Message from the Durham Region Mayors' Gala Committee:

January 18, 2024

Dear Mayors Ashe, Barton, Carter, Collier, Foster, Roy, Schummer, Wotten and Regional Chair and CEO Henry,

Thank you for your unwavering support of the 2023 Durham Region Mayors' Gala supporting Ontario Philharmonic. Your endorsement helps Ontario Philharmonic (OP) strengthen its mission's outcomes as we emerge from pandemic effects, inflation and donor decline www.fraserinstitute.org/article/charitable-giving-continues-to-decline-

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The 2023 Durham Region Mayors' Gala supporting Ontario Philharmonic raised \$107,397 <u>net</u> proceeds. This brings our total since 2011 to \$1,043,990 <u>net</u> proceeds, breaking the million-dollar mark, as was our goal. That represents a 36.4% increase over 2022's net.

OP is deeply grateful for your endorsement of the gala. We welcomed several returning sponsors/donors/ticket holders and welcomed new corporate sponsors and donors to the gala. These funds are vital to assisting OP in service to those most vulnerable in Durham Region's communities.

Thank you for making this, all of it, happen!

We are excited to announce that the 2024 Durham Region Mayors' Gala is scheduled for **Saturday November 16th 2024** and being held at Regent Theatre 50 King Street East Oshawa. We hope to receive your endorsement of this invaluable event maintaining the remarkable trajectory, removing barriers experienced by so many of our communities' children/youth seniors. Please mark your calendars now!

We welcome any/all questions regarding the gala.

Warmest wishes,

Laura Vaillancourt and the Gala Committee

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