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Dear Parents and Musicians,

Enclosed in this package is all the information you will need to register your child(ren) for a 2009-2010GYMC String Orchestra or Youth Symphony program. Once again we are offering a 5% discount to those families that register before June 15, 2009.

The 2008-2009 season was a huge success and the level of playing by all the performers was fantastic. I look forward to the 2009-2010 season with great anticipation.

Bios on both of next year's conductors have been included for your confidence.

### **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 the GYMC 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 the GYMC Youth Symphony in collaborative full-symphonic programs with the CCO.

Have a wonder summer and see you in the fall.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brenda Gibson".

Brenda Gibson

# **GYMC Junior Orchestra, Intermediate Orchestra and GYMC Youth Symphony Registration Package 2009-2010**

## **CONTENTS:**

- 1) AGYMC registration form with liability/medical waiver
- 2) A teacher recommendation and audition form
- 3) A volunteer form
- 4) Program evaluation form. (returning students only)

## **Program fees (2009-10 season):**

- Junior and Intermediate - \$280 (\$266 before June 15).
- Symphony - \$400 (\$380 before June 15)

**Registrations received before June 15 will receive a 5% discount. Fees may be paid by cash, cheque, VISA or Mastercard.**

Some subsidies are available; please contact theGYMC office.

**Please return all parts of the registration package, along with your payment to theGYMC office by June 15.** Audition forms completed after June 15 can be returned to the office separately ASAP.

## **Rehearsal and Concert Schedule (updates will be emailed to you):**

Rehearsals are at theGYMC. Please note: sectionals will be scheduled on regular rehearsal days.

Junior String Orchestra: Saturday, 9:45-10:45 a.m.

Intermediate String Orchestra: Saturday, 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

GYMC Youth Symphony: Thursday, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

**Calendar:**

- September 10:** first youth symphony rehearsal
- September 12:** first rehearsals for junior and intermediate
- October 10, Thanksgiving:** no rehearsal
- December 5 – January 2:** Christmas break: no rehearsals
- January 7 and 9:** rehearsals resume
- March 18:** March break: no rehearsals (symphony)
- March 20:** March break: no rehearsals (jr & inter)
- April 2, 3, 4, 5:** Easter: no rehearsal
- April 29 and May 1:** last regular rehearsals

**Retreat (Junior and Intermediate): October 17 – 18**

\* there will be a morning rehearsal at theGYMC

**Concerts:**

- GSO/GYMC Youth Symphony Concert: Oct. 25**
- GYMC Gala: Nov. 7** (participants to be confirmed)
- St. Boniface School concert: Nov. 26** (Intermediate)
- John F. Ross concert** (symphony, date to be confirmed)
- Winter Concerts: December 4, 5** (details to follow)
- Magic 106.1 Broadcast: Dec. 10** (participants to be confirmed)
- Kiwanis Festival Week: end of April, 2010**
- Spring Concerts: May 6 (Symphony) May 7 (junior & intermediate)**
- Additional community and/or school performances to be announced**

### Important Notes:

- Consistent and punctual attendance is mandatory.
- Attendance will be taken at rehearsals and students who miss a large number of rehearsals may be asked to sit out of concerts.
- All students in theGYMC Orchestra Program must be receiving private tuition with a suitably qualified instrumental music teacher.
- Students are expected to practice orchestra music during the week and to be well-prepared for rehearsals. It is also expected that students take their music to private lessons for assistance from private teachers.

### Concert Dress:

#### Junior and Intermediate Orchestras

Boys: white dress shirt, black dress trousers, black socks, black dress shoes.

Girls: white dress top, long black skirt or trousers, black tights or socks, black dress shoes.

#### Youth Symphony

All black: shirt or sweater, trousers or skirt, socks or tights, dress shoes.

When players are on stage performing, they are representing theGYMC organisation. A polished and neat appearance is part of that performance. Students are asked to keep hair off faces and avoid heavy jewellery and make-up. Please DO NOT wear perfume.



### Auditions:

- Spring audition date to be announced for any players who are recommended to move up by their teachers.
- In September, ALL PLAYERS in all orchestras and the youth symphony will be required to audition.
- **September 3** –GYMC Youth Symphony auditions
- **September 5 & 12** – Junior & Intermediate String Orchestra auditions
- Audition repertoire will be available for pick up in May

### Fall Retreat:

- weekend orchestra retreat for **Junior** and **Intermediate** players is October 17-18 at Canterbury Hills Conference Centre in Ancaster.
- **THERE WILL BE A REGULAR MORNING REHEARSAL AT THEGYMC**
- Attendance is mandatory.
- Week-end include rehearsals and sectionals for both orchestras as well as social and outdoor activities.
- This is an important week-end for building team spirit among orchestra members.
- **GYMC Youth Symphony** will have sectionals and activities at theGYMC on October 17 or 18.

