

Musicians formerly of Orchestra London
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February 4th, 2015

Corporation of the City of London
Culture Office
300 Dufferin Avenue
London Ontario PO BOX 5035 N6A 4L9

Attention: Robin Armistead, Manager of Culture

Re: Orchestra Planning and Musician Performance Proposal

Dear Ms. Armistead:

The musicians formerly of Orchestra London wish to inform you of our unconditional support for the Orchestra Planning and Musician Performance Proposal.

Our Executive Committee has worked carefully with the London Arts Council's Board President, Betty Anne Younker and Executive Director, Andrea Halwa, to develop a comprehensive understanding of this proposal. The committee met with the full membership of the musicians formerly of Orchestra London to explain the proposal, and an anonymous vote was held on whether to support the initiative. We are pleased to share that the musicians voted overwhelmingly in favour of the proposal, with a large majority participating.

The proposal gives us the opportunity to increase our visibility in the community and present additional performances, thus allowing us to raise revenue, and establish partnerships in the arts and education communities. Additionally, it will allow us to make the best possible effort to retain, in London, the members of this living, breathing ensemble.

Our team has come from all over Canada and beyond, competing successfully for our positions, to provide Londoners with professional music making of the highest possible calibre. The goal of the musicians formerly of Orchestra London is best captured in our hashtag: "*WePlayOn.*"

The musicians formerly of Orchestra London are excited to participate in a public consultation process, to discover the most effective ways to recreate a professional orchestra which will be the most vibrant, excellent and sustainable model for our community. It is our hope that this consultation will bring the entire arts community together as we seek not only the healthy, dynamic revitalization of a professional orchestra in London, but also to create an opportunity for all cultural groups and leaders to work in a united effort to make our thriving city an even richer place to live, work and enjoy a quality of life.

We are committed, as individuals and as a group, to creating valuable musical experiences for all Londoners, in a variety of styles, and for all tastes. It is our intention to continue to share the power of music with Londoners and its visitors and we hope you can support our efforts in moving forward.

Sincerely,

The musicians formerly of Orchestra London
Please direct any questions to: Joe Lanza – Concertmaster, Executive Committee Member of the musicians formerly of Orchestra London