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Guelph grads Graham Nasby (B.Sc.Eng'04) and Christine Cousins (B.Sc.'05, B.A.'08) met during their undergraduate studies. At the time, Graham was an engineering student and Christine was studying chemistry. In addition to their studies, they both played in various on-campus music ensembles, including the student orchestra. This is their story in four movements.

Many years ago there was an oboe and a clarinet in the student orchestra. One didn't always play in tune, but that didn't matter. It was the prelude to a romantic duet.

In the next movement of the romance, the clarinet discovered the oboe playing a melancholic adagio in the computer lab. It seemed her program would not compile, regardless of how long she serenaded the computer. The clarinet improvised a brilliant cadenza, finding the coding bug, while shifting the mood into a happier, major, key.

Overjoyed to be with her hero, the clarinet, the oboe led the clarinet in a merry scherzo past the cannon, down Winegard Walk, and to the pastoral Johnson Green, where they serenaded each other on the grass.

Discovering that their individual melodies created delightful counterpoint, the two instruments agreed on a date to perform a lively allegro on Canada Day at Riverside Park. As the fireworks created a resounding percussive finale, the clarinet asked the oboe to share his music stand. And they have been making music together ever since.

Graham Nasby, P.Eng. now works for Eramosa Engineering, a Guelph-based engineering firm, and Christine is currently finishing her PhD in Chemistry at Queens. They currently live in downtown Guelph in century home on the river with their three cats.

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