



OKANAGAN SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

SYMPHONY NOTES

June/July 2010

A very successful 50th Anniversary concert season has passed and as we look back, we can appreciate the progress made over recent years as a result of the joint efforts of our Music Director, the Orchestra, Administration, the Volunteers (Midsummer Magic Gala Committee & the Vernon / Penticton Branches) and your Board.

The next season brings new challenges, not the least of which is that we will feel the full effect of government cutbacks in funding which were implemented part-way through last year.

Perhaps it is fortuitous that as we prepare to enter the next concert season we are engaged in a search for a new General Manager who can bring new skills to us. These include the ability to engage and assist the board to add new members with specific skills, to acquire more volunteers to assist with administration, and to help develop an innovative approach to enlarge our sponsorship/ donor base.

Our search committee for the General Manager is engaged in interviewing a short list chosen from over 50 applicants. We hope to be able to make a final choice just prior to the Summer Gala on July 17th. Contract negotiations would commence shortly after the Gala with a view to the successful candidate coming on board on September 1st.

Meanwhile we are grateful to Tim Watson for so ably filling the General Manager position until September. Welcome also to Laurie Henderson who has taken over in the office from Wendy, who has stepped down after many years of sterling service. Wendy remains as a willing volunteer as needed.

Should you be thinking about our 5th Midsummer Gala, I suggest you purchase your tickets soon. Over 100 have been sold so far and it would be a pity to miss this delightful evening at the Mission Hill Winery. For more information, you can phone Tim or Laurie at the Symphony office at 250-763-7544.

Subscriptions for the 2010-2011 concert season are available from Ticketmaster in Kelowna (250-979-7031) or Penticton (1-877-979-7031) or Ticketseller in Vernon (250-549-7469). Remember that you have until July 31st to guarantee your usual seats should you be a repeat subscriber. Due to the construction at Cleland Theatre in Penticton, venues utilised will be variable with open (unreserved) seating.

Last but not least, a big thank you to our sponsors & donors whose contributions are so important to the success of the orchestra.

Enjoy your summer!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D Innes', with a stylized flourish.

Duncan Innes
President