

APPENDIX A

Dear Oakville Town Councillors

Oakville Chamber Orchestra has been a mainstay of music in Oakville since 1984 and a registered charity since 1998.

We present four programs each season (October to June), focusing on Baroque and Classical era repertoire. Three of these programs are presented as public concerts on a Saturday evening (St John's) followed by a Sunday afternoon (St Simon's). One program is presented as a single performance at the Oakville Centre for the Performing Arts.

Our annual Youth Concerto Competition has attracted the most talented emerging young artists. The winners of this competition (there are a junior and senior sections), each receive a cash prize and, more importantly, the opportunity to perform a concerto with the orchestra. We also offer a cash prize to the best performing Oakville resident.

Our musicians are encouraged to engage in outreach to schools and libraries where they can expose young people to classical music.

The orchestra comprises a mix of paid professionals and community volunteers, led by a professional music director.

COVID-19 put a stop to our in-person activities for 18 months, but we were able to continue to engage with our audience using music videos with the musicians recording their individual parts in their homes.



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Assembling these recordings into a music video was an enormous amount of work, and hopefully that is behind us now. We are now back to live performances and in November held our first two post-COVID concerts.

We are looking primarily to participate by providing volunteers to assist in the operation of the bingo and gaming operations (Delta).

The proceeds will be used to fund our core activities that directly benefit the residents of Oakville – specifically our music director, paid professional musicians, venue rental and the cost of the program booklets handed out at our concerts.

For many years we have been able to balance our budget due to the generosity of a single donor. Sadly, that benefactor passed away this year and we are looking to charitable gaming to make up the shortfall.

We trust that you will support us in this endeavour.

Sincerely

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