

May 4, 2021

Mr. David Bailey Mayor, County of Brant 26 Park Ave Burford, ON NOE 1A0

Dear Mayor Bailey:

On behalf of the **Brantford Music Club**, I would like to thank you and members of Council for the grant of \$1,207.00. This was a strange year. In 2020, we were awarded \$2,415.00 but because of the pandemic, our season was cut short, and we received the first half only - an amount of \$1,208.00. The understanding was that we would receive the second half when we could present the concert **Some Enchanted Evening** with Ben Heppner and friends. We postponed the concert from April, 2020 to September, 2020 and then to June, 2021. We are postponing again and hopefully we will be able to bring the show to the Sanderson Centre in the spring of 2022! We applied in January for the second half of the grant and we are very happy to receive the funds despite the fact that the concert has yet to be presented! The request for financial assistance was to help cover the operating expenses associated with the **Canadian Artists Series**: rental of the Sanderson Centre and associated labour costs, artists' fees, insurance, printing and promotional activities.

We were forced to cancel our entire 2020-21 season, but we are finally booking concerts again. Our first concert is in late November and will feature a duo called *Bridge & Wolak* (accordions, piano, clarinet) and our *Young Artists Recital* has been booked for February. We will likely only have three concerts in the 2021-22 season, plus *Some Enchanted Evening* (originally from our 2019-20 season).

We truly appreciate your financial support and will definitely put it to good use to benefit the citizens of Brant County. Once again, thank you!!

Sincerely,

Lynn Haylock President Brantford Music Club