

Duet Club Membership

Membership in the Duet Club is open to all individuals. Membership is \$60 per year (September through August) and includes admission to all Duet Club concerts, voting rights at the Annual General Meeting, an invitation to the June Social and member pricing at events. Support of our programs through membership fees is invaluable in the continuation of our scholarship and choral programs.

Women of Song

Our SSAA chorus offers Duet Club members an opportunity to sing a variety of music under excellent choral leadership in a friendly and supportive environment.

Rehearsals are held on Wednesdays from 9:15 to 11:15 am at Melrose United Church.

Members of the Duet Club who join **Women of Song** pay an additional \$65 in chorus fees.





Executive Officers 2018-19

Lloyd Oakes	Honorary President
Janice Young	President
Wendy Sammut	Vice-President
Kathy Salata	Past-President
Muriel Westmorland	Recording Secretary
Lee Gowers	Treasurer

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, May 22, 2019 at 10 am

OUR PURPOSE

-  Aid the advancement of music by presenting student scholarships.
-  Provide a platform and audience for the scholarship winners.
-  Promote the intelligent study of music.
-  Promote participation in our women's chorus.

The Duet Club of Hamilton is a proud member of:



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The Duet Club of Hamilton is a registered charitable organization. Donations of \$20 or more, made to the General or Scholarship funds, will be acknowledged with an official receipt for income tax purposes. Donors will also be recognized in our Annual Report and in concert programs.

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2018—2019 Season
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The Duet Club

History of the Club

In 1889 Ellen Ambrose founded the 'Haydn Duet Club' as her students played Haydn symphonies in piano duet form when too shy to play solos. Originally, meetings of the Club were held at Carey Piano Warehouse and fees were set at \$1.00. In 1909 meetings were moved to the Hamilton Conservatory of Music, then in 1969 to Dalewood School and the Studio Theatre at Hamilton Place. Currently the Duet Club meets at Melrose United Church. The Duet Club of Hamilton is the longest-standing women's musical club in Canada.

The Duet Club's Steinway piano was purchased in 1922. It was selected by Vladimir Horowitz who travelled from New York City to be the first to play it in performance.

Our crest was designed in 1929 by J.R. Seavey. Two gold pins with diamonds in the D and C notes were commissioned. One was presented to Miss Ambrose and the other has been passed on to each successive president.

The Ellen Ambrose Scholarship was established in 1939. Seven new scholarships were added in the 1990s and today the Duet Club offers up to 12 scholarships each year in vocal, choral, piano, strings, brass and musical theatre to young area musicians.

Our 2018—2019 Season

Scholarship Winners in Concert

Sunday, September 30, 2018 2:30 pm

In 1940 the Duet Club awarded its first scholarship in piano in honour of our founder, Ellen Ambrose. Over the decades our scholarship program has grown. Eleven scholarships will be awarded in voice, piano, choral and instrumental in 2018. The winner of our 2018 Choral Scholarship will be our guests at the Annual Choral Concert in April 2019. We invite you to come and hear talented young performers from the Hamilton area in concert.

Songs & Jazz

Sunday, November 25, 2018 2:30 pm

Women of Song, our women's chorus has been singing for the Hamilton community for 51 consecutive years. This program will include a variety of well known seasonal songs including *Carol of the Bells* and *Throw the Yule Log On, Uncle John*. The Duet Club is pleased to be joined by Jazz Duo Phillip Darley and Spencer Murray. **Phillip Darley** is an award winning 16 year old classical and jazz musician who debuted with Boris Brott and the National Academy Orchestra at 11 years old. He has been a member of the

Hamilton All Star Jazz Band for 6 years holding positions as pianist and lead tenor sax. **Spencer Murray** is a saxophonist turned bassist. He has been a member of the Hamilton All Star Jazz Band organization since the 2015-2016 season. Spencer was attending the Humber Community Music program until earlier this year, when he committed to making the switch to bass. Join us for this exciting concert to put you in the mood to celebrate the season.

Annual Choral Concert

Sunday, April 28, 2019 2:30 pm

The Duet Club's **Women of Song** performs two concerts yearly at Melrose United Church and other concerts at various venues in our Hamilton community. We are fortunate to collaborate with acclaimed music director **Stéphane Potvin** and concert pianist and accompanist **Dr. Erika Reiman**. **Women of Song** warmly invite you to join us in our final choral concert of the season and enjoy a variety of well loved melodies from the Andrews Sisters, Everly Brothers and Simon & Garfunkel. The winner of this year's **Rhena McIlroy Memorial Scholarship** for excellence in choral singing will be our guest performer at this concert.

Tickets for all concerts are available from members of **Women of Song** or at the door.

Concerts are held at **Melrose United Church**, 86 Homewood Avenue (at Locke Street South)

Adults \$20 Seniors & Students \$15 Under 12 Free

Admission to all concerts is included with a Duet Club membership.