

Concerts in Care

BRINGING LIVE MUSIC TO
SENIORS IN CARE

November 2018 Newsletter

Concerts in Care Ontario touched the hearts and souls of more than 10,000 residents of Ontario's long-term care, assisted living and seniors' residential facilities in 2018. This is nearly **DOUBLE** the annual number of seniors we previously were able to reach.

Why? We made a *concerted* effort to reach out and make our high quality, professional concerts accessible to more facilities and more seniors than ever.

TOTAL HOMES Served in Ontario as of November 2018:

50

Our STATS:

2017

- 111 concerts in Ontario
- 220 performer engagements
- 5,500 seniors

2018

- 220 concerts
- 506 performer engagements
- 10,000 seniors

NEXT YEAR we start delivering our concerts in **London, ON**.

Do you know a home or facility that would like to have professional concerts delivered by compassionate musicians?

Call Debra at 416-268-3996, or email debra@healtharts.org.

Artists



From top left: Sae Yoon Chon, Erika Raum, Rachel Mercer, Vesuvius Ensemble, Mayumi Seiler, Kathleen Kajioka, and Yegge Lee, Karine White and Christopher Bagan, Catherine Daniel, D'Argento, and Angela Park.

Jeanne Lamon, our distinguished Artistic Director, welcomed several new artists to our Concerts in Care roster this year. They include:

- New Generation pianist Sae Yoon Chon, who won the 2018 Dublin International Piano Competition

- Ottawa's Canadian Guitar Quartet
- Extraordinary violinist Erika Raum
- Jazz duo John MacMurchy and Dan Ionescu
- Opera singers Christiane Riel and John Avey in Ottawa
- New Generation jazz trio Anthony D'Alessandro, Nicolas Donovan, and Evan Gratham
- Michelle Gott, harp
- Vesuvius Ensemble – a highly versatile Renaissance, Baroque, Italian instrumental ensemble
- New Generation singers Catherine Daniel, Emili Losier, and Georgia Burashko
- The Ambassador and Capital Brass Trios from the National Arts Centre Orchestra
- The Bedford Trio, now in residence at University of Toronto

And many more!

Thank you to our Artistic Partners

Your musicians are AWESOME!

National Arts Centre Orchestra, Tafelmusik Baroque Orchestra, Toronto Summer Music Festival, Opera Atelier, Toronto Symphony Orchestra, Ottawa International Chamber Music Festival, Glenn Gould School, University of Ottawa.

PLUS, The Toronto Symphony donated more than 2000 CDs to be distributed among our Toronto care facilities. We took these pictures when we delivered the CDs to Castleview Wychwood Towers (below, left) and St. George Care Community (below, right)!



What People Say About Us

I wanted to share with you the excitement that "Duo 46" provided to our residents yesterday. The residents were thrilled with the performance and were so excited that they had the opportunity to have such quality musicians perform. We have a number of residents who were patrons of the symphony and it was such a joy to see the smiles on their faces as they listened to this duo. Thank you so much for providing this opportunity to our residents and making us feel part of our Community. Thank you for all you do to bring the gift of music to this setting.

Lydia Shea-Allard, Pioneer Manor (Sudbury)

Residents thoroughly enjoyed this concert. One of the residents cried because he loved it so much. Thank you for sharing your talent.

Wendy Biernaski, Marianhall (Pembroke)

Michelle (Gott, harp) was amazing! So many patients came up afterwards to ask her about her instrument and training. She was gracious, stayed longer to answer questions. She was an absolute delight, so enthusiastic and embodied when she performs. An absolute gift to our patients and family members. We would love to have her come back any time!

Tracy Luciani, St. Vincent Hospital (Ottawa)

The music was perfectly suited for our seniors, and had people up out of their seats and dancing at the front of the room. Some of the performers even put down their instruments and joined in the dancing. I hope they can come visit again for one (or more) of the 5 performances we have left for this year. Thank you so much for the perfect match. Kudos to you!

Whitney Harrison, Villa Colombo (Toronto)

Music in the News

- Want to learn more about how music makes magic for our aging brains?
- Britain's government believes music and the arts are the best medicine!
- The wondrous effects of music on the aging brain
- The power of music to affect the brain
- Keep your brain young with music

Watch for our new website in January



And...We are shooting a new video in December, for launch with the new website.

Our Supporters

Corporate partners: In addition to continued support of the Bank of Montreal, Giant Tiger supports activities in Ottawa, Sudbury, and Pembroke; Bullweath supports our website redesign.

Public funders: Ontario Arts Council and Toronto Arts Council support our New Generation artist program. Application made to OAC for expansion in Sudbury and London. Application to be made in January to Ontario Trillium Foundation for expansion into London.

Foundations: HASO currently enjoys support from the Ballard Foundation, the Catherine and Maxwell Meighen Foundation, the J.P. Bickell, the McLean, S. M. Blair, and Jackman Foundations; and in collaboration with our sister corporations, the Azrieli Foundation.