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Collaborative Concert Brings together Local Students and the KWS



On Monday, November 21st at 7pm, **Past, Present and Future**, a Waterloo Pops concert, will be hosted in the auditorium at Sir John A. Macdonald Secondary School. The concert is a collaborative effort that began as a way to feature the talents of students from three schools, Sir John A Macdonald, Waterloo Collegiate, and Centennial Public School. This year's concert will bring these student musicians with professionals from the Kitchener-Waterloo Symphony as part of the KWS Design-a-Concert program. Pattie Bender, a teacher at Sir John A. Macdonald Secondary School and Director of their instrumental programs said that the experience has been positive, "Design-a-Concert teaches the students about what it really takes to get a concert ready, and has given them experience organizing what will be a really professional event."

The concert will showcase a variety of musical genres and styles. Audience members will hear performances of popular and classic music from concert bands, choirs, a guitar ensemble, jazz band, and a steel drum band. The concert's subtitle "Past, Present and Future" refers not only to the different generations involved, but the all-encompassing variety of repertoire to be performed.

The experience will be stretched beyond the walls of Sir John A. Macdonald with guest appearances by members of the Kitchener-Waterloo Symphony. Evan Mitchell, the Assistant Conductor of the KWS, will appear as a guest conductor of the school concert bands. Larry Larson, the principal trumpet player of the KWS, will be featured in pieces by both the concert and jazz bands. Eric Oliver, a member of WCI's Senior Band, said "We're all excited to perform with them – it is an amazing opportunity."

The 2012 Leejay Levene Calendar will also be available for sale before and after the concert, with proceeds going to support the KWS. Leejay was a student at all three of the schools involved in the concert before he passed away tragically in 2007. The calendar is supported by Leejay's family and celebrates his love for art and music.

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At A Glance:

Past, Present and Future (a Waterloo Pops Concert)
November 21, 2011 | 7PM | Sir John A. Macdonald S.S
Tickets - \$5 at the door.

Featuring bands from: Sir John A. Macdonald S.S., Waterloo Collegiate and Centennial Public School and KWS members Evan Mitchell and Larry Larson.

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