



# The Tuning Fork

December 2023

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## 2023-2024 Concerts

On October 28 the Senior Orchestra performed Brahms' Symphony No. 2 at Convocation Hall, U of A. This noon hour, free-admission concert was very well received.



Following closely on the heels of this concert was the [November 26<sup>th</sup> Intermediate and Senior Orchestra Concert](#) at the Winspear Centre. This concert was dedicated to the memory of [Professor Alexandra Munn](#), a much respected educator, conductor and pianist who passed away September 30, 2023.

An added bonus at the November was a pre-concert performance, in the Winspear foyer, of Mozart's *Clarinet Quintet in A Major, K. 581*, performed by the following Senior Orchestra members:



*Anna Yin & Natasha Hendra, violins; Yitian Fan, viola; Melissa Lank, cello & Joshua Gray, clarinet.*

Be sure to mark your calendars with the following concert dates:

- **Saturday, January 27, 2024. 12 Noon.**  
Senior Orchestra, Convocation Hall, U of A.
- **Sunday, February 25, 2024. 2 PM.**  
Intermediate Orchestra in Concert, Maclab Centre for the Arts, Leduc.

- **Sunday, March 3, 2024. 2 PM.**  
Intermediate & Senior Orchestras in Concert.  
Winspear Centre.
- **Sunday, May 5, 2024. 2 PM.**  
Intermediate & Senior Orchestras in Concert.  
Winspear Centre.

Please check our [website](#) for full concert information closer to these dates.

## Conducting Internship Program

Meet **Rianna Burgess**, our new conducting intern. Rianna started working alongside Michael Massey with both orchestras as of December 2 and will be continuing in this capacity until March 3.



Rianna, a 22-year-old student in her final year of the University of Alberta's music and education combined degree program, discovered her passion for music at age 6 through piano lessons, later transitioning to the oboe in 7th grade. Her teachers on oboe have included Lidia Khaner and Beth Levia. She has been the principal oboist of many ensembles including the University of Alberta Symphonic Wind Ensemble and Symphonic Orchestra, as well as the Edmonton Youth Orchestra. Rianna's recognitions include being a featured soloist with the Wye String Ensemble and being the recipient of multiple scholarships at local and regional music competitions. Rianna is passionate about music being accessible for all as she works towards becoming a music teacher.

## Northern Alberta Concerto Competition

The preliminary round for the 42<sup>nd</sup> annual Northern Alberta Concerto Competition (Strings, Woodwinds & Brass) was held November 19. The following players have moved onto the final round, which is taking place on **Sunday, January 14<sup>th</sup>** at **Muttart Hall, Alberta College campus of MacEwan University (10050 MacDonald Dr NW, Edmonton).**

Please plan to attend, support these wonderful, young musicians, and take in their superb performances!

The competition starts with the Senior Strings at 10 AM, followed by the Woodwinds at 1:30 PM and the Intermediate Strings at 3 PM. Admission is by donation.

### Senior Strings

- Emily Goldsney – Mendelssohn Concerto in E minor, op. 64
- Elana Zhang – Sibelius Violin Concerto in D minor, Op. 47
- Jessica Zhuang – Tchaikovsky Violin Concerto in D major, Op. 35

### Winds

- Gabrielo Arojo - Reinecke Concerto in D major, Op. 283 for Flute and Orchestra
- Eric Davidson - Mozart Oboe Concerto in C major K.314

### Intermediate Strings

- Matthew Hendra - Vieuxtemps Violin Concerto No.5 in A minor, 1st movement
- Anthony Yue - Elgar Cello Concerto in E minor
- Grace Zhou - Bruch Violin Concerto No.1 in G minor, 1st movement
- Rachel Zhu – Barber Concerto for Violin and Orchestra



Applications for the 2024 National Youth Orchestra opened October 1<sup>st</sup> and are being accepted until February 1, 2024. For full information on the program and how to apply please visit:

<https://nyoc.org/auditions/2024-preview/>

## EYO Hoodies and Sweatshirts

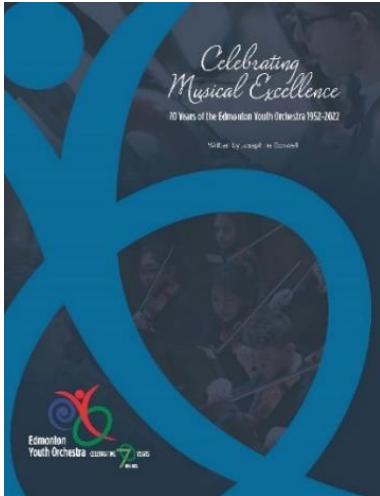


Hoodies and sweatshirts are in stock and available for purchase. These garments are sold at cost (\$40/hoodie; \$30/sweatshirt). Order forms and size charts are available through the [website](#) and at rehearsals. Please email the EYO office ([eyo@shaw.ca](mailto:eyo@shaw.ca)) if you would like to place an order and your hoodie/sweatshirt will be waiting for you at the next rehearsal!



## EYO History Book

Also available for purchase through the EYO office (\$30/book) is this beautiful EYO history book. Makes a wonderful Christmas present!



**Celebrating Musical Excellence: 70 Years of the Edmonton Youth Orchestra 1952-2022.**  
By Josephine Boxwell

*The Edmonton Youth Orchestra has been providing exceptional orchestral education to young musicians since 1952. With contributions from students, music*

*directors, general managers and board members, this commemorative book tells a 70-year story of repertoire, rehearsals, performances and a love of orchestral music.*



**Last rehearsals before the holidays:  
Intermediate Orchestra – Wednesday, December 13  
Senior Orchestra – Saturday, December 16**

**Rehearsals resume:  
Intermediate Orchestra – Wednesday, January 10/24  
Senior Orchestra – Saturday, January 13/24**

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