

## **Sudbury Symphony Orchestra Welcomes New Executive Director**

**Sudbury, ON September 28, 2012:** The Sudbury Symphony Orchestra Board of Directors today announced the appointment of Dawn Cattapan as its new Executive Director of the Sudbury Symphony Orchestra (SSO). She will join Music Director and Conductor, Dr. Victor Sawa, effective October 1, 2012 as the SSO kicks off their 37<sup>th</sup> season on October 13<sup>th</sup>.

"The Sudbury Symphony Orchestra was looking for a dynamic leader with strong experience in the arts and a good business sense. We have definitely found that in Dawn", says Symphony Board President and Chair, David Petryna. "We selected from a strong pool of candidates from across North America and found that our best candidate just happened to be a native Sudburian. Dawn will make an excellent addition to an already strong organization and superb symphony orchestra", added Petryna.

Born in Sudbury, Ms. Cattapan has over 10 years of experience in the arts and charitable sector, including work with The National Ballet of Canada, Reel Canada and the Toronto Symphony Orchestra. She is also no stranger to the SSO, having assisted in the Toronto Symphony Orchestra's Northern Residency Tours in 2009 and 2011.

"I am excited to return home and join the Sudbury Symphony, a leader amongst community orchestras in the north," Cattapan said of her appointment. "I look forward to working with the entire arts community in Sudbury to make great things happen for our city."

Subscriptions to the SSO's 37<sup>th</sup> season are available through their website at <http://www.sudburysymphony.com> or by phoning (705) 673-1280. The season opens Saturday, October 13, 2012. For complete programming details, please visit the Sudbury Symphony website.

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### **About the Sudbury Symphony Orchestra:**

Founded in 1953, the Sudbury Symphony Orchestra is dedicated to increasing the awareness and appreciation of music in the Sudbury Region and surrounding area by providing the opportunity for the public to attend a stimulating program of concerts and by encouraging artistic excellence, commitment and education. Their concert season is performed at Glad Tidings Tabernacle. Found online at [www.sudburysymphony.com](http://www.sudburysymphony.com).