



**Message from the  
Lieutenant Governor of Alberta**



As Her Majesty, the Queen's representative in Alberta it gives me great pleasure to welcome you to the *Viva Verdi Concert* in celebration of the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the composer's birth.

Congratulations to the understandably proud members of Edmonton's Italian Community who have dedicated themselves to organizing a world class festival to celebrate the life and music of Verdi which has included both local and international talent. This festival represents a wonderful opportunity for all Albertans to explore the rich musical heritage of Verdi that will continue to be enjoyed for generations to come.

Thank you to everyone involved in making the Verdi Festival a success. Her Honour and I look forward to this evening's concert and the opportunity to meet some of you. Best wishes to all.

A handwritten signature in black ink, likely of Donald S. Ethell.

Donald S. Ethell, OC, OMM, AOE, MSC, CD, LLD  
Lieutenant Governor of Alberta

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