

MEDIA RELEASE

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\$28,500 OTF Grant keeps the music playing!

Guelph, ON – On Sunday, local MPP Mike Schreiner met with the Guelph Symphony Orchestra (GSO) to celebrate the \$28,500 Resilient Community Fund grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF). The grant helped to build resiliency from the impacts of COVID-19 by funding operational costs and assisting with the redesign of programming.

“As the Member of Provincial Parliament for Guelph, I want to congratulate the Guelph Symphony Orchestra on receiving the Resilient Communities Fund grant,” said MPP Mike Schreiner. “This grant will offer critical support with post pandemic recovery efforts while also enabling the organization to continue making music accessible to all through its innovative community programming – including youth outreach. This grant helps GSO continue to provide fundamental contributions to the cultural landscape of our city.”

First awarded in July 2022, the funds supported staffing and mentorship costs, website upgrades and to support the redesigning of programs and creating short outreach concerts to engage with the community. Thanks to the grant, people of all ages have been able to access online educational materials and short, live performances in Guelph.

“The impact of this Ontario Trillium Foundation grant cannot be underestimated,” said Catherine Molina, General Manager of the Guelph Symphony. “With so many uncertainties facing performing arts organizations, this funding has allowed us to create short, engaging outreach performances for our community in tandem with online educational supports while providing mentorship and performance experience to young musicians entering the field after such a period of disruption.”

One of the organizations mandates 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 can unite people, with the potential to reduce or even eliminate socio-economic differences. To read more about their programs, please visit www.guelphsymphony.com.

The Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF), an agency of the Government of Ontario, and one of Canada’s leading granting foundations celebrates 40 years of grant-making in Ontario and making a lasting impact in communities. Last year, OTF invested over \$110M into 1,022 community projects and partnerships, which included funding for the Government of Ontario’s Community Building Fund. Visit otf.ca to learn more.

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