

## *HIP News-Fall 2017*

*Humility + Integrity + Passion = HIP*

### **EL SISTEMA SOUTH LONDON RECEIVES ONTARIO150 GRANT**

In December, 2016, ESSL received word that we had secured a grant of \$35000 to prepare and present a series of elementary school concerts and a public concert celebrating the music of Guy Lombardo and Gordon Lightfoot. These concerts would be part of province-wide events celebrating Ontario's 150th birthday. Through the next six months, new music was written, schools across London were contacted, information was researched, power-point presentations were created, and the ESSL senior octet was coached, rehearsed and prepared. In June 2017, ten concert/presentations were given at schools across south London and St. Thomas. The octet set up and tore down for all of the concerts, played 45 minute concerts flawlessly, without a conductor, in front of thousands of their peers. Our board of directors drove the tour van, ran the power-point, sang with the octet to present some of the songs, and acted as master of ceremonies, presenting the lives of two Ontario premier musicians.

### **Gala Ontario 150 Concert - Join Us!**

On November 15, 2017, the public concert will be given at the Wolf Auditorium. There will be a reception with a cash bar at 6:45 followed by the concert at 7:30.

The concert will feature the *ESSL Octet*, London musicians *George Laidlaw* and *Denise Pelley*.

**For tickets contact the Wolf Performance Hall Box Office - 519-661-5120**



### *What a Difference a Year Makes*

A note from our Board of Director President, Toni Swart

2016-2017 has been a year of phenomenal growth! We are firmly settled into the Wilton Grove-St Frances area. We are on a sound financial base. Most importantly, we see the young people who are participating in the El Sistema South London program develop musical skills beyond what they imagined. During our recent concert series at 10 schools in London it was obvious that the young people who played during the tour were living the goals of humility, integrity, and passion.

## A note from executive director, Steve Wolsley



The ESSL program has made remarkable progress this year. We have beautiful new instruments, purchased through generous donations. We now have talented and passionate young teachers working with more students than ever, again financed through generous donations. We have reached levels of musical excellence that were only dreamed about months ago, playing concerts for thousands of fellow students. The board of directors have performed miracles successfully writing complex grant

applications, preparing materials, constantly searching for new opportunities and promoting the program to anyone who will listen. In the very short time since becoming a registered charity, we have been blessed with donations from dozens of individuals and organizations that believe in the work we are doing. Our teachers work tirelessly to challenge our young musicians. The result is passionate, talented musicians who then present their music to the community. In our early years we presented a Christmas Concert, an end of the year concert and a performance at festival. It took months to prepare for each of those performances. Check our list of concerts and you will see that in 2015-2016 we presented 18 public performances and this year we played 28 public concerts.

***You are receiving this newsletter because you care. Thank you!***

### A Parent's Perspective

*"My daughter has had a great school year; her grades have improved in every subject and she is respectful and responsible at home! I believe that attending these lessons is the reason she has been so successful this year! Thank You!" - Danielle K.*

### Where are we going?

This year ESSL was able to send two students to National Music Camp through scholarships provided by Lutheran Social Services. ESSL provided vocal lessons to two students over the summer. ESSL continues to expand by retaining two instructors who were hired last year. We will arrange for our senior orchestra members to complete their required volunteer hours for their Secondary School Graduation by mentoring younger students and assisting the instructors. This year we will grow the program to multiple locations, hire a Vocal teacher to begin a choir, perform a major public concert in the fall of 2017, and add orchestral winds to the program resulting in a full symphony orchestra.

### Who has been Supporting ESSL?

El Sistema South London was the recipient of funding from some very generous supporters.

We want to gratefully acknowledge the **Corporate Financial Support** of:

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***Rehearsal time for The Juniors***



***Rehearsal time for The Intermediates***



**Ontario 150 Concerts**

Wilton Grove P.S.	June 5, 2017	ON150 Concert
St. Francis Elementary School	June 5, 2017	ON150 Concert
Mons. Morrison El. School	June 6, 2017	ON150 Concert
Locke P.S.	June 6, 2017	ON150 Concert
St. George Elementary School	June 12, 2017	ON150 Concert
Byron Somerset P.S.	June 12, 2017	ON150 Concert
Princess Anne P.S.	June 14, 2017	ON150 Concert
Fairmont P.S.	June 14, 2017	ON150 Concert
Mountsfield P.S.	June 16, 2017	ON150 Concert
Jean Vanier El. School	June 16, 2017	ON150 Concert

**We are also so very grateful for our Community Support:**

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***“Celebrating a Milestone”*** (birthday, anniversary etc.) - Happy Birthday Heather Sadoway

***“In Memorium”*** Donations have been made in Memory of: Winnifred McCrady, Dr. Charles K. Botz

## Where have we been?

## Our concerts

### Community Concerts

Amica Home	September 25, 2015	Performance for residents
Chelsea Park Home	October 25, 2015	Chelsea Park Fundraiser
McCormick Home	November 16, 2015	Alzheimer's Outreach
Meadowpark Home	December 15, 2015	Candlelight Service
McCormick Home	February 1, 2016	Alzheimer's Outreach
McCormick Home	March 1, 2016	Alzheimer's Outreach
Trinity Lutheran Church	April 8, 2016	Presentation to Lutheran Social Services Board
St. Stephen's Anglican Church	June 5, 2016	Service participation
Holy Trinity Anglican Church	June 5, 2016	Service participation
Meadowpark Nursing Home	December 21, 2016	Candlelight Service
Trinity Lutheran Church	January 15, 2017	Presentation for Lutheran Social
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church	February 12, 2017	Service Participation
Metropolitan United Church	April 2, 2017	London Plant-a-Tree Benefit
Redeemer Lutheran Church	April 23, 2017	Service Participation

### School Concerts

Princess Anne P.S.	January 19, 2016	School Concert
Northbrae P.S.	June 23, 2016	School concert
Byron Somerset P.S.	June 23, 2016	School concert

### Special Event Concerts

Victoria Park Bandshell	May 1, 2016	MS Walkathon
New St. James Presbyterian Church	May 28, 2016	Amabile Concert
Metropolitan United Church	June 6, 2016	United Church Women Luncheon
Delta Armouries Hotel	September 25, 2016	Beatles Brunch
Helenic Centre	November 13, 2016	Maycourt Market Bazaar
St. Peter's Cathedral Basilica	December 20, 2016	Messiah
Scotiabank, Southcrest Plaza	December 23, 2016	Customer Appreciation Day
London Convention Centre	January 12, 2017	McCormick Home "The Ritz"
Mocha Temple	March 13, 2017	Kiwanis Club Luncheon
Dundas Centre United Church	June 3, 2017	Valleyview Male Chorus Con-
Riverbend Country Club	June 7, 2017	London Garden Club Banquet

### Kiwanis Festival Performances

Central S.S.	April 19, 2016	Kiwanis Orchestra Classes
First-St. Andrews Church	March 29, 2017	Kiwanis Senior Duets
Laurier S.S.	April 4, 2017	Kiwanis Original Compositions Class
Laurier S.S.	April 11, 2017	Kiwanis Orchestra Classes

### ESSL End of Term Concerts

Westminster Park Comm, Church	Dec 16, 2015	ESSL Christmas Concert
Westminster Park Comm. Church	June 15, 2016	ESSL year end concert
Laurier S.S.	Dec 15, 2016	ESSL Christmas Concert
Laurier S.S.	June 8, 2017	ESSL year end concert

### **We Welcome Your Support**

Thanks to the generosity of all of our donors, our 2016 - 2017 year has been an absolute success! With our goals as ambitious as they are, we welcome your support now more than ever!

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