



The Tuning Fork

December 2022

The EYO Annual General Meeting was held in a hybrid format (in-person and online) October 25, 2022, at which time the following Board was nominated and ratified. Thanks to all who attended!

Edmonton Youth Orchestra Board 2022- 2023

President	Sheryl Bowhay
Vice President	James Merkosky
Past President	Sue Ooraikul Thomas
Secretary	Angeline Lam
Treasurer	Michael Haydo
Director	Ken Regan
Director	Raymond Lai
Director	Mark Melenberg
Director	Ted Spyrapoulos

Music Director	Michael Massey
General Manager	Heather Dolman



Thank you!

It was also the time to say goodbye, with sincere thanks, to past board members, **Dave**

Rumbold, Dina Gerwing and Teresa Seibel, for their dedication, and all the time and service they have most generously given to the EYO over these past years!

At the same time, we extend a very warm welcome to our new board members.

Angeline Lam, Secretary

Angeline Lam grew up in Hong Kong before coming to Canada to further her studies. She spent her first Canadian winter in Fort McMurray in 1985 and went on to complete a Master of Science at the University of Alberta. She then worked in research laboratories in Australia, Alberta, Manitoba, and Ontario before taking on the role of raising her two children and assisting her husband in his medical practice. She fostered a love of music in her daughter and son and encouraged their advancement in piano and violin. Angeline became involved in updating the EYO policies following her daughter's joining the orchestra and has assumed the position of secretary with enthusiasm. She brings the benefit of her unique international and multicultural experiences to the board and looks forward to serving the EYO community.



Michael Haydo, Treasurer



Michael Haydo, CPA, CA joins the EYO Board as our new Treasurer. Michael is a Chartered Accountant with over fifteen years of combined experience in public practice and industry. Currently, Michael works as the Director of Finance at Somagen Diagnostics Inc. where he guides multi-functional aspects of his

organization's financial reporting, taxation, budgeting, and long-term strategy. Outside of work, Michael enjoys road cycling, travel, and listening to his children on their musical journeys.

Ted Spyrapopoulos, Director



Ted Spyrapopoulos is a litigation lawyer with Brownlee LLP. He has over 20 years of professional legal experience in corporate in-house and private firm environments with management of complex litigation before the Alberta, British Columbia, Saskatchewan, and Manitoba Courts in various matters. Ted also has experience in

business leadership having served in a management role with respect to development, planning, organization, and review of business and legal processes. Ted is passionate about music and the arts and is committed to community service having coached in minor hockey and previously served as a board member for the Lieutenant Governor of Manitoba Youth Experience Program.

Welcome Angeline, Michael and Ted – we look forward to working this you!

Conductor Internship

We also welcome our new conducting intern, **Yitian Fan**. The Conductor Internship program is a unique opportunity for those interested in further developing their conducting skills, to work with the Edmonton Youth Orchestra Association's two orchestras under the tutelage of the EYO's longstanding Music Director and Conductor, Mr. Michael Massey. Yitian's internship commenced on November 23rd, and he will be with us in this capacity up to and including the February 26th concert.



Yitian has played in the EYO since 2013 (violin, viola and trombone). He is currently a fourth year BMus/BEEd student at the University of Alberta, majoring in Bass Trombone. At the age of 8, he started his musical training on the violin with Mary and Tom Johnson. He continues to play as well as enjoying a thriving, private teaching studio. His love for the trombone began in 7th grade Band - the only instrument that could make funny noises and race-car sounds. His teachers on the Bass

Trombone included Alden Lowrey and Tyler Cairns. In the future, he would like to teach and conduct band at the Junior High or High School level as well as continuing to play both the trombone and the violin. As well as music, Yitian enjoys playing and coaching basketball which he would also like to continue to do when he becomes a teacher.

Upcoming Concerts

We are now well into our 2022-2023 season with rehearsals taking place as planned – and we've already had two concerts in this past month with more to come! Please mark your calendars for the following:

Sunday, January 15, 2023

[Final Round of the 41st Annual Northern Alberta Concerto Competition \(NACC\) – Senior & Intermediate Piano.](#) Muttart Hall, Alberta College Campus, MacEwan University. Wonderful performances – do come out and support these accomplished musicians!

Sunday, February 5, 2023, at 2 PM

Douglas Cardinal Performing Arts Centre, Grande Prairie. The Senior Orchestra travels to Grande Prairie to work and perform with Grande Prairie choirs and musicians.

Sunday, February 26, 2023, at 2 PM

Senior & Intermediate Orchestras in Concert. Winspear Centre. Featuring winners of the 41st annual NACC (Piano).

Saturday, April 15 and Sunday, April 16, 2023.

[Thrill of a Lifetime: A Special Concert for the Future](#)

Winspear Centre. An EYO/Edmonton Symphony Orchestra collaboration. We are thrilled to have this opportunity to work alongside the ESO!

Sunday, May 14, 2023, at 2 PM

Senior & Intermediate Orchestras in Concert. Winspear Centre.

Complete season calendar available [here](#).



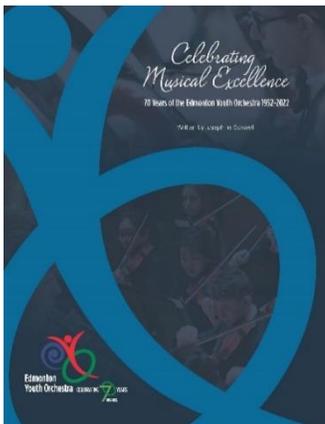
Hoodies and Sweatshirts

The first order of hoodies and sweatshirts has been received and distributed. If you missed getting your order in and would still like a hoodie/sweatshirt, please contact the EYO office. Some extras were ordered, and a second order may be placed. Hoodies /sweatshirts are being sold at cost - \$40/hoodie; \$30/sweatshirt.



Order forms and size charts are available through the [website](#) and at rehearsals.

70th Anniversary History Book



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

Our commemorative history book complete with many photos and anecdotes. A great read. Makes a great Christmas present!

Books (\$30) are available for purchase through the EYO office (780-569-5290 /eyo@shaw.ca). More information available [here](#).

You may wish to take in the online program, *Compiling 70 Years of Stories with the Edmonton Youth Orchestra*, being presented by our book's writer, Josephine Boxwell, on December 6th at 7 pm through Edmonton Public Library. [Registration is required.](#)

70th Anniversary Legacy Campaign

This season we acknowledge and celebrate the impact the EYO has had on the thousands of young people – musicians who have participated in our Intermediate and Senior Orchestras over the past 70 years – and plan

for the future, to ensure that the EYO exists and thrives for the next 70 years.

The [70th Anniversary Legacy Campaign - \\$70 for 70 years](#) is well underway. Thanks for all of the wonderful donations received so far.

We hope that many of our members, their families, and fans will be inspired to make a \$70 gift, and we encourage you to even add a few zeros if you can! As a charitable organization, all gifts receive a tax-deductible receipt.

Thank you for helping us celebrate our commemorative 70th Anniversary Season and here's to the next 70 years!



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