



March 2nd Concert Celebrates the Sudbury Symphony Orchestra

Sudbury, ON February 22, 2013: The Sudbury Symphony Orchestra has a lot to celebrate in its 37th season, and will do so at its March 2nd concert. Music Director Victor Sawa is in his 15th year leading the orchestra, while the symphony's trombone section has been together for **20 years**.

"Audiences can expect to hear music that pushes the boundaries for a traditional symphony orchestra," says **Concertmaster Christian Robinson**. "It's the perfect music to perform while we look forward to our future, and we are so excited to use this repertoire to thank our community for allowing us to share our music year after year."

The 8:00pm concert features John Estacio's vibrant Canadian overture, *Frenergy* and Schumann's Symphony No. 3, "Rhenish." The orchestra's new **Principal Cellist, Erika Nielsen**, will make her **debut** as a Sudbury Symphony Orchestra featured soloist during this concert, performing Saint-Saëns Cello Concerto No. 1.

Now entering her second season as the SSO's Principal Cellist, **Erika Nielsen** is a passionate and charismatic performer who holds an Artist Diploma in Cello Performance from the renowned **Glenn Gould School of Music**, and a Bachelor of Music Performance from Queen's University. A frequent collaborator in new music, Erika was in the Glenn Gould School New Music Ensemble with Brian Current, as well as the Polaris-nominated ensemble Muskox. She has performed with Grammy Award-winning artist Kanye West, and is also the cellist for TIMA-nominated Canadian artist Jeffery Straker.

Celebrations of the orchestra's accomplishments will continue throughout the evening, as Maestro Sawa is presented with a card signed by patrons, donors and musicians of the symphony to recognize his longstanding commitment to the orchestra. Following the concert, audience members are invited to meet musicians and celebrate at a **post-concert reception** catered with cupcakes, presented by Sudbury's **Create-A-Cake**.

Tickets to the March 2nd concert are still available from \$25 each by calling the Sudbury Symphony Orchestra at 705.673.1280.

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 Church (1101 Regent Street). Visit them online at www.sudburysymphony.com.

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