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A Message from the Chair of the Board

2016 will be remembered as a banner year for NYO Canada, as the Orchestra performed in Europe for the first time in over a decade, and the Government of Canada announced a special allocation of funding to support our selection as a Canada 150 Signature Project. We are so proud to have been selected as one of just 40 nationwide to receive this special honour, highlighting the outstanding national regard we have achieved from some of the top cultural voices in the country, not to mention the strength of our brand.

From the tour itself to the student scholarships, awards of excellence, training institute and full complement of educational programs, we have achieved one of the most extraordinarily comprehensive training experiences to be found anywhere in the world. We would like to thank our many visionary supporters, including Wilfrid Laurier University, TD Bank Group, Air Canada, the SOCAN Foundation, the Ontario Trillium Foundation, Classical 96.3, RBC Foundation, BMO Financial Group, VIA Rail, Yamaha Canada, Bousfields Inc., and Tom's Place - to name just a few.

I would also like to express our sincere gratitude to the Government of Canada, the Department of Canadian Heritage, the Canada Council for the Arts, the Ontario Trillium Foundation and the Ontario Arts Council for their generous and ongoing support of NYO Canada.

Even the smallest donations amount to a sizable contribution to our organization. We thank our individual donors at all levels for their steadfast support, the foundation upon which NYO Canada has thrived since 1960.

Finally, I would like to thank our staff for their daily work in developing the next generation of Canadian musicians. To my fellow board of directors volunteers, I would also like to extend my thanks for your many outstanding contributions.

While we have much to look forward to in 2017, please enjoy the highlights of what has truly been a banner year in the 56-year history of NYO Canada.

Todd Buchanan

Chair, Board of Directors



A Message from the Executive Director

This will be remembered as a year of growth and magic in the history of NYO Canada, highlighted by a spectacular tour spanning Europe and three Canadian cities. I am so proud of our incredible reception in Europe and of the announcement in August that we will be a Canada 150 Signature Project, a true national honour for our community.

The 2016 program kicked off with our Summer Training Institute at Wilfrid Laurier University on June 19th, which included a return visit from the Formosa Quartet and another successful NYO Canada Chamber Music Festival. We were gratified that more than 75 of our 500 applicants were NYO alumni from the past 5 years, highlighting what a great experience the Institute truly is.

This tour was our first visit to Europe in over a decade, as we performed in Portugal at the second annual LisBon International MusicFest. After 8 magnificent concerts, the Orchestra concluded its tour at Montreal's Maison symphonique, where the Honourable Mélanie Joly, Minister of Canadian Heritage, announced that NYO Canada would be the recipient of a significant grant to celebrate the upcoming sesquicentennial.

It has been a growth year in every sense of the word, including our balance sheet. We have experienced a general increase in private sector contributions, headlined by an unexpected highlight of a special \$486,000 gift of royalties from the James Stewart Estate, which exceeded anything we had previously anticipated. With these funds, we now have over \$1,000,000 in our investment account in short-term investments, GICs and high interest savings accounts. These monies have been set aside and can be made available to us should we have any unexpected expenses related to the Canada 150 activities.

At the same time as we experienced an increase in giving, we experienced a decline in concert revenue due to our international tour, and a decline in rental income as two tenants moved out, so we are grateful for these extra funds. We are delighted to welcome the Women's Musical Club of Toronto as our new tenant at the end of March, and thus we expect rental revenues to remain stable through the coming year.

On the expense side, we had a more ambitious tour than ever before, and therefore expenses increased. However, we also acquired some vitally-needed new assets: computers; office furniture; musical equipment (cello chairs); and a violin bow.

As this year draws to a close, I would like to thank our board, staff, production team, and of course Maestro Perry So for their tireless dedication. I also want to thank the Government of Canada, the Department of Canadian Heritage, the Ontario Trillium Foundation, the Canada Council for the Arts, the Ontario Arts Council, and the numerous foundations, corporations, sponsors, and individual supporters that make the magic happen for NYO and for Canada.

Barbara Smith Executive Director



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About NYO Canada

Created in 1960 by noted conductor Walter Susskind, NYO Canada has enjoyed an iconic reputation as Canada's orchestral finishing school, providing the most comprehensive and in-depth training program available to the country's best young classical musicians for more than fifty years.

Each year, NYO Canada auditions over 500 gifted musicians between the ages of 16 and 28 for 90 to 100 coveted positions in the orchestra. Travelling from all across the country, these students converge on the campus of Wilfrid Laurier University for our tuition-free Summer Training Institute which includes: a two-week chamber music program; a three- to four-week orchestral program; workshops and lectures spanning topics from business skills, repertoire analysis, and career development to injury prevention and musicians' health. During this time students also have the opportunity to train and perform with a world-class faculty and conductor. After the training institute, our students and staff embark on the TD Tour, performing nationally, and sometimes internationally, in prestigious concert halls.

During this whirlwind summer, students experience exponential musical growth, develop great connections professionally and personally, and each receive a \$1,000 scholarship, thanks to NYO's generous supporters.

NYO Canada alumni represent us across Canada and the world; almost 40 percent of Canadian orchestral musicians are alumni of NYO Canada! Employed in some of the top orchestras including the Toronto Symphony Orchestra, the Montreal Symphony Orchestra, the Canadian Opera Company, and the National Ballet, there is no question that NYO provides musicians with the training and tools necessary to further their dreams of becoming professional classical musicians.

