



# The Tuning Fork

September 2024

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repertoire for upcoming concerts. Be sure to mark your calendars and join us as we not only share wonderful music but also showcase and acknowledge the skills and hard work of the ~150 young musicians who make up the Edmonton Youth Orchestra 2024-2025.

- **Saturday, October 5, 2024. 1 PM**  
Senior Orchestra in Concert  
Aga Khan Garden, University of Alberta Botanic Garden



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*Thanks to all who attended our wine & cheese mixer / orientation session on September 18<sup>th</sup>. It was great to meet so many of you and to be able to share plans for the year ahead!*

### 2024-2025 Concerts

Just a few weeks into rehearsals and our intermediate and senior orchestras are hard at work preparing

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Conductor & Music Director: Michael Massey  
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- **Saturday, November 23, 2024. 7 PM**  
Senior Orchestra with special guests, Roger Admiral, piano and three Augustana choral ensembles under the leadership of Dr. John Wiebe  
Jeanne & Peter Lougheed Performing Arts Centre, Camrose, AB



Edmonton Senior Youth Orchestra Presents:  
**BEETHOVEN'S CHORAL FANTASY**

with special guests:  
Roger Admiral, piano, and three Augustana choral ensembles under the leadership of Dr. John Wiebe (The Augustana Choir, Sangkor, and Mannskor).

**Saturday, November 23 | 7pm**  
Jeanne & Peter Lougheed Performing Arts Centre  
4501-50 Street, Camrose, AB

Conductor: Michael Massey

Tickets: \$25 Adults • \$20 Seniors / Students  
Available through Jeanne & Peter Lougheed  
Performing Arts Centre Box Office

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- **Sunday, December 1, 2024. 2 PM**  
Intermediate & Senior Orchestras in concert  
Winspear Centre for Music, Edmonton
- **Saturday, January 25, 2025. 12 Noon**  
Senior Orchestra Concert  
St. Albert United Church, St. Albert
- **Sunday, February 23, 2025. 2 PM**  
Intermediate & Senior Orchestras in Concert  
Winspear Centre for Music, Edmonton
- **Saturday, March 29, 2025. 12 Noon**  
Senior Orchestra Concert  
St. Basil's Cultural Centre, Edmonton

- **Sunday, May 4, 2024. 2 PM**  
Intermediate & Senior Orchestras in Concert.  
Winspear Centre for Music, Edmonton

Full concert information, as it becomes available, can be found on our [website](#).

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**Tuesday, October 22, 2024, 7:30 pm**  
**In-person at the Derrick Club**  
**(3500- 119 St NW, Edmonton)**  
**Please plan to attend!**

The board and staff of EYO cordially invite you to the **Annual General Meeting**. This is your opportunity to find out what's happening in the EYO world, meet the current board and exercise your right by voting in the new board of directors.

*One parent/guardian of minor players and all players 18 years of age and over have voting privileges at the Annual General Meeting. Players 18 years of age and over can proxy their vote to a parent or guardian, if they so choose. Proxy forms are available through rehearsals, the EYO office, and [our website](#).*



Applications for the National Youth Orchestra of Canada 2025 Summer Program (June 16 to August 2, 2025) are being accepted as of October 1, 2024. Check out the [National Youth Orchestra site](#) for complete information, including important dates and schedules.



## Scholarships



### 2024 Scholarship Recipients! (Awards presented September 2024)

#### Symphony Women's Educational Assistance Awards

- Eric Davidson (Oboe)
- Jade Jacques (Flute)
- Jordan Zhang (Violin)
- Sophia Zhang (Violin)
- Gillian Nash (French Horn)
- Brandon Kwon (Violin)
- Myriam Mercier (Viola)

#### Diana Bacon Scholarship

- Joshua Gray (Clarinet)

#### Diana Bacon Young Musician's Award

- Elijah Mok (Violin)

#### Francis & Muriel Dunnigan Scholarship

- Fionna McCrostie (French Horn)

#### Pamela Farmer Young Musician's Award

- Ryan Huang (Violin)

#### Paul Polushin Scholarship

- Anika Valentine (Violin)

#### Harry Farmer Scholarship

- Melissa Lank (Cello)

#### Kathleen Farmer Scholarship

- Anna Yin (Violin)

#### Thelma Johannes O'Neill Memorial Scholarship

- Drew Dempsey (Bassoon)

