



The Tuning Fork

September 2023

Edmonton Youth Orchestra Board of Directors

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

Music Director Michael Massey
General Manager Heather Dolman

Thanks to all who attended our wine & cheese mixer / orientation session on September 13th. It was great to meet so many of you and to be able to share plans for the year ahead!

2023-2024 Concerts

Just two weeks into rehearsals and our intermediate and senior orchestras are hard at work preparing repertoire for upcoming concerts. Be sure to mark your calendars and join us as we not only share wonderful music but also showcase and acknowledge the skills and hard work of the ~150 young musicians who make up the Edmonton Youth Orchestra 2023-2024.

- Saturday, October 28, 2023. Noon.
 Senior Orchestra in Concert. Convocation Hall, University of Alberta.
- Sunday, November 26, 2023. 2 PM.
 Intermediate & Senior Orchestras in Concert.
 Winspear Centre.
- 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.

Full concert information is posted, as it becomes available here.

Concert Dress

The goal of the dress code is to present to the audience a unified and professional appearance, keeping the

audience's focus on the ensemble as a whole and most importantly, the music.

Concert Dress Options

Option 1: Black tuxedo or black suit, white shirt, black bow tie, black socks, black dress shoes

OR

Option 2: Ankle-length black skirt or ankle-length black dress pants, black top with long or three-quarter-length sleeves, black stockings/socks, black dress shoes

ΩR

Option 3: Ankle-length black dress with long or threequarter-length sleeves, black stockings/socks, black dress shoes



A private facebook group has been created for the sale/swap of concert dress items. Click on the link above to join the group and share any unneeded concert dress items you may have – or find items you are looking for!



Tuesday, October 24, 2023, 7:30 pm In-person at the Derrick Club (3500- 119 St NW, Edmonton) OR:

Online via Zoom Please plan to attend!

The board and staff of EYO cordially invite you to the **Annual General Meeting.** This is your opportunity to find out what's happening in the EYO world, meet the current board and exercise your right by voting in the new board of directors.

One parent/guardian of minor players and all players 18 years of age and over have voting privileges at the Annual General Meeting. Players 18 years of age and over can proxy their vote to a parent or guardian, if they so choose. Proxy forms are available through rehearsals, the EYO office, and our website.

A short RSVP to eyo@shaw.ca would be most appreciated, indicating whether you plan to attend in-person or online.

Scholarships



2023 Scholarship Recipients! (Awards presented September 2023)

Symphony Women's Educational Assistance Awards

- Emily Williams (Trumpet)
- Fionna McCrostie (French Horn)
- Gabby Arojo (Flute)
- Natasha Hendra (Violin)
- Micah Truong (Viola)
- Anastasia Cipko (Viola)

Diana Bacon Scholarship

Melissa Lank (Cello)

Diana Bacon Young Musician's Award

Anthony Yue (Cello)

Francis & Muriel Dunnigan Scholarship

- Drew Dempsey (Bassoon)
- Ian Liu (Clarinet)

Pamela Farmer Young Musician's Award

Rachel Zhu (Violin)

Paul Polushin Scholarship

Sofia Sejutee (Violin)

Harry Farmer Scholarship

Yitian Fan (Trombone)

Kathleen Farmer Scholarship

• Elina Yuma (Violin)

Thelma Johannes O'Neill Memorial Scholarship

• Sabina Fassbender (Trombone)

Eileen Lee Scholarship

Sara Sierko (Trumpet)

Della Roland Scholarship

Savannah Seibel (Viola)

R. glacialis Award

Matthew Sullivan (Trumpet)



Music Director, Michael Massey with Intermediate Orchestra scholarship recipient, Rachel Zhu.



Senior Orchestra scholarship recipients with Music Director, Michael Massey, and scholarship presenter/ EYO alumnus, Andrew Bacon. L to R: Andrew Bacon, Fionna McCrostie, Gabby Arojo, Ian Liu, Yitian Fan, Anthony Yue, Michael Massey, Sara Sierko, Micah Truong, Emily Williams, Anastasia Cipko, Elina Yuma and Melissa Lank. Missing from photo: Natasha Hendra, Drew Dempsey, Sofia Sejutee, Sabina Fassbender, Savannah Seibel and Matthew Sullivan.

Check out <u>our website</u> for full information on available scholarships.

EYO Hoodies and Sweatshirts





Hoodies and sweatshirts are once again available for purchase, at cost - \$40/hoodie; \$30/sweatshirt. Order forms and size charts are available through the website and at rehearsals.

EYO History Book



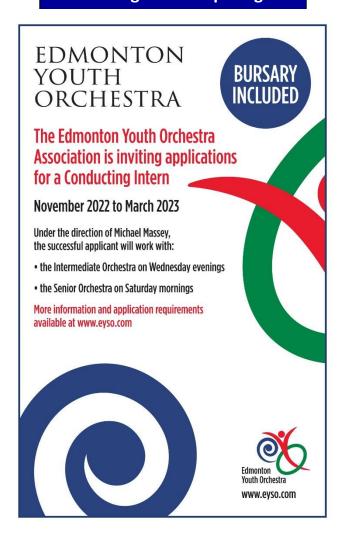
Celebrating Musical Excellence: 70 Years of the Edmonton Youth Orchestra 1952-2022. By Josephine Boxwell

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.

This beautiful book is available for purchase (\$30) through the EYO office (780-569-5290 /eyo@shaw.ca).

Conducting Internship Program



Volunteers, Sponsors & Donors



The smooth running of the EYO requires many, many volunteers - in a variety of positions. A big thank you to all of our volunteers. Your willingness to give of your time and service is greatly appreciated and allows us to continue to do what we do!

We also gratefully acknowledge our sponsors and donors. Your contributions and support are equally appreciated!

















Edmonton Youth Orchestra Association
780-569-5290 | eyo@shaw.ca | www.eyso.com

