Edwin Outwater walks on stage to conduct his final performance as KWS’ Music Director.
Thanks to you, and your donation to the Kitchener-Waterloo Symphony, MUSIC IS ALIVE in this community, as much as it ever has been. THANK YOU!

Our 2016/17 Season saw Edwin Outwater take his final bow as the KWS’ Music Director and the selection of Andrei Feher as our Music Director Designate.

AS A DONOR, you were joined by 100% of the KWS staff and Board of Directors who also made a donation and accepted Edwin’s challenge to take up his baton and carry on his legacy of expanding the idea of what music is, what it can be and how it can make an impact — often in unexpected ways.

Your donation INSPIRED imaginations, engaged minds and united over 102,000 people by supporting our live performances, education & community outreach programs, and the ongoing creation of INNOVATIVE PARTNERSHIPS in our community.

Thank you for supporting KWS’ 70+ year-long tradition of pushing boundaries, exploring new ways to help build our community, and welcoming and cultivating world-class talent here in Kitchener-Waterloo.
**Live Performance**

**Kinderconcert Series**
Designed to introduce orchestral music to audiences 5 YEARS OLD AND YOUNGER. Three concerts were performed at the Conrad Centre, the Woolwich Community Centre, and the Waterloo Regional Museum.

**Family Concert Series**
Programmed to be enjoyed by families with children AGES 5 TO 12. Three concerts were performed at Centre In The Square. In May 2017, the last Family Concert of the Season was presented in both English and Arabic for the enjoyment of an audience including invited Syrian newcomers and their host families.

"The concert was wonderful.... My daughter’s Kindergarten friend is from Syria and she was so excited when she heard the Arabic interpreter speaking! She almost shouted, “I speak Arabic! That’s what we speak at home, my mommy, my daddy and my brothers and sisters!” I had to quiet her but it was a really nice surprise that the concert was meant to be for her! And of course all the families!"
— Family concert attendee

**Baroque & Beyond Series**
Four concerts of Baroque-era music performed in INTIMATE church settings in Waterloo, Guelph and Cambridge.

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*Audience members enjoying the pre-concert activities at a Family Concert.*

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*Tunes and Tarantellas—Music For Dance And Dance For Tots October 29, 2016 performance at the Woolwich Memorial Centre, Elmira.*

*Baroque performance at Harcourt Memorial United Church, Guelph.*
Concert Series Highlights

Signature Series
Eight concerts of the **FINEST** symphonic music composed were performed, including: **Beilman Plays Sibelius, Dvorak’s Cello Concerto** with soloist Johannes Moser, and **Grand Finale: Edwin’s Farewell** with 200 choristers from the Grand Philharmonic Choir and Amadeus Choir.

Live Performance

Pops Series
Eight concerts of **POPULAR** music in fun performances.

ABOVE: World-famous figure skater Kurt Browning wows audiences at *Skating’s Greatest Hits*, the first Pops concert of the season. He appears here with Orchestra librarian Meaghan McCracken.


Specials
**KW GLEE** joined the KWS for two nights of pop music magic.

**INTERSECTIONS MAGNETAR**—Johannes Moser played electric cello for Enrico Chapela’s *Magnetar* and the KWS performed an original work by Edwin Outwater inspired by his collaboration with Ray Laflamme, Executive Director of the Institute of Quantum Computing.
Creating the Next Generation of Musicians

As donors, you help create the next generation of musicians by supporting the KWS’ Education Programs.

**School Concerts**

Almost **12,000 STUDENTS** enjoyed a visit to their school from a KWS musician to prepare them for the performance they came to participate in at a later date at Centre In The Square. Concerts, musician visits and supporting materials provided to the participating classes are developed to support the Ontario curriculum for Grades 1-3 and for Grades 4-6. Children also learn how to protect their hearing while enjoying music.

“... thank you for all of your support and help on behalf of all the schools that I helped prepare for the KWS Orchestra Sings! It was an overwhelming success among the schools I have talked with so far! ... the students had a great time with the whole experience.”

—Marc Koechl, Primary/Junior Itinerant, Waterloo Catholic District School Board

**Youth Orchestra Program**

**181 YOUNG MUSICIANS** ages 6–20 participated in our nationally recognized orchestral training program that consists of five ensembles in progressive levels and a Chamber Music Program. 2016 marked the 50th anniversary of this program and we welcomed back YOP alumni to play at the November 2016 concert.

**AFENDI YUSUF**, a former member of KWS Youth Orchestra, and a former student of KWS Principal Clarinet Ross Edwards at Wilfrid Laurier University, was appointed as principal clarinet of the Cleveland Orchestra.

