

**Ante L. Padjen, Dr.**

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**Subject:** It's never too late

Dear Ante and Tom,

I was sort of waiting to write my thanks to you and the I Medici di McGill orchestra members when I had a better idea of how well we did with the Symphony for 'The Bell' but that hasn't 100% happened yet! Although I am confident we will achieve our \$100,000 goal.

After our first very successful collaboration in 2017, there was no doubt in our minds that we wanted a second Symphony for 'The Bell' and that we wanted I Medici di McGill and Stephane Tetreault to again be performing. We really cannot embark on this event unless we know that the music side is well taken care of and we are grateful that you organize every aspect of it, and many of the administration tasks. The easy part for us is making sure the cheques are paid to the proper people! We are blessed that Stephane Tetreault seems to also have passionately embraced our little project, and your idea to ask him to perform was brilliant.

Because we can count on you to organize a first class concert, the only thing we really wanted to improve upon from 2017 was the ability to invite all our patrons to the reception, make the cost accessible to pretty much everyone which was our responsibility and sing holiday songs, which was yours! When we invited John and Phyllis Rae to be our Honorary Patrons, John also ask if Stephane could perform 'The Swan' knowing that the patrons would be blown away, and they absolutely were! Every step of the way, you and Gilles Auger found creative ways to accommodate all our musical requests, and the orchestra came through for us in a huge, huge way!

I hope you all had a great holiday season, and took a break from all your volunteer activities. What I Medici di McGill does to help so many diverse groups in our community is simply amazing, and I hope they are as appreciative of your generosity as we are. Dean Eidelman and Principal Fortier have a gem of a program here, the number of young students performing this year seemed to be double those in 2017 - please pass on our thanks and gratitude to them both for continuing their support of I Medici di McGill for hopefully years to come!

We'll take a break for 2020, but our hope is to offer the third edition of Cedars Symphony for 'The Bell' in 2021 - we hope that I Medici will once again perform, we will also ask Stephane if he will return. AND, our hope is that, the young violinist we introduced you both to will be well through his cancer treatment and in a position to make a guest appearance with you both. As you both well know, our comfort kit project is about embracing community, and this young man loved your performances and is excited at the potential opportunity.

With admiration and gratitude on behalf of the Cedars Cancer Foundation and 'The Bell' Fund teams,

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