Maestro Perry So





In the 2015-16 season, conductor Perry So makes his debut with the Houston, New Jersey, Grand Rapids, Sarasota, Omaha, Shanghai and Guangzhou Symphony Orchestras, and will return to the Tenerife Symphony Orchestra, Cape Town Philharmonic, the Round Top Festival, and the Orquesta Sinfónica del Principado de Asturias. This season he gives three world premieres, and his wide-ranging programs include works by composers as varied as Rameau, Beethoven, Schumann, Schoenberg, Chen Qigang and Guillaume Connesson.

An inaugural Dudamel Conducting Fellow of the Los Angeles Philharmonic, he received the First and Special Prizes at the Fifth International Prokofiev Conducting Competition in St Petersburg. His recording of Barber and Korngold's Violin Concertos with violinist Alexander Gilman and the Cape Town Philharmonic Orchestra was awarded the Diapason d'Or in January 2012.

Recent highlights include debuts with the Cleveland Orchestra, the China Philharmonic, the Residentie Orkest in the Hague, and the Israel and Vancouver Symphony Orchestras. The latter he took over with five days' notice, and was immediately reinvited for the following season.

His passion for working with young musicians has taken him to the Australian Youth Orchestra, the Round Top Festival, the Manhattan School of Music, the Hong Kong Academy for the Performing Arts, and the Yale School of Music. He has assisted Edo de Waart, Esa-Pekka Salonen, Gustavo Dudamel, Lorin Maazel, and John Adams. Born in Hong Kong, Perry So studied Comparative Literature at Yale University and currently lives in New Haven, Connecticut.

NYO Canada Faculty

Conductor

Perry So

Inaugural Dudamel Conducting Fellow, Los Angeles Philharmonic Conductor, various ensembles

RBC Foundation Emerging Composer

Christopher Goddard

NYO Canada Commissioned Composer

Chris Meyer

Violin

Marie Bérard*

Concertmaster, Canadian Opera Company Orchestra Faculty, Glenn Gould School (RCM)

Mark Fewer (St. Lawrence String Quartet)

Soloist, Chamber Musician Associate Professor, McGill University

Wayne Lee (Formosa Quartet)

Soloist, Chamber Musician Assistant Teacher, The Juilliard School

Jasmine Lin (Formosa Quartet)

Soloist, Chamber Musician Faculty, Roosevelt University

Stephen Sitarski

Concertmaster, Hamilton Philharmonic Orchestra Faculty, Wilfrid Laurier University, Glenn Gould School (RCM)

Mark Skazinetsky (Assistant Conductor)

Associate Concertmaster, Toronto Symphony Orchestra Faculty, University of Toronto, Glenn Gould School (RCM) Conductor, various ensembles

Viola

Che-Yen Chen (Formosa Quartet)

Soloist, Chamber Musician Former Principal Viola, San Diego Symphony Faculty, California State University, USC Thornton

Neal Gripp*

Principal Viola, Orchestre symphonique de Montréal Faculty, Université de Montréal

Cello

David Hetherington *

Assistant Principal Cello, Toronto Symphony Orchestra (Retired) Faculty, Glenn Gould School (RCM)

Deborah Pae (Formosa Quartet)

Soloist, Chamber Musician Associated Artist, Queen Elisabeth Music Chapel Professor of Cello, Eastern Michigan University

Double Bass

Ed Tait*

Former Assistant Principal Bass, Toronto Symphony Orchestra Faculty, University of Toronto, York University

Jeremy McCoy*

Assistant Principal Bass, Metropolitan Opera Orchestra Faculty, Manhattan School of Music, Columbia University

Flute

Carolyn Christie*

Second Flute, Orchestre Symphonique de Montréal (retired) Associate Professor, McGill University

Piccolo

Camille Watts*

Flute and Piccolo, Toronto Symphony Orchestra Faculty, University of Toronto

0boe

Sarah Jeffrey*

Principal Oboe, Toronto Symphony Orchestra Faculty, University of Toronto, Glenn Gould School (RCM)

Beth Orson

Assistant Principal Oboe and English Horn, Vancouver Symphony Orchestra Faculty, University of British Columbia, Vancouver Academy of Music

Clarinet

Alain Desgagné

Associate Clarinet, Orchestre symphonique de Montréal Faculty, McGill University

Kimball Sykes*

Principal Clarinet, National Arts Centre Orchestra Faculty, University of Ottawa



Bassoon

Mathieu Harel

Associate Principal Bassoon, Orchestre symphonique de Montréal Professor, Conservatoire de musique de Montréal, McGill University

Kathleen McLean

Former Associate Principal Bassoon, Toronto Symphony Orchestra Associate Professor, Indiana University

Horn

Gabriel Radford*

Third Horn, Toronto Symphony Orchestra Faculty, University of Toronto

Jamie Sommerville *

Principal Horn, Boston Symphony Orchestra Faculty, New England Conservatory, Boston University

Trumpet

Larry Larson

Principal Trumpet, Kitchener-Waterloo Symphony Faculty, Wilfrid Laurier University