“... it was really amazing! Very talented musicians. There was a violin soloist who was absolutely incredible. My son knew a few of the kids, which was super. And, to top it off... he now wants to audition!”

— Audience Member, Youth Orchestra Concert

The first conductor of the Youth Orchestra program, Michael Bergauer, is honoured at the 50th Anniversary Concert in November 2016.
Outreach Programs

Making Music Accessible

You provided the joys and benefits of music to those who needed it most.

“Music is good for the soul... your Symphony ensemble group today soothed their souls in ways you will never know! My daughter, Lisa, had a wide smile on her face pretty much the whole time, and for a girl who is non-verbal, her utter JOY at hearing the beautiful sounds of your music made a Mother’s heart soar!”
— Kathy, Lisa’s mom, at the Community Outreach Concert at the Sunbeam Centre, an organization providing residential care, day programming and other services for individuals with developmental, physical & emotional impairments.

Community Outreach Concerts

585 PEOPLE ENJOYED OUR FREE CONCERTS THIS YEAR.
We reached local high school music program students at a concert at the Conrad Centre for the Performing Arts, seniors in long term care with a concert at Sunnyside Home, those with mental, physical and emotional disabilities at the Sunbeam Centre and seniors who need support to maintain independent living with a concert hosted at Woolwich Memorial Centre in partnership with Community Care Concepts.

Heartstrings

Thanks to our sponsor, Blackberry, and other generous donors who donated their tickets, almost 300 PEOPLE, who would not otherwise have the opportunity, WERE ABLE TO EXPERIENCE a live orchestral concert. KWS distributes these free concert tickets to our non-profit partners in the Region who distribute these to their clients. (e.g. Kidsability, Big Brothers Big Sisters, KW Counselling, The Working Centre, Family & Children Services of Waterloo Region).

“Thank you so much for sharing tickets to a family concert! I didn’t even know these things happened here! My kids had a great time and this is something we wouldn’t have been able to afford otherwise. Thank you!”
— K-W Counselling Services Inc. client from their Strong Moms, Safe Kids program
Health & Wellness Program

OVER 1,000 SENIORS participated in these one-hour presentations consisting of a KWS musician demonstrating their instrument, talking about their musical life, and including interactive elements such as having attendees try instruments. The program was delivered in partnership with Winston Park and Clair Hills retirement homes.

Principal Clarinet Ross Edwards engages with residents of The Village of Winston Park as part of the Health & Wellness program.

Bridge to Music

30 children, many having participated the previous year, were given the opportunity to study an orchestral instrument with one of KWS’ professional musicians during weekly music lessons from September–June. None of these children would have been able to afford music lessons otherwise. Thanks to the sponsorship of Sun Life Financial, KWS added the Sunnyside Community Centre as a satellite site for this program which has connected us with several social service agencies in the Region, including those supporting newcomers to Canada.

“He, my family and I, really appreciate you and everyone in KWS Bridge to Music program that have given our children this opportunity to learn and experience a new thing. This will help them to improve their self-confidence. Thank you all very much!”
— Parent of a BTM Student
The KWS operates out of the Conrad Centre for the Performing Arts. We use the space for rehearsals, some performances and our administrative offices. To ensure the opportunity to experience community theatre, dance and other art forms is available in Waterloo Region we make this space accessible to other organizations throughout the year.

In 2016/17, The Conrad Centre for the Performing Arts was used by 13 OTHER ORGANIZATIONS and hosted 48 PERFORMANCES reaching an audience of OVER 7,000.

These Included:
- A musical performance of A Little Princess by Singers Theatre
- An original theatre show Lord Sword by Inter Arts Matrix
- Dickens’ A Christmas Carol by Lost & Found Theatre
- A musical for children by TBOS & Co
- A musical performed by Conrad Grebel students
- A theatre showcase of GITA Girls by Growing in the Arts
- KW Youth Theatre’s annual theatre showcase
- School shows and public performances of The Adventures of Captain Underpants by Growing in the Arts
- Theatre festival called In the Centre to showcase different forms of theatre and performance over two weeks by Green Light Arts
- A musical performance to raise money for MS by TM Jazz
- A musical performance and reception for the Mennonite community by Epicurean Hootenanny
- A Christmas Dance Showcase by Contemporary School of Dance
- Triple Arts Showcase’s annual showcase of dance, martial arts, etc.

Expanding the Accessibility of the Arts in Waterloo Region
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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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Where artistry and innovation shape the expression and experience of our community’s vitality through live orchestral music.

**THE KWS IS ONE OF ONTARIO’S TOP THREE 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 reaches over **102,000 PEOPLE** each season with over **200 PERFORMANCES**.

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.

**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.