### Community Volunteer Committee:

- Volunteer help is essential for the operation of theGYMC Orchestra Program.
- Each family is asked to do at least one volunteer assignment during the year.
- *Please select a volunteer task on the attached sheet.*

**\*Please note: it is strongly recommended that all volunteers at theGYMC obtain a police check. For all chaperones attending the orchestra retreat this will be an unconditional requirement. The police check is FREE for volunteers, and takes approximately 6-8 weeks.**

## **VOLUNTEER SIGN UP SHEET**

**\* If there is no selection made you will be assigned a task**

-----please attach to your registration-----

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE SELECT AT LEAST ONE VOLUNTEER TASK  
THAT YOU ARE ABLE TO HELP WITH:**

Sit on Orchestra committee (representatives from each orchestra level needed)

Weekly set up/take down of rehearsal stage (students in particular wanted!)

Contact/attendance person at rehearsals

Chaperone fall retreat (full time/part time)

Set up/take down concerts at GYMC

Assist at rehearsals with GSO

Chaperone concert with GSO

Brochures/ programs

Photos, taping and recording

Organize/set up food for receptions

Willing to do whatever needed

**2009-2010**  
**GYMC String Orchestras / GYMC Symphony Program**  
**Audition/Teacher Recommendation Form**

**Performers Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Telephone** \_\_\_\_\_

**Audition**   **not required** or  **date completed** \_\_\_\_\_

**Orchestra placement/Notes**

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**Conductor's signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Program placement:**

- Junior String Orchestra**  
 **Intermediate String Orchestra**  
 **GYMC Youth Symphony**

**Instrument:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Other Instruments played:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Level (Conservatory Grade/Suzuki top piece):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Previous Orchestra Experience:**

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**I am a violinist who is willing to play viola in orchestra**

**I have my own viola**

**\*At the director's discretion, violin students may be approached to play viola on a rotational basis.**

**Recommended by:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Teacher's name & Teacher's signature)

**Parent/Guardian signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

(Print name & sign)



# GYMC ORCHESTRA PROGRAM REGISTRATION FORM

2009-2010 Season

Instrument Being Played \_\_\_\_\_

- Junior String Orchestra      \$266.00 represents a 5% discount      (after June 15 \$280.00)
- Intermediate String Orchestra      \$266.00 represents a 5% discount      (after June 15 \$280.00)
- GYMC Youth Symphony      \$380.00 represents a 5% discount      (after June 15 \$400.00)

**No refunds after September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009**

### 4 Methods of Payment

- Cheque (payable to: GYMC)
- VISA
- Mastercard
- Cash

Credit Card Name \_\_\_\_\_ Received by \_\_\_\_\_

Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp \_\_\_\_ / 20 \_\_\_\_ Date Received \_\_\_\_\_

### Performer's Contact Information

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_ M \_\_\_\_ or F \_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Prov \_\_\_\_ Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (h) \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone (c) \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_ Birthday (D-M-Y) \_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_ School \_\_\_\_\_ Grade (in or entering) \_\_\_\_

Health Card No \_\_\_\_\_ Doctor's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Medical Information (allergies, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

Special Needs (e.g. ADD, gifted, physical needs) \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

### Instructor/Teacher

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

→ Please see over ←

**Liability/Permission waiver:**

Participation in Junior & Intermediate Orchestras &GYMC Symphony entails off site performances

In case of injury or accident of any kind at the Guelph Youth Music Centre (GYMC) Outreach Programs:

**Junior & Intermediate String Orchestras, and GYMC Youth Symphony**, including any off-site activities included in these programs, neither the GYMC, nor any employee nor volunteer at the GYMC, will be held liable for that occurrence. I hereby release the GYMC, its employees or volunteers from all claims or damage which may arise out of any loss or personal injury to the named participant in this program.

In the event of illness or injury while attending the above program, including any off-site activities included in this program, I hereby give permission for the named participant to receive emergency medical treatment from a qualified medical provider as necessary.

I hereby give the GYMC permission to use any photographs/videos taken of my child in this program in future promotional activities.

I do NOT give the GYMC permission to use any photographs/videos taken of my child for any reason.

Participant's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Performer`s T-Shirt Size** (Check off one size only – these are **adult** sizes)

xxsmall       xsmall       small       medium       large

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