

KMU Newsletter

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Kingston Musicians' Union Donates \$955

Molly Brant Elementary School saw a huge boost to their instrumental program in February with a donation from the Musicians Union from a Memorial Scholarship Fund and a Musiccounts grant from CARAS. The union donation came from the Dick Baldwin Memorial Scholarship Fund. "The memorial fund had the money left over and the board felt that it was a great way to encourage young musicians in the community" Sue Moore, secretary and treasurer with the KMU said "the donation will help to buy two instruments for the program". "When it came time to decide what to do with the money left over in the fund it was a unanimous decision to donate it to the school music program. "It's more than a music program" Moore said. "For some of these students, it opens doors, builds confidence, improves their social skills and it has far reaching consequences than just teaching music, in some cases it can be life changing." "Circumstances make it difficult for some students to obtain instruments, so the school has tried to build the instrument inventory so that every student has access to an instrument. Currently they are sharing instruments at a ratio of 3:1"

"Music is one piece of your life in school" Principal Michael Blackburn said to the students. "We want every single one of you to have every possibility that can possibly happen in your lives, whether it's in school or outside of school. "

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SUMMER CONCERTS

In today's climate musicians need to think about generating funds, Here are some useful tips:

- Approach people and businesses that you deal with on a regular basis
- Apply for grants e.g. the arts council, Trillium, etc
- MPTF will fund certain projects
- Have good quality sound or video example to send to potential engagers as part of your portfolio.

Summer Concerts

Summer is approaching and for many of our musicians that means being involved in the summer concerts in Kingston. Thank you for all the members who submitted applications. As you can imagine it was a difficult task to choose so few among so many good applicants, for more information on who is playing around the city see page 4 and 5. 2017 will see some changes with the Gananoque Concerts. The time is changing to **an earlier start** 6:30pm. This will hopefully be helpful to musicians playing in the late summer when it gets quite dark at 8:30. Many of the members were having to pull down equipment in the dark. We are also providing funds for sound to groups that need it.

The Lions park concerts saw a dramatic change with the loss of significant sponsor money. The Sunday concerts have been cancelled and the amount of dates available reduced as a result of this. We are extremely grateful for the sponsors that will make the Wednesday concerts possible.

Long and McQuaid

Raymond James

The Royale

NEW FILLABLE LPCC

Recently I spent some time with Rob-in Moir to share ideas in our Locals. One of the ideas that emerged from this meeting was a new simplified Live Performance Contract Canada for our Locals to use. The form can be filled out electronically and has all the information you need on the PDF. There will be some editing needed as we trial this but I think it will work well for engagements that our scheduled fee is used. Copies of this form are available from the office or on our website members page.

PASSWORD: kingstonmusic

MUSICIANS PENSION FUND CANADA

Section 4.01. Vesting Service. A Member shall be credited with one month of Vesting Service for each month in which he is a Member of the Plan. Section 4.02. Vested Status. (a) An Employee who becomes a Member of the Plan after December 31, 2000 acquires immediate Vested Status. (b) Any Member of the Plan who has Contributions made on his behalf after December 31, 2000, acquires immediate Vested Status. (c) An Employee who becomes a Member of the Plan prior to January 1, 2001 and does not have any Contributions made on his behalf after December 31, 2000, acquires Vested Status on the earliest date that one of the following requirements is met: (i) he has accumulated at least 24 months of Vesting Service; or (ii) he has attained Normal Retirement Age while still a Member of the Plan.



Membership Matters

During the period 1st January -4th April here is the latest membership activity.

New Members

Jethro Moneo, Sean Hully, Chris Murphy, Joseph Francis, Danny Young, Anthony Negus, Tim Torgersen, Chris Petersen, Doug Smith, Liana White, Brandon Amey, Eva link, Samantha Bielanski, Stephen Giroux, Matthew Sandrin, Nathan Truax, Cameron Dude, Henry Lawrence, Karl Tombak, Jonas Lewis-Anthony,

Reinstated Members

Jim Trott,

Members who resigned in good standing

John Crown, Keith Burton, Kelli Trottier, Nathan Miller, Gordon Griffith, Jonas Bonnetta, Dennis Robinson, Neal Scott, Gale Smith

Members Suspended

Cam Giroux, Melanie Hilmi, Garry Lintner, Kathleen Lonergan, Fred Mack, James McConnell, Wayne Morris, Michael O'Grady, Robert Page, Sean Ryan, David Shewchuk, Tony Silvestri, Mark Volk,

To avoid suspension pay dues on time or resign in good standing.

ABOUT MPTF

The Music Performance Trust Fund (MPTF) was established in 1948 as a non-profit independent public service organization whose mission includes contributing to the public knowledge and appreciation of music, as well as making music a part of every child's life experience. Headquartered in New York City, the tax-exempt MPTF, operating under section 501(c) 3 of the Internal Revenue Code, evolved from a landmark collective bargaining agreement between the American Federation of Musicians and the major recording companies of the day.

