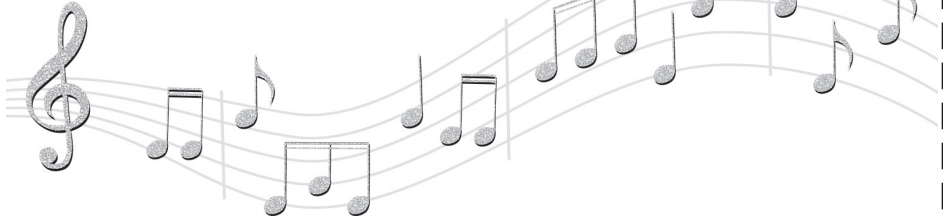
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Repertoire includes works by:

Bach • Vivaldi • Mozart • Beethoven • Mendelssohn • Tchaikovsky and others.

The Orchestra presents concerts at Hebron Christian Reformed Church in Whitby, as well as St. George's Memorial Anglican Church in Oshawa.

DYO Concert Highlights include concerto performances with some of Canada's leading musicians, such as Beethoven's Piano Concerto No.3 with soloist James Parker, University of Toronto Music Professor, and member of the Gryphon Trio; Tchaikovsky's Violin Concerto with soloist Susanne Hou; and Vivaldi's Winter Concerto from "The Seasons" with soloist Erika Raum.

The DYO has performed with other ensembles, including the Ontario Philharmonic directed by Marco Parisotto, the O'Neill Collegiate Chamber Choir directed by Lorie Easton and Erin Collins, the Ajax Random Notes Choir directed by Anna Lynn Murphy and the Kitchener-Waterloo Youth Orchestra directed by Wilfrid Laurier University Professor, Paul Pulford.

Coaching sessions given by top professional musicians, including members of the Toronto Symphony and the Tafelmusik Baroque Orchestra, are an important part of the educational experience of our members.

DYO alumni have gone on to study music at many prestigious post-secondary institutions, including the University of Toronto, McGill University, the Glenn Gould School, the San Francisco Conservatory of Music and the Juilliard School.

**For more information contact Paul Otway**

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