



Newsletter November 2020-2021

Hello everyone I hope you are enjoying rehearsals and the music that Tina and Gelja picked out this year. I'm very pleased with the hall and the social distancing measure we are all taking. I hope you are all feeling comfortable at rehearsal.

Please note our evening of Christmas music is changed to December 3rd, 6:30 - 7:30. Our final rehearsal will still be December 11th. The evening of Christmas music will be live streamed to facebook for parents and Seniors Homes. It will be both orchestras' combined. We will spread out across the hall so we are six feet apart family members will sit two to a stand for this evening. There will be a prize for the ugliest Christmas sweeter.

I want to update you on changes to the social distancing measures in our region. On Monday November 16th Brantford and Brant County entered level 3 orange under the Provinces new color coded covid19 response framework. We are still permitted to operate with a maximum of 50 people in the building. All the rules that we spelled out in the September newsletter still apply. When entering and exiting the building please remember to distance six feet apart. When in the building please go straight to your seat and practice good social distancing during orchestra.

What is changing.

We will now be screening you with a questionnaire at the desk. It will be displayed on the table for you to read and on a separate attendance sheet you will check mark the box beside your name to confirm your attendance and that you are able to answer no to the screening questions provided. You can use your pencil from your music folder or the one provided. Please use the hand sanitizer after you have finished and before you go to your seat. Someone will be there to help the younger kids if they need it.

The Screening questions on the form will read as follows.

- Have you travelled outside Canada in the past 14 days?
- Have you tested positive for COVID-19 or had close contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19 without wearing appropriate PPE?
- Do you have ANY of the following symptoms?
 - Fever
 - New onset of cough
 - Worsening chronic cough
 - Shortness of breath
 - Difficulty breathing
 - Sore throat
 - Difficulty swallowing
 - Decrease of loss of sense of taste or smell
 - Chills
 - Headaches
 - Unexplained fatigue/malaise/muscle aches
 - Nausea/vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal pain
 - Pink eye (conjunctivitis)
 - Runny nose or nasal congestion without a known cause

Membership and Registration

Some of you have not registered and paid your orchestra membership yet. Can you please complete the online form on our website. If you prefer to print the form, you will be able to download it from the website as well.

Membership Fees

\$100 - Individual Membership

\$150 - 2 Person Family Membership

\$200 - 2+ Family Membership

Payment Options (*refunds will not be available if Covid-19 cancels the season*)

1. Full Payment – due October 28th, 2020
2. Two Payments – due October 28th 2020 & January 7th 2021

Payment Methods

- E-transfer to littlestringorchestratreasurer@gmail.com (please put your name in the message)
- Cash
- Cheque (Make cheque payable to **Little String Orchestra.**)

Website

I would like to remind you that the orchestra has a new website. You can find paperless registration, LSO policies, schedules, rental information, pictures and videos. Visit us today at www.thelittlestringorchestra.com

Important dates for your calendar:

- October 1, 2020 - First orchestra rehearsal Junior 6:00pm / Senior 7:00pm
 Please be 15 to 20 minutes early
- October 22, 2020 - Registration forms and payment are due
- December 3, 2020 - Evening of Holiday Music PLEASE NOTE: Jrs. and Srs.
 together at 6:30
- December 11, 2010 - Last rehearsal before Holidays, maybe formal dress for
 an orchestra annual photo??

Do you know an individual or business that would possibly give us a charitable donation???

Please provide name and address to your conductor or email the orchestra executive at thelittlestringorchestra@gmail.com

Looking forward to a great year!