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Letters to the editor
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Hidden in plain sight.

I've often heard that if you want to hide something, sometimes in plain sight is the last place people will look.

Friday evening in Penticton my family and I discovered something we didn't realise we were looking for but that had been hiding in plain sight for many years, the Okanagan Symphony Orchestra.

It was my 2 daughters (7 & 9 yrs) first time at the symphony and they thoroughly enjoyed it. Having a mix of more traditional symphonic pieces including "Skaters Waltz" and "Quiet Eve" combined with the Celtic sounds performed by guests "The Cats & The Fiddle Band", as well as the audience participation of a number of traditional carols made for a wonderful evening. It was the first year of what will be a tradition for us.

I was pleasantly surprised to see how well attended the evening was. I won't be leaving my ticket purchase as late next year. If I have anything to do with it, they may need a second night after I finish telling everyone how enjoyable it was.

We also wanted to thank Maestra Thomson for her very welcoming style both on stage and off. My daughter had a question for the Maestra and we found her very gracious and interested when we approached her after the concert.

I hope others in the valley may read this and decide it is time to take a look and listen at the Okanagan Symphony, a gem that has been hiding in plain sight for too many of us.

Sincerely,
Derek Hurst & Family