

Appendix A



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Town of Oakville
1225 Trafalgar Road
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Attention: Michelle Morris

Re: Lottery License Cover Letter

Dear Council Members

Masterworks of Oakville Chorus and Orchestra (Masterworks) is submitting their application for review and approval to become eligible for a bingo lottery license.

Masterworks came about through the efforts of our co-founding directors Joyce Sitarski and Charles Demuncyk. In the spring of 2000 Joyce invited Charles to be part of the Messiah concert at St. Andrews Church (as part of the St. Andrews Concert Series). She then brought together choristers from various choirs in Oakville to take part in the Messiah concert. It was a success but there was a gap of five years before the next concert while Charles was teaching at Universities in Indiana and Louisiana.

Upon his return in April, St Andrews Concert Series again produced the Messiah, under the leadership of Joyce Sitarski. From there Masterworks Chorus and Orchestra took root and in February 2008 incorporated as a non-profit organization. In September 2008 it became a non-profit charitable organization.

Our mission is to perform the great works of the Choral/ Orchestral repertoire at a high standard, enriching Oakville's cultural fabric and to provide opportunities for local musicians to perform.

Our Vision Statement is to be an integral part of the local community to bring together peoples of various backgrounds, ages, and musical experience in an artistic and social environment to learn about and to perform, mainly, classical choral music at a high standard, and at an affordable cost to members and audiences alike.

We hold a concert in the Fall and one in the Spring in Oakville usually at a local church. Both consist of an evening and matinee performance. At each performance the conductor gives a brief narrative about the piece that is being performed. Masterworks has also collaborated with other artistic groups to perform concerts. Depending on the piece being performed paid soloists are part of the concert.

Our rehearsals are held on Saturday mornings, at a local church, leading up to the concert with two or three rehearsals with the orchestra.

Our choristers and many of our orchestra members are volunteers who give their time to contribute to Masterworks by being part of the Board of Directors, standing on various committees such as membership, library, concert setup. Our members also sell tickets and circulate posters and other material to promote the concerts. At times volunteer choristers are brought in from the community to augment the choir when needed.

We do waive the membership fee for students and musicians in the community to give them the opportunity to sing/play with Masterworks.

We also reach out to the community for volunteers to assist with greeting the audience, checking their tickets, and seating them.

If you would like to know more about Masterworks Chorus and Orchestra, please feel free to contact me by phone at 905 483-1912 or by e-mail lindamwo@gmail.com.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Chris Markovic, President



Linda Baldwin, Treasurer