



# CELEBRATING 50 YEARS! 1960 - 2010

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## A Message from the Executive Director

This year is a golden one for the NYOC; it is our 50th anniversary. Following the unprecedented milestones of 2009: our Juno nomination and live concert webcast, we plan to mark this historic birthday with a series of exciting events. Here is a snapshot of what's taking place:

- We welcome back Maestro Jacques Lacombe as our principal conductor following his impressive work with the NYOC in 2005, 2006 and 2008.
- Our chamber music program has expanded with an extra ten days of training in small ensembles for almost all of our musicians.
- We will embark on a national concert tour that will see us performing on the west coast for the first time in five years. Our performance venues include such esteemed halls as Vancouver's Chan Centre for the Performing Arts, Edmonton's Winspear Centre, Toronto's Koerner Hall, Ottawa's National Arts Centre and Montreal's Notre-Dame Basilica.
- World-renowned tenor Ben Heppner

will join us as we perform as part of the Stratford Summer Music Festival.

- Every NYOC student is receiving a \$1,000 honorarium and six of our most promising students have received a \$4,000 leadership award.

We look forward to meeting and celebrating with you throughout the year. Our longevity and continued success is a testament to you, our supporters. It is due to your continued support that the NYOC is recognized as one of the country's greatest cultural and educational institutions. We are also forever grateful to our sponsors, both corporate and government: TD Canada Trust, Canadian Heritage, BC Arts Council, and the Ontario Arts Council.

In this newsletter, you will find details of our upcoming concert tour and repertoire, more details of our celebratory plans, and ways you can support the NYOC during our milestone year.

Barbara Smith



NYOC as seen from above



2010 Conductor: Maestro Jacques Lacombe



Juno Team: Jonathan Welmers, Rob Teehan, Barbara Smith, Alain Trudel, Martha DeFrancisco

## NYOC Juno Nomination!

For the first time in its 50-year history, the National Youth Orchestra of Canada has been nominated for a Juno award! Our 2009 album Selections from the 2009 National Tour was nominated in the Classical Album of the Year: Large Ensemble or Soloist category. NYOC alumnus Rob Teehan has also been nominated in the category of Classical Composition of the Year for his NYOC commissioned work Dreams of Flying, which appears on the NYOC 2009 CD/DVD. THE 2010 Juno Awards took place on Sunday, April 18 in St. John's, Newfoundland.

Copies of our Juno nominated CD/DVD are available for purchase on our web site: [www.nyoc.org](http://www.nyoc.org).

## 2010 Orchestra Announced

Ninety-four students have been selected for this year's NYOC from 622 applications.

Live auditions were held in 22 cities across Canada and the USA (for students Canadian students who are studying there) during the month of January. The auditions were video recorded by highly qualified proctors and sent to NYOC faculty members for evaluation.

For the first time, the NYOC is awarding all of its students a \$1,000 honorarium and six students were selected to receive a \$4,000 leadership award. Please visit our web site for a complete list of the NYOC 2010 Orchestra and leadership award winners: [www.nyoc.org](http://www.nyoc.org)



2010 Harpist, Merrissa Ollivier



2010 Violinist, Ruža McIntyre

## Calling all NYOC Alumni

How long has it been since you heard the roar of an appreciative crowd or received a standing ovation? Regardless of whether you have pursued a performance career, are you willing to dust off the

old bow, mallets, or get your embouchure back into shape? If so, we are offering you an opportunity to relive your NYOC experience.

To celebrate the NYOC's 50th anniversary we are inviting all past alumni to join the 2010 orchestra on stage to perform a short (and simple) piece as a musical commemoration to our half-century milestone.

We are aiming to showcase the truly significant role the NYOC has played in the musical landscape of this country, and what better way to do this than by featuring the talent that the NYOC has produced over the past 50 years.

If you are going to be in any of these cities in our 2010 tour, contact us now!

Saturday, July 24, 2010: London, ON  
Sunday, July 25, 2010: Stratford, ON  
Monday, July 26, 2010: Kingston, ON  
Wednesday, July 28, 2010: Ottawa, ON  
Thursday, July 29, 2010: Montreal, QC  
Sunday, August 1, 2010: Mont-Tremblant, QC  
Tuesday, August 3, 2010: Toronto, ON  
Thursday, August 5, 2010: Nanaimo, BC  
Sunday, August 8, 2010: Vancouver, BC  
Tuesday, August 10, 2010: Kelowna, BC  
Thursday, August 12, 2010: Calgary, AB  
Saturday, August 14, 2010: Edmonton, AB

Space is limited, and some venues may not be able to accommodate additional players so contact us as soon as possible to ensure your place.

Call or email Ginette Hebert at [ghebert@nyoc.org](mailto:ghebert@nyoc.org) or 1-888-532-4470 x 225 to confirm your participation.

## Supporting the NYOC

Donate your Aeroplan miles by booking a flight for one of our faculty members or students prior to the summer training session. The NYOC will issue a tax receipt for the value of the full fare.

Members of the brass and wind sections of the Toronto Symphony Orchestra recently raised \$1,000 each in support of the NYOC. This is enough to sponsor two awards for this year's orchestra. We want to sincerely thank the members of the TSO involved in this initiative.