Low Brass

Nick Atkinson

Principal Tuba, National Arts Centre Orchestra

Sasha Johnson*

Principal Tuba, National Ballet of Canada Orchestra Faculty, Glenn Gould School (RCM), McGill University

Percussion

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Ryan Scott

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Harp

Caroline Lizotte*

Second/Interim Principal Harp, 2002, 2012, Orchestre symphonique de Montréal Professor of Harp, Université de Montréal Associate Composer, Canadian Music Centre

Keyboard

Gregory Oh

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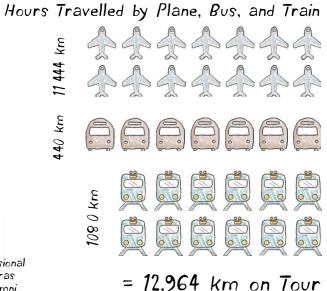
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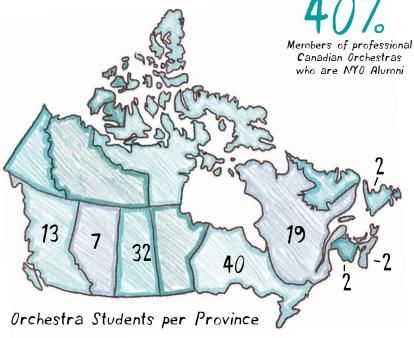


Violin		C ello		Horn	
Blythe Allers	BC	Ethan Allers	BC	Mark Constantine	NL
Ethan Balakrishnan	ON	Adam Caulfield	AB	Breanne Jamieson	AB
Jeanne-Sophie Baron	QC	Hannah Craig	ON	Collin Lloyd	BC
Nate Bomans	BC	Daniel Hass	ON	Taran Plamondon	AB
Marie-Claire Cardinal	QC	Jasmine Long	ON	Florence Rousseau	QC
Yuchen Dai	ON	Bryce Penny	ON	Trumpet	-
Naomi Dumas	QC	Fiona Robson	ON	Jonathan Elliotson	ON
Katelyn Emery	ON	Jacqueline Rogers	ON	Lisa Hartl	ON
Joanna Gorska	ON	Aiden Russell	ON	Ujjawal Madan	ON
Danielle Greene	NL	Tate Zawadiuk	BC	Miles Thomsen	MB
Alexia Hlynialuk	ON	Double Bass			MD
Russell Kim	BC	Ben du Toit	ON	Trombone	
Alisa Klebanov	ON	Chantel Leung	ON	Brayden Friesen	AB
Dorothy Lin	ON	Jordan Miller	ON	Bruno Laurence Joyal	QC
Catherine Mailloux	QC	Gabriel Rioux	QC	Lucas O'Fee	BC
Claire Motyer	ON	Freddy Speer	ON	Bass Trombone	
Rafael Piesiur	AB	Samuel-San Vachon	QC	Sam Kaplan	ВС
Camille Poirier-Lachance	QC	John VanDuzer	ON	Tuba	
Rebecca Ruthven	BC	•	ON	Malcolm Kellett-Cooke	AB
Roxanne Sicard	QC	Flute			Ab
Yeganeh Sotudehnia	ON	Allison Miller	SK	Percussion	
Aurélie Thériault Brillon	ON	Benjamin Morency	QC	Alex Artale	ON
Teresa Wang	ON	Lucy Song	QC	Andrew Bell	ON
Eleanor Yu	ON	Eric Kavcic	ON	Joel Houghtby	ON
Richard Zheng	QC	0boe		Matt Moore	ON
Viola		Ron Cohen Mann	BC	Josh Wynnyk	ON
Sarah de Niverville	NB	Katrina Kwantes	AB	Harp	
Carolyn Farnand	ON	Glenda Lindgren	SK	Justine Azar	QC
Jean-Renaud Labrecque	QC	Jonathan Werk	ON	Matthieu Dupont	BC
Michael Langford	QC	Clarinet		-	
Zach Levin	NS	Eric Braley	QC	Keyboard	D.C.
Allan Liu	ON	Seok Hee Jang	BC	Anna Wang	ВС
Jonah Poplove	ON	Ludovik Lesage-Hinse	QC		
John Sellick	MB	Pier Martel-Harvey	QC		
Toby Winarto	ON	•	QC		
Ellis Yuen-Rapati	NS	Bassoon			
1		Gabe Azzie	ON		
		Christopher Kostyshyn	SK		
		Sebastien Malette	ON		
		Nicolas Richard	NB		

