



June 2021

Dear Oakville Symphony patrons,

The time has come to bid farewell to our beloved Maestro Roberto De Clara.

Roberto, as most of us know him, has been the Music Director and Conductor of the Oakville Symphony for the past 24 years. He has inspired countless musicians, audience members and board directors with his musicality, professionalism and patience. Roberto's hard work and dedication has contributed to the growth and stability of the organisation, and he has shaped the Oakville Symphony into the strong community orchestra that it is today.

During his tenure with the Oakville Symphony, Roberto celebrated the 50th Anniversary of the orchestra, initiated the Symphony Innovation Fund, and he introduced many staples of our musical year, including the Young Artist Program, the Family Christmas Concert, the Young People's Concert, and Not Just the Score. His charisma and talent have continued to attract new and returning musicians, guest artists, and audience members. The consummate professional, Roberto has the ability to make each of us feel special and appreciated, while challenging us to rise to higher levels of excellence whether as a musician, an engaged audience member, or a volunteer.

On behalf of the board of directors, the musicians, and the patrons, I would like to say a heartfelt thank you to Roberto for being our guide on this musical journey. You have left us with wonderful memories and a strong legacy upon which to build. We wish you all the best in your future endeavours.

Patrons may send their best wishes in a note or an email directed to the Oakville Symphony office which will be forwarded to Roberto. Mail your note to 310-200 North Service Road, Oakville, ON L6M 2Y1 or email it to office@oakvillesymphony.com

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rhonda Wild". The ink is a dark grey or black color.

Rhonda Wild, *President, Oakville Symphony Board of Directors*