2015|16
Donor Report
Making an Impact

Kitchener-Waterloo Symphony
Edwin Outwater | Music Director
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This 2015|16 season the Symphony celebrated its 70th anniversary, and it was extraordinary. Generous donors like you are why the KWS has accomplished so much this year.

Your generosity supported...

### 70k for 70 Years

The 70th Anniversary Matching Campaign exceeded its goal and raised $151,423! Thank you to our Matching Campaign families: Savvas and Christine Chamberlain, who provided 50% of the match, and Manfred and Penny Conrad and H. John Davidson and Cathay Weston, who contributed the balance. Thank you to our donors who supported this important initiative.

**ABOVE:** 1951 Kitchener-Waterloo Symphony with conductor Dr. Glenn Kruspe at K-W Collegiate and Vocational School.

### 90,668

The KWS presented more than 100 concerts in the community and performed for 90,668 people in 2015|16.

### Beethoven Marathon

Music Director Edwin Outwater and the KWS collaborated with pianist Stewart Goodyear to perform an astounding marathon of all five Beethoven piano concertos. The marathon also featured the Grand Philharmonic Choir — a joyful start to the 70th season.

### 11,500+

The school concert program inspired over 11,500 children to attend concerts at Centre In The Square.
“The first time I heard the KWS perform was at the annual Yuletide Spectacular concert. It was magical! I feel so good knowing that my support ensures that others will experience that same magic!” – KWS season subscriber

Hack the Orchestra

Hack the Orchestra winners were celebrated and their work was showcased. An image of Beethoven’s piano concertos produced in real time by Fractal Orchestra was projected on a screen behind the orchestra on the Centre In The Square stage. How Do I Symphony? set up its project in the lobby, allowing audience members to take an interactive quiz.

Tanya Tagaq

Superstar and Polaris Prize winner Tanya Tagaq brought her visionary voice and music to packed houses and critical acclaim.

Opera!

The KWS and Wilfrid Laurier University brought opera to Kitchener-Waterloo with a concert version of Die Fledermaus. Along with a number of guest soloists, the collaboration brought together singers from Opera Laurier Chorus, Laurier Singers and the WLU Alumni Choir.

The Beatles

KWS worked with Art of Time Ensemble to premiere their orchestral version of the Beatles’ classic album Sgt. Pepper’s Lonely Hearts Club Band.
PWC has been delighted to be a sponsor of a KWS Pops concert for several years. We use the opportunity to entertain some of our clients, and to support the leading performing arts organization in our city. We know that a vibrant cultural community is critical to our ability to attract and retain the people that serve our clients, and we are proud to be able to play our small part in the ongoing success of the KWS.” — PwC
Blackberry® Conductor’s Circle Lounge

The KWS welcomed BlackBerry® this year as sponsor of the new Conductor’s Circle Lounge at the Centre In The Square. The space gives donors and sponsors the opportunity to meet musicians, guest artists and conductors and to enjoy refreshments pre-concert and at intermission.

Langdon Hall Dinner Series

New this season as part of our 70th Anniversary celebrations, the Langdon Hall Dinner Series was a unique experience to engage donors, cultivate new friends and raise funds and awareness for our dedicated musicians. More than 100 people attended these events. The KWS is grateful to BMO Private Banking for its sponsorship and help to make the dinners so successful. A special thanks to Louise MacCallum and Michael Barnstijn for providing exquisite wine and champagne from their private cellar.

The series is coming back next season with three more evenings:

NOVEMBER 4, 2016
FEBRUARY 4, 2017
APRIL 13, 2017

Reserve your seat and save the date!
Health & Wellness Initiative

Bringing music to those who need it most

“What a joy to have select players of the K-W Symphony visit Winston Park. Without exception, each player was a virtuoso performer... We always went back to our room refreshed and inspired.”

— Margaret and Lewis Weber, Winston Park residents

In Partnership with Winston Park Retirement Residence

KWS musicians provided a series of mini concerts and encouraged seniors to participate in beneficial interactive My First Music Lesson sessions. Presentations by KWS musicians included solo performances, engaging informative lectures, demonstrations of their instruments and talks about musical life.

