

## *Happy New Year from the YSPF!*

We hope that you will enjoy a photo collage of our recent activities and news:

- Nov. 16th, 2023 - The Order of Ottawa 2023 was awarded to YSPF President Joan Milkson.
- Nov. 25th, 2023 - The first concert of season 2023-2024 saw the return of our after-concert reception.
- A letter from Maria Krstic, a YSPF Alumna studying in Vienna.
- Next concert, on Jan. 27th, we will honour the birthday of W.A. Mozart with a special celebration.
- Please consider a gift towards a one-time Bursary to support a Young String performer. Info: 613-238-3434.
- A donation of violin music/music textbooks will be displayed at the Jan. 27th concert for free distribution.

### *Upcoming Concert Dates:*

**January 27, 2024**

**March 16, 2024**

**June 8, 2024**

**All on Saturdays  
beginning at 7:30 PM**

**All at the First Unitarian  
Congregation of Ottawa,  
30 Cleary Avenue**

As usual, you may purchase tickets  
at the door by cash or cheque  
and from EventBrite via our website.

### **LETTER FROM MARIA KRSTIC, YSPF ALUMNA:**

*"Dear Friends of Ottawa and the YSPF,*

*As a student in Austria I have enjoyed many benefits the country has to offer. Studying in Vienna has been a key developmental point for my career. The city is rich in culture and opportunities, creating a sense of belonging for everyone. Being here for four years now has allowed me to flourish and discover diverse performance opportunities in the musical field. Considering the city's history being the centre of classical music, I feel honoured to perform at the same venues as so many greats before my time.*

*I still remember my initial shock at how many fantastic concerts there were and how alive the city was after 10pm. It's no wonder it has consistently been ranked as the most liveable city. As an added bonus, it's not that cold and when it is, it only lasts five days :)*

*I very much hope to see you all soon!*

*Maria Krstic"*

*Turn over to see some  
of our recent photos!*



**"YSPF creates, provides, promotes and subsidizes opportunities that will develop the abilities of promising young string performers of the National Capital Region up to the age of 18."**

***Please consider making a donation via our website in support of these young musicians! Thank you!***

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*Happy Birthday Mozart*