Funded via a royalty stream from the signatory record labels, led by the three major labels, Sony Music Entertainment, Universal Music Group, and the Warner Music Group, the MPTF today presents thousands of live, admission-free musical programs annually in the United States and Canada.

Working in tandem with union locals in various cities, the MPTF places music in the schools, with priority given to music that enhances education and affords students an opportunity to enjoy live music and interact with professional musicians.

Music in the Schools

As music programs in schools continue to decline, the Music Performance Trust Fund has been increasing its support and commitment in this area. At present, approximately 35% of available funds are earmarked for in-school programming. The MPTF is proud to co-sponsor programs that not only present live music to the children, but also incorporate historic, instrumental and theoretical workshops. To con-



tinue its funding of these invaluable programs, MPTF is broadening its local and nationwide search for philanthropic support. In Kingston we have benefitted from this program on many occasions. At a recent MPTF sponsored event, Molly Brant Elementary School hosted the annual Band Bash with conductor John Palmer. This event is just one of the examples of funding that we have received from this excellent program.



Band Bash 2017



MusicianFest

The Music Performance Trust Fund has a long-standing tradition of providing music entertainment for senior citizens. Although older enthusiasts enjoy our park events, community concerts, and symphonic performances, we have strived to connect more deeply and more intimately with our aging population, who face growing economic, mobility, and social challenges. In 2015, the MPTF developed a program called MusicianFest as an umbrella covering free senior centre performances. Our goal was a lofty one, to initiate 500 solo musician performances across North America. We enlisted the assistance of the National Council On Aging and their National Institute of Senior Centres to help source quality locations where there was a need for support and stimulus for their senior communities. In Kingston we have received three MusicianFest grants.

For more information:

<http://www.musicpf.org/home.php>



2017 Sponsored Summer Concerts in Kingston

Downtown Kingston Business Association
(sponsors: DKBA & MPTF)
Friday 7:00-8:00



SPRINGER SQUARE (MPTF)

June 23 Swing-On Jazz Band
July 21 Nostalgic Sounds of Jazz
July 28 Swingtime Dance Band
Aug 11 Limestone Collective

CONFEDERATION PARK

June 29 Roger James
July 4 Reg Corey
July 13 Tom Savage
August 1 Saxobelles
Aug 15 Spencer Evans Trio
Aug 22 Blue Swing Jazz Quartet

Lions Civic Garden
(multiple sponsors: City of Kingston & MPTF)
Wednesday 7:00-8:00pm



July 12 20thC Jazz Band
July 19 Robin Moir &
Joe Turner
July 26 Quintessentials

Aug 2 Craig Jones Band
Aug 9 Swingtime Dance Band
Aug 16 Swing-On Jazz

Gananoque Town Hall Park

6:30—7:30 pm Thursdays (sponsors: City Of Gan.)



July 13 Limestone Jazz
Collective
July 20 Tom Savage
July 27 Quintessentials
Aug 3 Roger James

Aug 10 KingsTown Tenors
Aug 17 Saxobelles
Aug 24 Reg Corey
Aug 31 Blue Swing

2017 Summer Concerts events in our Local

June Events



June 7	Shout Sisters Choir St Matthew's Church Belleville 7:30pm	June 19	Jonas Lewis-Anthony Mansion 9:00pm	June 24	The Fitzgerald's Perth Ont
June 9	Jeanette Arsenault, feature guest Dancing with the Stars of Quinte Essroc Arena, Wellington ON 8:00PM	June 20	Dave Barton Olivea 6:00pm	June 26	Jonas Lewis-Anthony Mansion 9:00pm
June 12	Jonas Lewis-Anthony Mansion 9:00pm	June 22	Tom Savage The Alibi, Kingston	June 27	Spencer Evans Olivea 6:00pm
		June 23	Tom Savage Toucan, Kingston	June 28	The Commodores Eastminster United Church, Belleville
		June 24	Tom Savage Rose & Crown Pub		

July Events



July 1	Triple X Indie Woods Muskoka	June 21	Eric Barager Coach's Pub and Grillhouse Prince Edward County
July 1	The Fitzgerald's Royal Botanical Gardens 11:00am-1:00pm	July 28	Triple X live Ribfest Cornwall
July 16	The Fitzgeralds Westben	July 28	The Fitzgeralds Niagara-on-the-lake Summer Heritage Music Fest

August Events



Aug 10	The Fitzgeralds Shelburne Heritage Music Festival	Friday Night Concerts in the Park Ted Snider Band Shell, Fraser Park June through Septem- ber, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Aug 11	Eric Barager Coach's Pub and Grillhouse Prince Edward County	NORAMPAC SUMMER CONCERT SERIES Am- phitheatre, Centennial Park Wednesdays and Sundays July through to Labour Day weekend RIVERFRONT SQUARE
Aug 20	Lost Cousins	RiverFront Square Concert Series on Saturday evenings during the summer months. 6-8pm