Caring Partnerships

KWS also partnered with Clair Hills Retirement Residence to bring music to local hospitals, including the Grand River Hospital, Grand River Regional Cancer Centre, Cambridge Memorial Hospital as well as Rockway Centre, Adult Recreation Centre in Waterloo and Wing 404 RCAFA Rotary Adult Centre.
Engaging the Next Generation

Your support helped the Kitchener-Waterloo Symphony reach children and families across the region.

11,700
More than 11,700 children participated in KWS school visits. These children had the opportunity to hear and engage with live orchestral music — many for the first time.

Better Beginnings
A concert was performed at Cedarbrae Public School in Waterloo through the Better Beginnings program. This new initiative included school visits and an invitation to a Family Series concert.

Welcoming
The KWS welcomed over 200 refugee adults and children to a Family Series concert with complimentary tickets and concert materials translated into Arabic.

“As a teacher, I was very impressed with the amount of student participation that was encouraged. This was a very integral part of their music education.”

— Jennifer Cooper, Laurelwood Public School
Community Outreach & Beyond

Throughout the year, the KWS performed free concerts in the community, including performances at the Grand Valley Institution for Women, Chandler Mowat Community Centre and Google. The orchestra also played concerts at Toronto’s Sony Centre, Flato Markham Theatre in Markham and the Burlington Performing Arts Centre and took part in a national recording project with artist Eleanor McCain that will be released next year.

Bridge to Music Program

Bridge to Music offers music lessons on an orchestral instrument to children from low-income families. The program continued to thrive as KWS provided 17 students with weekly lessons, instruments, ensembles, music festival opportunities, RCM exams and two program recitals. Students continue to show a high level of engagement and almost all of them are returning for the 2016|17 season.

Thank you to Sun Life Financial for its new support of this important program.
162 young musicians, ages 6 to 22, participated across six ensemble groups in the KWS Youth Orchestra Program in 2015|16. They received instruction and mentorship in their musical endeavours and even performed on stage at Centre In The Square and side by side with the KWS.

“In Orchestra I like the music we play and when I sit in my chair every week, I know that I’m doing something I love. Thank you for helping me become a better musician.”

— Natalie, Youth Orchestra Preludium String Member
“Investing in the KWS is the best way to build the foundation for the vibrant community we want for ourselves and our family. KWS’s energy and spirit of innovation is fuel for the heart and mind.” — Joseph and Xiaopu Fung (Above)
Leadership

Kitchener-Waterloo Symphony Board of Directors 2015|16
Kitchener-Waterloo Symphony benefits from the strategic vision and experience of its volunteer Board of Directors.

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The Kitchener-Waterloo Symphony is fortunate to have the support and stewardship of the KWS Foundation's volunteer Board of Directors.

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Kitchener-Waterloo Symphony Volunteer Committee Executive 2015|16
With 120 volunteers, the Volunteer Committee is an independent charitable organization closely associated with the Kitchener-Waterloo Symphony. Throughout the year the Committee raises funds for the symphony, assists KWS staff and administers scholarships to members of the Youth Orchestra Program.

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In April 2016, the KWS continued to expand its innovative programming with a concert focused on the work of late Canadian geometer Dr. Donald Coxeter.
Kitchener-Waterloo Symphony

Where artistry and innovation shape the expression and experience of our community’s vitality through live orchestral music.

The KWS is one of Canada’s outstanding orchestras. It presents a rich and diverse concert season and has garnered national and international attention for its artistry, musicianship and innovative programming. The orchestra comprises 52 professional musicians under full-time contract and performs more than 100 concerts to over 90,000 people each season.

The Kitchener-Waterloo Symphony continues to reinvent its role in the community, building multi-faceted partnerships across Waterloo Region and beyond. Innovative collaborations include the critically acclaimed Quantum Symphony project and the world’s first Hackathon with live orchestra.

The Symphony also reaches deeply into the community through a range of activities and projects, from its Family and Kinderconcerts Series, to six Youth Orchestra ensembles, to school concerts, and the KWS health and wellness initiative for seniors in retirement communities and health care facilities.

Thank you for helping us celebrate 70 great years of music making!

Mission

As a vital, cultural asset of Waterloo Region, the Kitchener-Waterloo Symphony inspires audiences of all ages and cultural backgrounds through its artistic excellence, innovative programming and education and outreach programs.

Vision

To inspire and unite our community through music.