



MEDIA RELEASE

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\$24,000 OTF Grant keeps the music playing!

Guelph, ON – On Friday, the Guelph Symphony held an event via Zoom to celebrate the received a \$24,000 Community Building Fund- Operating Steam Grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation to help us continue delivering experiences for the community by retaining staff, as we build and recover from the impacts of Covid-19.

“As the Member of Provincial Parliament for Guelph, I would like to extend a sincere congratulations to the Guelph Symphony Orchestra for receiving the Community Building Fund Grant. The Guelph Symphony Orchestra has provided families, musicians, and members of our community a place to share in the love of music and creativity. Over the last two years, the Guelph Symphony Orchestra has continued to find new ways to connect us through a shared love of music, and I am eager to see how they continue to foster community through their engaging and innovative programs! Thank you GSO!” said Mike Schreiner, MPP for Guelph.

This grant allowed GSO to retain key staff to plan and oversee re-imagined performances, engage with patrons, audiences, players, and our community. Thanks to the grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation, people of all ages have been able to access online visits and short live performances.

“The impact of this Ontario Trillium Foundation grant cannot be underestimated,” said Catherine Molina, General Manager of the Guelph Symphony. “At a time when concert halls were closed and indoor events extremely limited, this grant has allowed us to continue to be in a position to engage with patrons, audiences, players and our community and to continue to serve our community through a difficult period.”

One of the organization’s most important mandate is to make outreach services available to all, at no cost or subsidized, offering equal access for all to this great art form. GSO believes that music has the ability to unite people, with the potential to reduce or even eliminate socio-economic differences, and so feels it is important to keep the presence of music ever available in our community. To read more about our programs, please visit www.guelphsymphony.com

The Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF) mission is to build healthy and vibrant communities across Ontario. As an agency of the Government of Ontario, and one of Canada’s leading granting foundations, last year, OTF invested nearly \$209M into 2,042 community projects and partnerships, which included funding for the Government of Ontario’s Community Building Fund. Since 2020, OTF has supported Ontario’s economic recovery by helping non-profit organizations rebuild and recover from the impacts of COVID-19. Visit otf.ca to learn more.

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