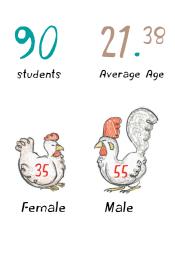






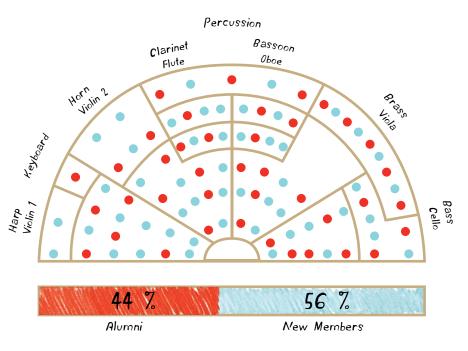






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Faculty Per Students



RBC Foundation Emerging Composer



Christopher Goddard is a composer and pianist currently based in Montreal. As a composer, he has written for a wide variety of ensembles and soloists, including most recently AndPlay Duo, the Guidonian Hand, TAK Ensemble, and the Nouvel Ensemble Moderne (NEM). He was selected to participate in the 2014 Wellesley Composers Conference, the NEM's 2012 International Forum for Composers (Montreal), and the 2011 National Arts Centre Young Composers Program (Ottawa), and has received four SOCAN Foundation Young Composer Awards. As a performer and advocate of contemporary music, he recently completed the contemporary performance program at the Manhattan School of Music, where he played with TACTUS ensemble and studied under Christopher Oldfather and Anthony de Mare. Recent performances took place with Columbia Composers, the Wet Ink Ensemble, Ensemble Moto Perpetuo, Ottawa New Music Creators and the Lucerne Festival Academy. He is currently pursuing a Doctorate in composition with Professor John Rea at McGill University.





NYO Canada would like to acknowledge the support received from the RBC Foundation for the funding of this commissioned work, and SOCAN Foundation who enabled mentorship for both Emerging and Commissioned Composers by NYO Faculty. With the assistance of organizations such as SOCAN Foundation and the RBC Foundation, we are able to continue to support and engage emerging young artists in Canada.





MYO Canada Commissioned Composer







Chris Meyer began his musical career rather late, only taking up the piano as a teenager after his parents brought home a very enticing synthesizer. Despite a subsequent immersion in music, higher learning led Chris to a degree in physics from the University of Toronto. Between labs and lectures he taught himself the foundations of music by studying harmony, counterpoint, orchestration, and classical music's greatest hits; however, his real training as a composer began after university and in an unusual way – as an apprentice in the "musical workshop" of Toronto composer Ronald Royer.

Chris' music has focused largely on the symphony orchestra, with performances by the Mississauga Symphony, the Scarborough Philharmonic, the Georgian Bay Symphony, the Huronia Symphony, and the International Symphony Orchestra of Sarnia and Port Huron. In February 2011, Chris won the "Baroque Idol" new music competition held by the Aradia Ensemble. Chris served as the composer in residence for the Stratford Symphony Orchestra from 2010-15 where he has had the great fortune to present many new compositions, the latest being an oratorio based on a World War I love story, *Our Murray*. Most recently, Chris had his composition *Reflection and Resolution* performed by the Toronto Symphony Orchestra.



The Canada Council for the Arts Michael Measures Prize





This year's winner of the Michael Measures Prize, valued at \$25,000 and awarded annually through the Canada Council for the Arts, is cellist Daniel Hass.

A native of Tel Aviv, Israel, Daniel has received training at the Israel Conservatory, The Royal Conservatory of Music in Toronto, and the New England Conservatory in Boston, where he studied with Paul Katz. Since the fall of 2015, Daniel has been studying at the Juilliard School under the tutelage of Joel Krosnick, and is a proud recipient of a Kovner Fellowship.

In both Israel and Canada, Daniel has had the chance to play with a number of orchestras, including the Ashdod Chamber Orchestra, the Israel Camerata Orchestra, the Toronto Sinfonietta, and in 2012 he made his debut with the Toronto Symphony Orchestra playing the Lalo cello concerto. Daniel frequently participates in international masterclasses, and has played for prominent cello pedagogues such as Gary Hoffman, Frans Helmerson, Ralph Kirshbaum, Janos Starker, Leon Fleisher, and others. A member of the Perlman Music Program community, Daniel has played numerous concerts under the baton of Itzhak Perlman.

Daniel plays on a 1914 Eugenio Degani Cello on loan to him by a private donor.

As the prize winner and solo performing artist of the 2016 TD Tour, Daniel was invited by our generous donor, Tom's Place, to visit its flagship store in Toronto to dress the part. Daniel was given the choice of a specially-tailored suit to wear as he performed his chosen concerto, Bloch's Schelomo for Solo Cello and Orchestra, in Canada and Portugal. A thank you to Tom's Place for their continued support of the Toronto Concert and the exciting opportunities provided to NYO's deserving award-winners.







Awards of Excellence

The Charles H. Ivey Foundation Award of Excellence



Benjamin Morency, QC (NYO '16, flute)

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Ron Cohen Mann, BC (NYO '11, '13, '16, oboe)

The Longinia Sauro Award of Excellence



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Malcolm Kellett-Cooke, AB (NYO '16, tuba)



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Lucas O'Fee, BC (NYO '15, '16, trombone)



Teresa Wang, ON (NYO '12, '13, '16, violin)



Tate Zawadiuk, BC (NYO '15, cello)

Other Awards

The Air Canada Audition Award



Carolyn Farnand, ON (NYO '14, '15, '16, viola)

The Sharman King Brass Award



Jonathan Elliotson, ON (NYO '16, trumpet)

The Payne-Lyon Prize for Excellence in Flute



Lucy Song, QC (NYO '15, '16, flute)

The Nick Atkinson Brass Award



Miles Thomsen, MB (NYO '15, '16, trumpet)

The Steve Sitarski Leadership Award Funded by Karen A. Wilkinson



Rebecca Ruthven, BC (NYO '12, '13, '16, violin)

2016 Summer in Review



The landmark 2016 TD Tour saw the Orchestra performing in Europe for the first time in over a decade. The NYO Canada Summer Training Institute began on June 19th, with musicians from across Canada travelling to Wilfrid Laurier University and immediately diving into intensive chamber music training alongside world-renowned chamber musicians including the Formosa Quartet. The resulting NYO Canada Chamber Music Festival showcased diverse repertoire for anyone in the Kitchener-Waterloo community to enjoy.

