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115 Askin Street

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MUSIC DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

We are so fortunate to have such a dedicated Brassroots audience. You are truly one of a kind. Always eager for a musical adventure when we are joined by extraordinary guest artists in the city, but you also love hearing Brassroots front and centre. Every season we make sure to include a concert where the ensemble can really show off and let the horns play all out. Carnival! is that concert this season.

We will be throwing a musical party to heat up the winter. The midwinter celebration of Carnival has a rich musical tradition all over the world and we will be showcasing music from Brazil, New Orleans and Quebec among other locals.

Carnival, Mardi Gras, whatever you like to call it is a time of excess, extravagance, and unadulterated fun and that is what we promise you on February 3rd!

Come for the Carnival! - *Jeff Christmas*

Message from the Chair of Brassroots

Happy Brassroots New Year!

Thanks to everyone involved in our amazing Holiday concert! It was such a thrill to see the smiling faces all around!

We look forward to the awesome presentation that our Music Director, Jeff Christmas has crafted for our upcoming “Carnival” concert. I have fond memories of “Laissez les bon temps rouler!”

I wanted to thank two people publicly. One person is our bass trombone player and board member, Susan Follows. Like everyone in Brassroots, Susan spends countless hours preparing her trombone music for our performances. However, she is also a hard working board member! As treasurer she is always trying to come up with clever ways to either save us money or raise some more money so we can continue presenting our concert series. Susan recently came across a “donate your car” initiative. She researched it, and with the help of our hard-working Adam Corrigan Holowitz they were able to implement the procedure. Thanks Sue for your devotion to Brassroots!

Speaking of the “donate a car” programme, I would like to thank Tim Lockwood. Long-time Brassroots followers will recognize Tim, since he often plays horn in the group. However, he and his family have been financial supporters for years. Tim said “My mom came across the donate a car programme in your last newsletter, and we were trying to figure out how to get rid of a car, so thought it would be a good cause. It was super easy. Filled out the form and it was gone within a couple of days.” Thanks Tim (and your Mom!) for your donation and all your help on horn over the years!

See how easy it is to contribute to Brassroots? We would appreciate any help you could give us, whether it be donating a car, or just a donation. As folks in the music industry are fond of saying, “ticket sales are not enough to allow us to continue presenting our concerts.”

Enjoy “Carnival!”

Karl Hermann, Chairperson of Brassroots



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Thank you to all who have supported Brassroots this season. Your support is integral to our success. If you see cookies on someone's seat that means they have donated to Brassroots. If you would also like to have a sweet treat waiting for you, you can make a donation at brassroots.ca/donations

NEW! Donate a Car Canada now accepts vehicle donations for Brassroots. Free towing is provided in most areas across Canada, or you can drop off your vehicle to maximize your donation. When you donate your car, truck, RV, boat, or motorcycle to Brassroots, it will either be recycled or re-sold (depending on its condition, age and location). Donate a Car Canada will look after all the details to make it easy for Brassroots to benefit. You will receive a tax receipt after your donation has been processed! Visit www.donatecar.ca

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WHERE TO SEE BRASSROOTS MEMBERS PERFORM COMING UP!

Stratford Symphony Orchestra - Celtic Celebration Dathliad Celtaidd! with the Toronto Welsh Male Voice Choir

Date: Saturday January 27 at 7:30 PM

Venue: Avondale United Church 194 Avondale Ave. Stratford N5A 6N4 ON

Price: Adult \$55 Student \$15 Kids under 12 free

Our annual Celtic concert brings the SSO and the Toronto Welsh Male Voice Choir together. The choir proudly draws on the great Welsh tradition of singing hymns and songs born of the mountains and valleys of Wales.

**Brassroots Members Featured: JuliaVaughan, Kevin Swinden
Tony Snyder, Susan Follows**

Big Bandemic Valentines!

"An afternoon of music, dancing and love"

Date: February 10 at 2:00 PM

Aeolian Hall, 795 Dundas Street, London ON N5W 2Z6

Price: \$40.00

Brassroots members: Karl Hermann and Gwyn Beynon (and board member Jim Smythe, and occasional BR sub percussion player, Greg Mainprize)

Join Big Bandemic with special guest vocalists Denise Pelley (Denise has performed many times with Brassroots) and Rick Kish. Big Band is Back!

For more details see www.bigbandemic.ca

Waterloo Chamber Players - Eine Kleine Kammermusik

Date: February 24 at 7:30 PM

Venue: Knox Presbyterian Church, 50 Erb St. Waterloo ON N2L 1T1

Price: Pay what you can

Brass, Woodwind and String Ensembles Some featured works are Dukas La Peri Fanfare, Lachner Wind Octet, Grieg Holberg Suite.

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Wellington Winds Symphony - Tales of Grimm

Date: Sunday March 3 at 3:00PM

Venue: Knox Presbyterian Church, 50 Erb St. Waterloo ON N2L 1T1

Price: Adults \$20 Seniors \$15 Students free

A concert featuring music of myth, magic and fairy tales. The Canadian premiere of Bruce Broughton's monumental Grimm Tales anchors the program along with atmospheric music of Rof Rudin "The Dream of Oenghus" and Viet Cuong's "Sound and Smoke"

Brassroots Members Featured: Susan Follows, Eric Probst, John Monkhouse.

Paul Stevenson in Recital

Date: Monday, March 18th at 8:00 PM

Venue: von Kuster Hall, Don Wright Faculty of Music at Western University

Principal trumpet Paul Stevenson will be presenting his third Doctorate of Music recital. His program will contain a number of Canadian works. Paul will also be joined by Julie Vaughan and Seth McNall. Paul is currently pursuing his Doctorate in Music with a focus on history of Brassroots and their contribution of Canadian Chamber music.



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