#### Eileen Lee Scholarship

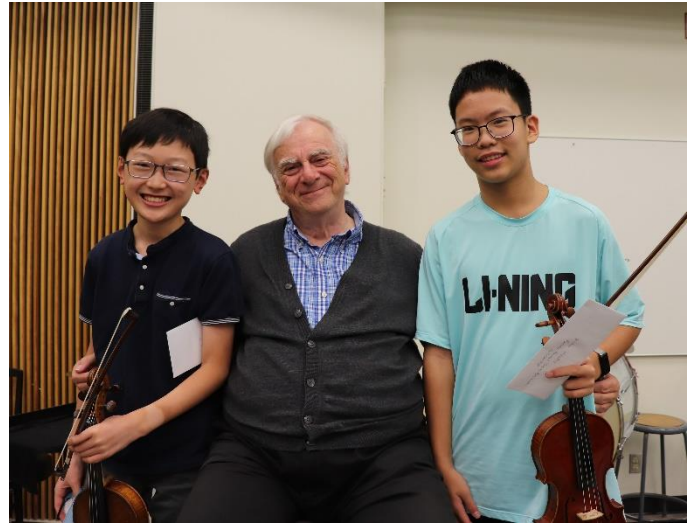
- Kian Merkosky (Flute)

#### Della Roland Scholarship

- Sophie Bérubé (Trombone)

#### R. glacialis Award

- Edward Na (Cello)



Music Director, Michael Massey with Intermediate Orchestra scholarship recipients, Oliver Ma and Ryan Huang.



Senior Orchestra scholarship recipients with scholarship presenter/ EYO alumnus, Andrew Bacon.

Top photo, L to R: Anna Yin, Andrew Bacon, Brandon Kwon, Jade Jacques, Myriam Mercier, Ian Davidson, Fionna McCrostie, Joshua Gray, Gillian Nash, Anika Valentine, Drew Dempsey and Jordan Zhang.

On the Right: Melissa Lank and Edward Na.



Missing from photos: Kian Merkosky and Sophia Zhang.

Check out [our website](#) for full information on available scholarships.

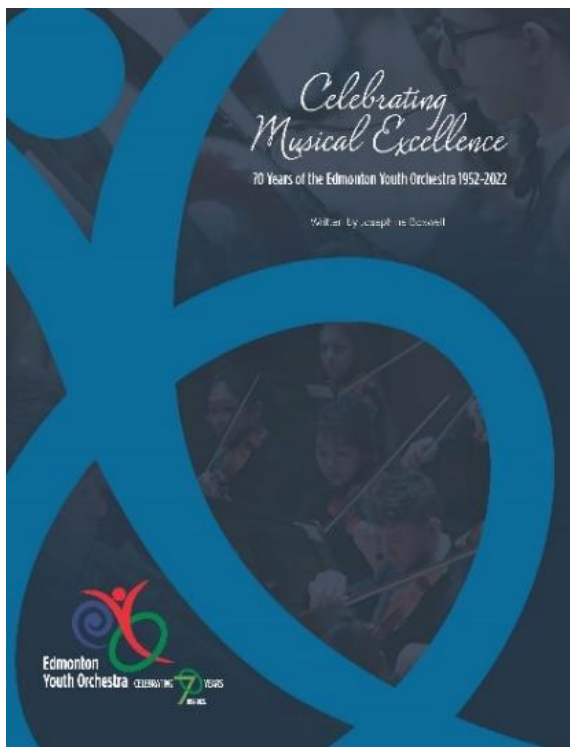
## EYO Hoodies and Sweatshirts

Hoodies and sweatshirts are once again available for purchase, at cost - \$40/hoodie; \$30/sweatshirt. Order forms and size charts are available through the [website](#) and at rehearsals.



## EYO History Book

**Celebrating Musical Excellence: 70 Years of the Edmonton Youth Orchestra 1952-2022.**  
By Josephine Boxwell



*The Edmonton Youth Orchestra has been providing exceptional orchestral education to young musicians since 1952. With contributions from students, music directors, general managers and board members, this commemorative book tells a 70-year story of repertoire, rehearsals, performances and a love of orchestral music.*

This beautiful book is available for purchase (\$30) through the EYO office (780-569-5290 [/eyo@shaw.ca](mailto:eyo@shaw.ca)).

## Acknowledgements

The EDMONTON YOUTH ORCHESTRA ASSOCIATION (EYO), formed in 1952, is a volunteer-supported, non-profit and federally registered charitable organization.

The EYO exists to provide opportunities for young musicians, from 11-24 years to:

- develop their orchestral skills
- increase their knowledge and appreciation of music and,
- enrich the cultural life of the community through concerts and benefit performances.

Supporting two nationally renowned symphony orchestras – the Intermediate Youth Orchestra and the Senior Youth Orchestra – the EYO annually provides approximately 150 young musicians with the highest possible standard of orchestral training and experience.

**We gratefully acknowledge our many sponsors, donors and volunteers!**

*Your support enables us to continue to train young musicians and bring music to our communities!*

### On-Going Financial Support

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