After the chamber music portion, Conductor Perry So arrived for full orchestral rehearsals and brought his energy, expertise, and musical sensibility to the challenging and varied slate of repertoire, which included works by Prokofiev, Bernstein, Wagner, Adams, Bloch, and our two commissioned Canadian composers. Throughout the Institute, students benefited from comprehensive training which included one-on-one mental health and wellness consultations, osteopathy, hearing and injury prevention, and repertoire analysis.

On July 23, the 2016 TD Tour kicked off at the Elora Festival before heading to Lisbon, Portugal where the Orchestra was greeted by representatives of the LisBon International Youth MusicFest. Alongside exquisite chamber performances in exclusive historic venues across Lisbon, the Orchestra performed for enthusiastic audiences at the Belém Cultural Centre, the Carmo Convent, in neighboring Coimbra, and finally in Évora, where the final electric and magical performance filled the town square with hundreds of tourists and townspeople.

Between performances, students forged close bonds and became immersed in the culture of Europe's oldest city. Exhilarated from their trip, students returned for two outstanding final performances at Toronto's Koerner Hall and, for the first time, as part of OSM's *Virée classique* festival at Maison symphonique.

This year, NYO Canada has seen more engagement from donors than ever before, including at special fundraising events like Raise the Bar and the Scotiabank Race. Private support makes all of this possible, and plays a key role in supporting the next generation of orchestral musicians, not to mention the very foundation of the arts in Canada.



2017: A Canada 150 Signature Project

At the final concert of our 2016 TD Tour at Montreal's Maison symphonique, NYO Canada had the pleasure of welcoming the Honourable Mélanie Joly, Minister of Canadian Heritage, and Sylvain Corbeil, Senior Vice President, TD Commercial Banking, to announce the support for NYO Canada's 2017 Edges of Canada tour, a Canada 150 Signature Project. Details about our plans, including new collaborations and free concerts, are available at nyoc.org.























- Row 1 Summer Training Institute: Students arrive at the Wilfrid Laurier University campus, are immersed in their chamber, orchestral, and professional training, and participate in extra-curriculars like NYO's running team "Molto Presto"
- Row 2 Chamber Music Festival: Students perform with their peers and esteemed faculty for the Kitchener-Waterloo community, including the KW Chamber Music Society, during the second annual NYO Canada Chamber Music Festival
- Row 3 Tour Performances: Students perform in exclusive, historic venues, including an ampitheatre in Coimbra, PT, and the Palace of Ajuda in Lisbon, PT, as well as in OSM's Virée Classique festival in Montreal
- Row 4 Exploring Portugal: Sight-seeing highlights include the westernmost edge of Europe, the University of Coimbra, and the gorgeous Carmo Convent, where the Orchestra performs for a full house in the centre of Lisbon





Lisboa - Branding & Artwork

As a proud supporter of the arts in our country, NYO once again branded our tour with images from a Canadian artist. Jeff Jackson was commissioned to create new pieces to accompany our exciting summer in Lisbon, Portugal and his unique, lively, and colourful style perfectly complemented the Canadian and Portuguese segments of our tour.



Jeff attended architecture school at the University of Waterloo and the Ontario College of Art and Design. He has shown his work in galleries in Tokyo, Paris, Italy, New York, and Toronto. His work has appeared in AZURE, The New Yorker, the New York Times, and many other international publications. He has been commissioned to create paintings, murals, rugs and large art installations in Canada and the United States. Jeff has travelled to Europe, Africa, and Asia in recent years and has created a collection of works based on these trips.

The 2016 TD Tour Recording: Lisboa

Early in the planning for NYO Canada's 2016 recording, McGill University informed us of the likelihood that the McGill Multimedia Room would be closed for renovations during our proposed recording session.



The need to look for an alternate plan became a special opportunity to do something different with our recording. To that end, upon our return from Portugal, we spent two 12-hour days in Toronto's Koerner Hall recording our 2016 album. We brought in our team of recording professionals from Montreal, and with the sound and size of such a great venue, we had a lively space to record Prokofiev's 5th Symphony, Wagner's Overture to *Tannhäuser*, as well as new commissioned pieces from emerging Canadian composers Chris Goddard and Chris Meyer. Both Maestro Perry So and our 2016 Orchestra did a fantastic job of delivering a wonderful performance of selections from our repertoire, and NYO Canada's 2016 album *Lisboa* is available on all streaming services, iTunes, and on order from our website.

