



THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR OF ONTARIO  
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It is my distinct pleasure to extend warm greetings to all taking part in the 40th Anniversary Season of the Oakville Centre for the Performing Arts.

The arts are an important avenue for self-expression and creativity, playing a significant role in shaping our culture. In these complex times, the arts are needed more than ever to help us to better understand ourselves and each other. I happily congratulate the Oakville Centre for the Performing Arts on its four decades of supporting local artists, fostering community engagement, and highlighting Ontario's talent through dance, music, and theatre.

As we celebrate the 150th anniversary of Confederation, Canadians have the opportunity to engage in dialogue about who we are, and wish to be, as a people. I commend all the performers for their talented contributions to the conversation while also offering my gratitude to those who have worked hard to make this season a success. Most of all, I thank members of the audience for their support of local artistic expression, such an integral part of what it means to be Canadian.

Enjoy the show.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Elizabeth Dowdeswell".

Elizabeth Dowdeswell