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August 22, 2022

South Huron Vitality Fund
Municipality of South Huron
322 Main Street South
Exeter, ON. NOM 1S3

Dear Mayor George Finch & South Huron Councillors

Thank you so much for your gift of \$6,500 to Huron Waves Music Festival in 2020. While the pandemic caused cancellations of both a 2020 and 2021 season, Huron Waves held your gift in trust until the programming could be safely offered. We were delighted to present the inaugural Huron Waves Music Festival's spring season of music in June 2022.

In 2022, the season included a **Huron Waves Christmas** video in December 2021, a **Huron Waves Spring Video** in June 2022 and a live season that included seven separate events in venues throughout Huron County bringing music to twelve communities in June. Statistics indicate that over fifty-three thousand listeners were also engaged watching the videos via social media.

The support from the **South Huron Vitality Fund** has a particular focus to provide direct programs, services, or activities to enhance the quality of life for South Huron residents. Thus we were excited to host several events in South Huron including:

- An intimate concert with Juno Award-winning First Nation's Singer, William Prince, in **A Salute to Canada's Indigenous Peoples**. Stopping by on his way home from a tour in the UK, Prince wowed the appreciative audience that was gathered in the Ballroom at Dark Horse Winery near Grand Bend. During the evening we also met 22 year-old fiddler Morgan Toney, a dynamic emerging talent from Mi'kmaq First Nation, Nova Scotia who uses his music to shine a light on the importance of culture and language.
- **A Classical Piano and Violin Recital** by Bora Kim accompanied by Todd Yaniw highlighted an exciting young talent who is currently working on her doctorate at Yale. The recital was held at Trivitt Memorial Church, Exeter, and featured classics by the great composers as well as some contemporary new pieces.
- **A Sunrise Sound Walk** by Canadian environmentalist/musician Anne Bourne. The shoreline at Port Blake was spectacular at 7am on a beautiful sunny morning in June when Anne led a group on an experiential sound walk along the shoreline in South Huron.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, and my colleague John Miller the Artistic Director, thanks again for your generous support of Huron Waves Music Festival.

Warmest regards,

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