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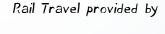
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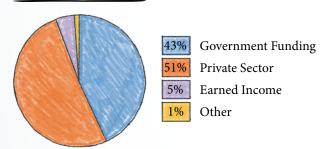
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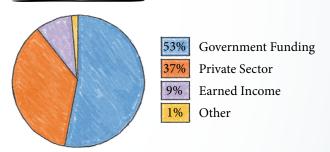
Statement of Operations

2016 Revenue	2016	2 <i>0</i> 1 5	Increase/Decrease
Government Funding	\$ 918,513	\$ 911,990	+ \$ 6,523
Private Sector	\$ 1,090,053	\$ 622,884	+ \$ 467,169
Earned Income	\$ 97,423	\$ 153,593	- \$ 56,170
Other	\$ 26,835	\$ 26,491	+ \$ 344
Total	\$ 2,132,824	\$ 1,714,958	+ \$ 417,866
2016 Expenses	2016	2015	Increase/Decrease
Training Session	\$ 742,844	\$ 798,990	- \$ 56,146
Tour	\$ 511,893	\$ 376,384	+ \$ 135,509
Auditions	\$ 2,377	\$ 1,904	+ \$ 473
Administration	\$ 405,319	\$ 412,627	- \$ 7,308
Fundraising	\$ 178,565	\$ 175,136	+ \$ 3,429
Marketing	\$ 27,819	\$ 27,817	+ \$ 2
Amortization	\$ 10,330	\$ 7,160	+ \$ 3,170
Total	\$ 1,879,147	\$ 1,800,018	+ \$ 79,129

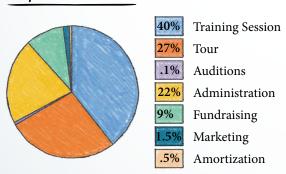
Revenue 2016



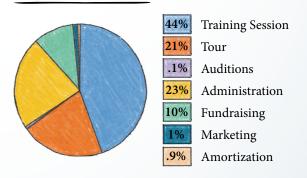
Revenue 2015



Expenses 2016



Expenses 2015



Please note: An anomaly in our fundraising year included a special one-time \$486,000 gift of royalties from the James Stewart Estate, which exceeded our anticipated goals. These funds have been set aside and restricted for future investment. A further anomaly on the expenditure side included a more ambitious tour than ever before, and the acquisition of some vitally-needed new assets: computers; office furniture; musical equipment (cello chairs); and a violin bow.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

OCTOBER 31, 2016

Cowperthwaite Mehta

C H A R T E R E D A C C O U N T A N T S

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members, National Youth Orchestra Association of Canada

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of National Youth Orchestra Association of Canada which comprise the statement of financial position as at October 31, 2016, and the statements of operations and changes in net assets and cash flows for the year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our qualified audit opinion.

Basis for Qualified Opinion

In common with many not-for-profit organizations, the organization derives revenue from private sector contributions, the completeness of which is not susceptible of satisfactory audit verification. Accordingly, verification of this revenue was limited to the amounts recorded in the records of the organization, and we were not able to determine whether any adjustments might be necessary to private sector contributions revenue, excess of revenue over expenses for the year, assets and net assets. Our audit opinion on the financial statements for the year ended October 31, 2016 was modified accordingly because of the possible effects of this limitation in scope.

Qualified Opinion

In our opinion, except for the possible effects of the matter described in the Basis for Qualified Opinion paragraph, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of National Youth Orchestra Association of Canada as at October 31, 2016, and the results of operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

Cowperthwaite Mehta

Chartered Accountants Licensed Public Accountants

January 6, 2017 Toronto, Ontario

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

AS AT OCTOBER 31, 2016

	2016	2015
ASSETS		
Current assets Cash Short-term investments (note 3) Accounts receivable (note 4) Sales taxes recoverable Prepaid expenses	\$ 425,376 295,033 19,697 49,350 30,233 819,689	\$ 167,259 288,129 55,434 55,375 25,706
Furniture, fixtures and equipment (note 5)	20,374 \$ 840,063	13,974 \$ 605,877
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES		
Current liabilities Accounts payable and accrued liabilities Prepaid application fees Deferred contributions Deferred Canadian Heritage funding (note 6)	\$ 58,802 8,725 10,183 196,097	\$ 47,053 10,750 235,495 293,298
Net assets Unrestricted Designated (note 7) Restricted (note 7)	71,595 486,000 8,661 566,256 \$ 840,063	301,579 11,000 312,579 \$ 605,877
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Approved on behalf of the Board:

Director , Director

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED OCTOBER 31, 2016

FOR THE TEAR ENDED OCTOBER	2016	2015				
	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Total	Total	•
Net assets, beginning of year	\$ 301,579	\$ nil	\$ 11,000	\$ 312,579	\$ 397,639	
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenses for the year	253,677			253,677	(85,060)	
Board designated net assets (note 7)	(486,000)	486,000				
Restricted contributions (note 7)	2,339		(2,339)			
Net assets, end of year	<u>\$ 71,595</u>	\$ 486,000	\$ 8,661	\$ 566,256	\$ 312,579	

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED OCTOBER 31, 2016

	2016	2015
REVENUE	£ 4 000 050	¢ 000.004
Private sector contributions	\$ 1,090,053	\$ 622,884
Government funding (note 8)	918,513	911,990
Tuition and application fees Concerts	49,575 31,550	45,725 69,644
Rental income	16,298	38,224
Investment income	15,452	14,252
Other	11,383	12,239
Other	11,505	12,200
	2,132,824	<u>1,714,958</u>
EXPENSES		
Student training session	742,844	798,990
Tour	511,893	376,384
Administration and general	233,066	228,247
Fundraising	178,565	175,136
Occupancy	147,033	142,782
Concert publicity	27,819	27,817
Professional fees, accounting and audit	16,625	32,828
Interest and bank charges	8,595	8,770
Auditions	2,377	1,904
Amortization	10,330	<u>7,160</u>
	1,879,147	1,800,018
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES		
FOR THE YEAR	\$ 253,677	<u>\$ (85,060</u>)