KMU 518 Budget Summary

Year/Month 1st Jan 2017 -31st Dec 2017

SUMMARY	BUDGETED	COMMENTS
Total Income	\$44,668.25	Slightly conservative budget
Total Expenses	\$44,507.85	
Surplus		At end of 2016 we had \$22,500 in bank and \$2500 in Paypal
Income Less Expenses	\$160.40	

BANK STATEMENTS	BUDGETED	
Bank Balance	\$28,676.50	Approx. \$10,000 more than last year
Paypal Account	\$4,041.75	
Petty Cash	\$255.00	
Dick Baldwin Scholarship Fund	\$954.81	
Total Funds	\$33,928.06	

INCOME DETAILS	BUDGETED	COMMENTS
Regular Dues Paid to date	\$33,330.00	202 members
Life dues Paid to date	\$907.50	15 members
Student Dues Paid to date	\$420.75	3 members
Youth Dues Paid to date	\$1,750.00	14 members
Inactive Life Dues Paid to date	\$210.00	4 members
LIF	\$300.00	Estimate based on 2016 taking in 10 new members
Reinstatement and Penalties	\$800.00	Estimate based on 2016
Work dues	\$4,800.00	Estimate based on 2016
Symphony Work dues	\$2,000.00	Estimate based on 2016
Paypal Charge	\$150.00	Estimate based on 2016
Total Income	\$44,668.25	

Over/Under Budget

EXPENSE DETAILS	BUDGETED	COMMENTS
Personel		
Salary Secretary	\$16,500.00	11 months @ \$1500 Currently \$1000
Salary Assistant Secretary	\$1,000.00	10 months @ \$100
Salary President	\$1,000.00	10 months @ \$100
Salary President Emeritus	\$1,000.00	12 months @ \$100
Secretary Pension	\$2,970.00	11 months @ 18% pension Currently 10%
Per Capita	\$12,000.00	3 payments @ \$4000
Total personel expenses	\$34,470.00	
Percent of Total Expenses	59.03%	

ADMINISTRATIVE		
AFM/CFM Conference	\$1,500.00	CFM conference Two delegates
Travel Expense	\$500.00	Around Local area
Newsletter & promo material	\$100.00	
Bank Fees	\$0.00	Currently they are negligible
www.kingstonmusicians.org	\$150.00	For web site and domain but not internet
Telephone	\$649.00	Bell contract runs out Aug 10 2018
Mobile	\$825.00	Mobile
Summer concerts (MPTF)	\$3,000.00	To cover MPTF grants, 2016 we received \$3003
Office	\$1,500.00	Includes supplies and postage
Post box	\$163.85	UPS store
Parking	\$50.00	
Paypal Fees	\$50.00	
General and Board Meetings	\$450.00	
Federation Work dues	\$100.00	
KOMC	\$200.00	
Dick Baldwin Scholarship Fund	\$800.00	Donation
Total Administration Expenses	\$10,037.85	
Percent of Total Expenses	17.19%	

ASSETS & LIABILITIES		
Equipment	\$0.00	Union owns 2 computers and one small storage unit
Loans	\$0.00	We have no loans
Unpaid dues	\$6,230.00	36 Reg, 3 Life, 1 Youth; Owed from Jan 1st 2017
Total A & L expenses	\$0.00	
Percentage of Total Expenses	0.00%	
Total Expenses	\$44,507.85	

Notes: We have very few assets, we pay very little for the office, heating, electricity, internet, monitor, printer, storage, filing cabinets, desk, and all other office furniture are all supplied by the Moore's. In 2016 we improved our financial situation ending the year with approximately \$6,000 more in our accounts than in 2015.

At the end of 2015 we had \$19,000 in our bank account and less than \$500 in our Paypal account
FYI: keeping the union office running efficiently requires 25-30 hours per week

School Music Program gets a Boost



The band program began 9 years ago as part of the Limestone District School Board Partnership in Music at Frontenac Public School when a grant to provide the school with a full set of band instruments made it possible for the students to take regular instrument lessons weekly. The program was so successful that

when the school found out it was to be amalgamated to form the new school, Molly Brant, the grade 7/8 staff and Principal made sure that all students were given the same opportunities to be part of the instrumental program as their former participants. "The increase in the number of students to 75 has made it difficult to meet the demands and needs of such a large program." Moore explained

Despite the existence of Joe Mills lending library it was found that many of the families attending Molly Brant were unable to take advantage of this resource due to the nature of their circumstances. The school has made it their goal to have enough instruments in their inventory so that every student has an instrument for their use while attending grade 7 and 8. The budget needed for this goal is estimated at approximately \$32,000. In the fall Sue Moore applied for a CARAS grant of \$10,000 which would cover a third of the cost. Last Wednesday Sue heard that she was successful in obtaining the Musiccounts grant so along with the money from the Dick Baldwin Scholarship they are a third of their way to achieving their goal.

