

OrKidstra's mission is to empower kids and build community through the universal language of music.



OrKidstra gives children and youth from equity-deserving Ottawa communities the opportunity to learn essential life skills through playing and singing music together. With your support, we can help more kids discover their potential through the joys and challenges of music-making!

Play your part: make a gift today!



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A special side-by-side fundraiser for OrKidstra with the National Arts Centre Orchestra.

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❖OrKidstra Graduate (OldKidstra)

***OrKidstra** is an Ottawa-based charitable social development program that empowers kids from equity-deserving communities by teaching life skills through singing and playing music together. With the passionate belief in the transformative power of music, OrKidstra began in 2007 with 27 children and has grown to include 750 young people from over 62 cultural and linguistic backgrounds and has become a world-class example of why music is called the universal language. OrKidstra's students demonstrate how the power of music gives them a voice and a confidence that transcends differences and creates a true culture of belonging and community connection.*

“Notes of Love” OrKidstra Musicians

KidStringers

Violin 1: Jayden Smith-Desir, Annika Chang, Colin (Keyu) Shen, Joanna Zhou, Moyra Kenward-Park, Rohan Gillis, Vinul Sumathipala

Violin 2: Andrea Andrade Urrutia, Ali Hassan, Alma Falah, Jayda Smith-Desir, Serena Li

Viola: Ayaan Choudhury, Dabi Kennedy, Ines Saliha Toumi, Praise Kaboi

Cello: Ben Uch, Kelly Lin, Maria Vargas, Noah Linson-Hudson, Yenul Sumathipala

KidPlayers

Flute/Piccolo Mariam Krayem, Shania Braunovan, Sophia Figueroa

Clarinet: Elizabeth (Betty) Lewis

Saxophone: George (Yiou) Wang, Marlo Junior Rontal, Valian Ijaola

Trumpet: Aiden O’Ree, Louis Honeywell-Dobbin, Rose Greaves

Horn: Eva Situ

Trombone/Baritone: Joshua Mendes, Julia Beatty, Lottie Honeywell-Dobbin

KidSingers

Soprano: Aleksander Sanchez, Alicia Wong, Anita Adeoye, Charlotte de Bruijn, Clyde Rontal, Destiny Kaboi, Eleanor Fritsch, Ireymika Bankole, Isaac Sangvai, Issa Ait Ouzineb, Kaci-Marie Grant, Karson Sutherland, Liam Tran, Lili Hormozi, Mercy Tial, Nancy Doan, Pearl Okoroafor, Rosemary Stoesser

Alto: Aniket Potdar, Edison Boyle, Emily Wong, Harbor Xu, Isaac Adeoye, Joy Westwood, Koby Vic-Elmi Jean, Martha Greenwood, Olatide Bankole, Owen de Bruijn, Theodore Godin, Vu Nguyen

Teaching Artists and Guests On-Stage

KidSingers: Emmanuel Soloman, Niloofar Radmand, Pirahashini Thayanithy, Rosemary de Bruijn

KidStringers: Karoly Sziladi Jr., Sonia Caceres

KidPlayers: Mark Constantine, Peter Perez❖, Richard Page

Percussion: Astrid Camarena Correa, Gary McMillen, Jennifer Martinez

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“Notes of Love” NACO Musicians

Violin 1:

Jessica Linnebach, Emily Westell, Jeremy Mastrangelo, Jessy Kim, Karoly Sziladi, Manuela Milani, Marjolaine Lambert

Violin 2:

Emily Kruspe, Carissa Klopoushak, Edvard Skerjanc, Frédéric Moisan, Jeffrey Dyrda, Leah Roseman, Mark Friedman

Viola: Jethro Marks, David Goldblatt, David Marks, Paul Casey

Cello: Rachel Mercer, Julia MacLaine, Timothy McCoy

Double Bass: Sam Loeck, Max Cardilli, Vincent Gendron

Flute/Piccolo: Susan Hoepfner, Lara Deutsch

Oboe/English Horn: Charles Hamann, Melissa Scott

Clarinet/Bass Clarinet: Kimball Sykes, Shauna Barker

Bassoon: Darren Hicks, Vincent Parizeau

Horn: Julie Fauteux, Lauren Anker

Trumpet: Karen Donnelly❖, Steven van Gulik

Trombone/Bass Trombone: Nate Fanning, Zachary Bond

Tuba: Chris Lee

Timpani: Jonathan Wade

Percussion: Andrew Johnson

❖ *Honorary OrKidstra Teaching Artist & Mentor*

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“Notes of Love” Musical Program

Guest Conductor: Henry Kennedy, NACO Resident Conductor
OrKidstra Conductors: Margaret Maria, OrKidstra Co-Founder
and Sonia Caceres Rivera, Artistic Manager (Strings)
Master of Ceremonies: Paul Wells

KidPlayers and NAC Orchestra Winds/Brass

“Mambo” from West Side Story – Leonard Bernstein, arr. Michael Sweeney

KidSingers

*Children's Blessing Song – Sherryl Sewepagaham**

KidStringers, KidSingers, and NAC Orchestra Strings

*On est tous juste humains – Marie-Claire Saindon**

KidStringers and NAC Orchestra Strings

Tico Tico – Zequinha de Abreu, arr. James Kazik

KidPlayers and NAC Orchestra Winds/Brass

Appalachian Spring – Aaron Copland, arr. Robert Longfield

KidStringers and NACO Strings

*Spring – Margaret Maria**

OrKidstra and National Arts Centre Orchestra

*Romeo and Juliet, Suite No. 2, Op. 64ter: I. Montagues and Capulets
– Sergei Prokofiev*

KidStringers and NAC Orchestra Strings

Adoration – Florence Price

OrKidstra and National Arts Centre Orchestra

Symphony No. 5, Mvt. 1 – Ludwig van Beethoven

ALL (PLEASE JOIN US!)

*10 Leading Notes – OrKidstra**

OrKidstra, KidSingers and National Arts Centre Orchestra

Hymn to Freedom – Oscar Peterson, lyrics by Harriette Hamilton,
Choral Arr. by Paul Read, Orchestra Arr. by Robert Buckley*

**Canadian Composer*