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR YEAR ENDED OCTOBER 31, 2016

		2016		2015
OPERATING ACTIVITIES				
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenses for the year Add back non-cash reserve: Amortization	\$	253,677 10,330	\$	(85,060) 7,160
Net change in non-cash working capital items: Decrease (increase) in accounts receivable Decrease (increase) in sales taxes recoverable Decrease (increase) in prepaid expenses Increase (decrease) in accounts payable and accrued liabilities Increase in deferred contributions Increase (decrease) in prepaid application fees Increase (decrease) in deferred Canadian Heritage funding	_	35,737 6,025 (4,527) 11,749 10,183 (2,025) (39,398)	_	(45,619) (10,956) 2,370 (20,962) 525 159,018
Cash generated from operations	_	281,751	_	6,476
FINANCING ACTIVITIES Purchase of short-term investments	_	(6,904)	_	(7,481)
INVESTING ACTIVITIES Purchase of furniture, fixtures and equipment	_	(16,730)	_	(3,920)
NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH FOR THE YEAR		258,117		(4,925)
Cash, beginning of the year	_	167,259	_	172,184
CASH, END OF YEAR	\$	425,376	\$	167,259

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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National Youth Orchestra Association of Canada (the "organization") is incorporated as a not-for-profit organization in Canada without share capital. The organization is exempt from income tax in Canada as a registered charitable organization under the Income Tax Act (Canada).

The organization is primarily a training body dedicated to perfecting the skills and talents of the best young Canadian musicians for careers as professional orchestral players, through short but intensive high-level summer session programs. The performing and touring function of the orchestra remains a vital and integral part of a broader professional instruction program.

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations. The most significant accounting policies are as follows:

Financial instruments

Financial instruments include cash, short-term investments, accounts receivable and accounts payable and accrued liabilities. Cash and short-term investments, which include money market funds, are measured at fair value. All other financial instruments are recorded at cost.

Prepaid expenses

Prepaid expenses are recorded for goods and services that have been paid for but which will be received the following year. The balance at year end is composed of last months rent deposit, insurance, travel and other service contracts.

Furniture, fixtures and equipment

Furniture, fixtures and equipment are recorded at cost. Amortization is provided on a straight-line basis over their estimated useful lives as follows:

Furniture and fixtures 5 years straight-line basis
Musical instruments 5 years straight-line basis
Computer equipment 3 years straight-line basis

Revenue recognition

The principal sources of revenue and recognition of these revenues for financial statement purposes are as follows:

- i) The organization follows the deferral method of revenue recognition. Externally restricted funds, such as grants and restricted donations, related to current expenditures are recognized as revenue in the current year. Restricted funds received in the year for services or expenses to be incurred in the following year are recorded as deferred revenue. Restricted funds related to the purchase of furniture, fixtures and equipment are recorded as revenue in the same period the related furniture, fixtures and equipment are charged to operations.
- ii) Students are admitted to the National Youth Orchestra of Canada following successful completion of an audition process. All students pay an application fee to be eligible to audition for the orchestra. The audition fees are recognized in revenue in the audition period to which it relates.

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SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Revenue recognition (continued)

- iii) Unrestricted fundraising and donation revenue is recorded when funds are received.
- iv) Concert and other revenue is recognized when earned.

Contributed goods and services

Donated materials and services which are normally purchased by the organization are not recorded in the accounts. Volunteers contribute their time to assist the organization in delivering its services. Because of the difficulty of determining the fair value, contributed services are not recognized in the financial statements.

Use of estimates

The preparation of these financial statements requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amount of assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses. Key areas of estimation, where management has made subjective judgments as a result of matters that are inherently uncertain, include certain accrued liabilities, and the estimation of useful lives of depreciable assets.

FINANCIAL RISKS 2.

Financial instruments expose the organization to risks which may affect the cash flows of the organization. The following are those financial instruments considered particularly significant and their related financial risks:

- i) Accounts receivable are regularly monitored to minimize credit risk from uncollected revenue. The organization's losses from credit have been minimal.
- ii) Fluctuations in market interest rates do not result in significant interest rate risks affecting future cash flows from fixed rate guaranteed investment certificates and money market mutual funds.
- iii) The organization expects to meet its financial obligations for accounts payable and accrued liabilities through cash flows from operations.

SHORT-TERM INVESTMENTS

Short-term investments are composed of Canadian money market mutual funds issued by major Canadian chartered banks and brokerage firms.

ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

Accounts receivable is composed of the following:

3	2016	2015
Scotiabank Toronto Waterfront Marathon Concerts Other	\$ 7,976 2,500 9,221	\$ 16,726 10,588 28,120
	\$ 19,697	\$ 55,434

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5. FURNITURE, FIXTURES AND EQUIPMENT

Furniture, fixtures and equipment, recorded at cost, are as follows:

		Cost		cumulated nortization		2016 Net		2015 Net
Computer equipment Musical instruments	\$	21,423 101,037	\$	(15,701) (86,385)	\$	5,722 14,652	\$	8,890 5,084
	\$	122,460	\$	(102,086)	\$	20,374	\$	13,974
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6. DEFERRED CANADIAN HERITAGE FUNDING

Deferred Canadian Heritage funding is composed of the following gra	ints:	2016	2015
Arts Training Canada's 150th anniversary tour	\$	153,860 42,237	\$ 235,495
	\$	196,097	\$ 235,495
Continuity of the deferred Canadian Heritage funding for the year is a	s fol	lows:	
Deferred grants, beginning of year	\$	235,495	\$ 76,477

Deferred grants, beginning of year	\$	235,495	\$	76,477
Add contributions received in year		760,602		959,018
Less grants recognized in year	_	(800,000)	_	(800,000)
Deferred grants, end of year	\$	196,097	\$	235,495

7. DESIGNATED AND RESTRICTED NET ASSETS

Designated net assets

In 2016, the Board of Directors approved \$486,000 be held in a separate reserve for future music projects and and acquisition of musical instruments not funded through normal operations.

Restricted net assets

The organization receives contributions that are restricted for specific purposes. The funds held at year end are to be used to purchase musical instruments and to provide scholarships and awards.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

OCTOBER 31, 2016

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Government funding recognized in the year are as follows:

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Canadian Heritage				
Arts Training	\$	800,000	\$	800,000
Canada's 150th anniversary tour		7,763		
Ontario Arts Council		80,750		80,750
Ontario Trillium Foundation		25,000		25,000
Canada Council for the Arts		5,000		3,600
Government of Canada - Services Canada	_		_	2,640
	\$	918,513	\$	911,990

9. ALLOCATION OF HUMAN RESOURCES EXPENSES

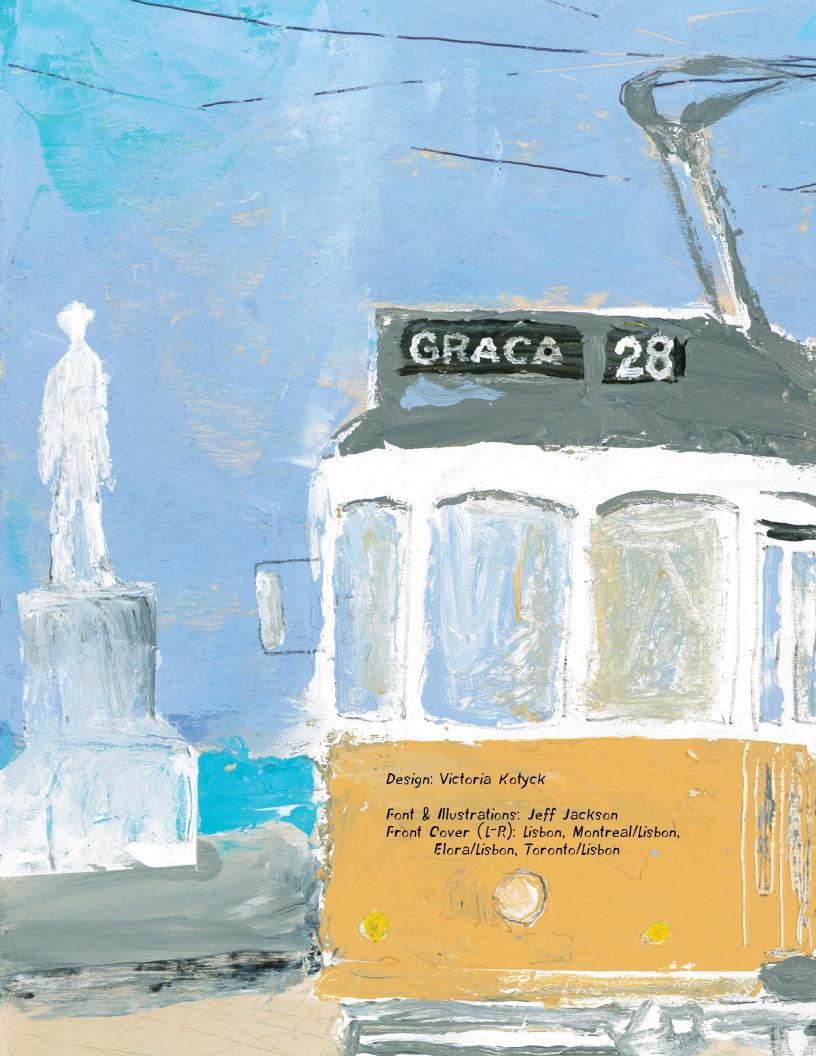
Human resources expenses of \$720,755 (\$736,443 in 2015) were allocated as follows:

		2016	2015
Student training session Administration and general Tour Fundraising	\$	317,150 149,850 104,098 149,657	\$ 353,655 133,157 114,848 134,783
	<u>\$</u>	720,755	\$ 736,443

10. LEASE COMMITMENTS

The organization has a premises lease that expires in 2018. Lease commitments, including base rent plus an estimate for additional rent related to the organization's share of property taxes and utilities are as follows:

2017	\$	147,000
2018	—	36,750
	\$	183,750





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