David Smith and Gene Richard were both in attendance at the presentation. "I think this is an ideal situation in terms of getting musical instruments to the kids at this age" said David Smith, the Local's President. "It's really very important". David told the students that he started playing the Saxophone at age 14 when he put his hand up for volunteers to play the instrument.

"Programs like these are unique and need to be encouraged. Unfortunately they require funds to keep them active and purchasing the instruments is only the first step. The instruments need to be properly maintained and an interest in the program needs to remain strong to survive. So far we have had great support from the staff, the principals and the community, that's why it felt right to invest in their future."
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THE FITZGERALDS

The Fitzgeralds are a family group consisting of fiddling and step dancing siblings – Tom, Kerry & Julie Fitzgerald. These siblings, from Bancroft, Ontario, have come a long way from their small town roots. Featuring 3-time Canadian Grandmaster Fiddle Champions and Open Step Dance Champions, this unique act features high-energy fiddling and mind-blowing Ottawa-Valley step dancing. Joining the siblings on guitar is Kyle Waymouth (Canadian Step Dance Champion). It is the rare combination of exceptional musicianship, incomparable step dancing, audience interaction, evident love of performing, and genuine sibling connection that resonates with audiences of all ages. Catch them this summer at a festival or event near you!

SOCIAL MEDIA:

WEBSITE: <http://www.thefitzgeralds.net>

FACEBOOK: <https://www.facebook.com/thefitzgeraldsmusic/>

INSTAGRAM: <https://www.instagram.com/thefitzgeraldsmusic/>

SOUND CLOUD: <https://soundcloud.com/thefitzgeralds>

YOUTUBE: <https://www.youtube.com/user/stepandfiddle>





This is my Canada!

Jeanette Arsenault

Over 400 Canadians, affectionately known as Dream Team Canada, have adopted Jeanette Arsenault's patriotic bilingual song "This Is My Canada / Mon Cher Canada" as a song to express their national pride.

The song and accompanying HD music video is being launched in time for Canada Day and features some of Canada's finest session players and Canadian Artists who are the Dream Team Canada Singers with a combined 6 Grammy and 13 Juno Awards. It also includes stunning visuals of the vast Canadian landscape.

A very special appearance by 12 year old Malakai Daybutch, one of Canada's brilliant and sought-after traditional indigenous dancers, created magic. His presence, spirit, friendship and contribution were riveting and emotional.

Both Arsenault and Coleman are community-minded and are organizing a campaign that will raise funds for Canadian registered charities (to be announced upon the launch) through sales and licensing of the song+video across Canada and around the world.

This grassroots campaign has captured the imagination of Canadians from coast to coast who have heard it over the years and urged Arsenault to launch it nationally as Canada's national song right along side Canada's national anthem.

A documentary that represents the story of this national song and all of its grassroots elements called "The Making of This Is My Canada / Mon cher Canada," is being created and will be submitted to Netflix, cable networks and film festivals globally.

For updates: www.gofundme.com/thisismycanada and follow the adventure @thisismycanada on Facebook & on Twitter.

Jeanette Arsenault wrote her anthemic This Is My Canada/Mon cher Canada 25 years ago and when presented with having to make a lifestyle decision, she chose to put the song on the shelf to become a full time mother/ part time performer.

The song became the little song that could - over the years, she had just enough interesting gigs that encouraged her to keep nursing it along. She sang it at various events across Canada, including for HRH Queen Elizabeth II during her "walkabout" ; for the Canadian Olympic Team in Salt Lake City and again in Athens Greece; for the Olympic Torch Relay in Picton ON; on a train across western Canada as VIA Rail Artist on Board; for the Pan Am Torch Relay in Trenton; just to name a few.

She continues to write and perform with a current focus on all things Canadian - including collaborations with other artists on a tribute to the Canadian soldiers who fought at Vimy Ridge as well as another project which is a tribute to Canadian women in song. JeanetteArsenault.ca



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Upcoming Events

Office: Closed June 6—23rd Please contact Ottawa for any union matters 1 855 235-2353 or 613 235-3253

Board Meeting: July 19th The Royale 10:00am

Canadian Conference of Musicians: August 11-13th

Sheraton Hotel Hamilton

Canadian Conference of Musicians Training: August 9-10

We now accept all forms of payment. Please make sure your information is kept up to date either through the office or by logging onto the AFM website members area where you can access your profile. If your membership status changes you must inform the office otherwise you risk suspension of services.

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