

GYMC ORCHESTRAS



The **Guelph Youth Music Centre orchestra program** began as the happy joining of like-minded teachers and concerned music lovers who wanted to make sure that all the children of Guelph and surrounding areas have the opportunity to play in an orchestra. After a trial year in 2004, the orchestras debuted in December 2005.

The **Junior & Intermediate orchestras** are for string players only, and are intended to give young performers an opportunity to develop orchestral ensemble and musical skills. The newly-formed **GYMC Youth Symphony** is intended for more advanced students of stringed instruments, woodwinds, brass and percussion. With time, it is hoped that it will evolve into a complete symphony orchestra that provides invaluable orchestral training experience in Guelph. **The upcoming season will feature collaborative concerts with full-symphonic repertoire!**

Why should you join?

- Learn **valuable musical skills** in a relaxed and fun but professional setting.
- Make **friends** with talented music students your age who enjoy making music.
- Work with our experienced, professional conductors **Jef ten Kortenaar** and **Sabatino Vacca**.
- Enjoy coaching sessions by professional musicians.
- **Perform concerts** in the wonderful GYMC Recital Hall and elsewhere in the community.
- Take part in **“side-by-side” concerts** with other ensembles, including the **Guelph Symphony Orchestra**.
- **Younger students** will gain the **ensemble skills** needed to play in a **string orchestra**.
- **Advanced students** have an opportunity to play in a **full symphony orchestra**, learning masterworks of the orchestral repertoire. The season includes **collaborative concerts with the Cambridge Community Orchestra**.



Our conductors

Jef ten Kortenaar *conductor,GYMC Junior & Intermediate Orchestras*

Conductor Jef ten Kortenaar is in his second season with the Junior & Intermediate Orchestras. He has performed on violin internationally both as a soloist and as part of the Emperor Quartet. He has been a frequent guest on CBC Radio Two's classical music morning show, Music and Company, and speaks regularly as programme host for the Kitchener-Waterloo Symphony Orchestra. Besides performing and speaking, Jef also teaches and creates music arrangements.

Sabatino Vacca *conductor,GYMC Youth Symphony*

For the 2009-10 season, we welcome Sabatino Vacca as the new conductor of theGYMC Youth Symphony. He brings a wealth of conducting experience, including symphonic, choral, and operatic, with training in Canada, the USA and Europe. He is the Music Director of the nearby Cambridge Community Orchestra (CCO), and will be the Artist Director for Opera York's 2009 production of Tosca. He has been Music Director for productions of Rigoletto and Pagliacci with Brampton Lyric Opera, and a guest conductor for Scarborough Philharmonic Orchestra, Symphony Hamilton, Cathedral Bluffs Symphony Orchestra, and the Boris Brott Academy Orchestra. In the upcoming season, Sabatino plans to involve theGYMC Youth Symphony in collaborative full-symphonic programs with the CCO.

Rehearsals

All rehearsals take place in the Recital Hall of theGYMC. The Junior Orchestra rehearses Saturday mornings from 9:45–10:45 am. The Intermediate Orchestra rehearses Saturday mornings from 11 am–12:30 pm. The Youth Symphony rehearses Thursday evenings from 6:30–8:30 pm.



How to apply

GYMC Junior & Intermediate String Orchestras (\$280*): Includes the cost for a weekend rehearsal retreat. 25-week program on Saturday mornings September–May. Recommended for string players at RCM Grade 4 level and above.

GYMC Symphony (\$400*): 25-week program on Thursday evenings 6:30–8:30 pm. For string, woodwind and brass players. Recommended for players RCM Grade 8 and above. For more information or audition dates, times and repertoire, please contact theGYMC office (see below).

* Financial subsidies are available. Please contact theGYMC office for more information.



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