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YOUNG MUSICIANS RECEIVE SUPPORT THANKS TO \$50,000 OTF GRANT

Ottawa, Ontario - The Ottawa Chamber Orchestra announced the renewal of its decade-old concerto competition thanks to a \$50,000 grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF). The three-year grant will help the orchestra re-establish the Concerto Competition for young musicians, increase audience attendance and the quality of performances, as well as reduce the barriers to participation for members by supporting the use of a centrally located rehearsal facility in Ottawa. Yasir Naqvi, MPP for Ottawa Centre, joined OTF representative Frank Dyson to officially announce this new funding during the Ottawa Chamber Orchestra's Fortepiano Concerto concert at Blessed Sacrament Church.

"The funding from the Ontario Trillium Foundation will help the Ottawa Chamber Orchestra foster the talent of young chamber musicians and reduce the barriers to participation for members, bringing more music and joy to our community," said MPP Yasir Naqvi.

With the help of the OTF grant, the Ottawa Chamber Orchestra will also continue its successful Ottawa Composer series, an initiative to commission and present works by Ottawa composers.

"We have used this grant to purchase music scores, provide remuneration for judges and secure a central location for our competitions" said Music Director, David Thies-Thompson. "We are thankful to the Ontario Trillium Foundation's continued commitment to a vibrant, artistic community in Ottawa."

Established in 1992, the Ottawa Chamber Orchestra created a Concerto Competition to provide an opportunity for young talent to obtain orchestral solo experience with a full size orchestra under the guidance of its Music Director, David Thies-Thompson. Each year a different instrument or voice is chosen and participants are invited to compete for the top 3 spots. The winners are then showcased in the final concert of the season. Past winners have include Kerson Leong (violin) in 2009 (the 2010 winner of the Menuhin Competition), and Nadia Petrella (voice) in 2008.

A leading grantmaker in Canada, the Ontario Trillium Foundation strengthens the capacity of the voluntary sector through investments in community-based initiatives. An agency of the Government of Ontario, OTF builds healthy and vibrant communities. www.trilliumfoundation.org.

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