



# The Little String Orchestra

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Dear Friends of the Little Strings Orchestra

I hope you and your families are keeping happy and healthy. I'm excited to inform you that the orchestra is running a full program this year. Due to the concerns around the spread of Covid19 the orchestra has made many changes to how and where we are having rehearsals. We spoke with representatives from the Brant County Health Unit and the City of Brantford's bylaw department to insure that our plan met the regulations provided by the Ontario Government. We moved our rental location this year to the Hellenic Community Centre on Park Road North in Brantford. The hall has gone out of their way to help us provide a safe environment for our members.

Since 1977 the orchestra has worked hard to enrich the artistic and cultural landscape of the community. The Little String Orchestra is the only string orchestra in our community which welcomes musicians of all ages and abilities. We are committed to sustaining a community program that gives beginner orchestra members and our more advanced senior orchestra members the best environment for learning and improving. We strive every year to provide a program that is fun and inclusive. Our goal is to create a lifelong love of music.

The orchestra is live streaming free concerts this year from local churches. Social media links to these concerts will be provided to all the seniors' homes and nursing homes in the community. We will also be speaking with the local school boards to share our school concert series through social media. Next spring we will be partnering with seniors homes to provide safe outdoor concerts. We have already been approached by two homes requesting our musical entertainment.

A financial donation would be greatly appreciated and would enable us to continue with our mission statement:

*"THE LITTLE STRING ORCHESTRA is a growing community, uniting generations in a delightful musical and social experience. We are a string orchestra that fosters friendships, enhances personal growth, and where members from five to seventy-five share a common goal of achievement through learning a diverse musical repertoire."*

It is important that we keep our membership fee low, in order to provide instruction to anyone who wants to learn. The annual fee per student is \$100 with a maximum of \$200 for a family. The Little String Orchestra is asking for your financial support to assist us in maintaining our program and offering string players of all ages with an affordable music opportunity in our community. An income tax receipt will be issued under our Charitable Donation Number.

Yours truly,

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