

Sudbury Symphony Orchestra Presents their 2013.2014 Season

Sudbury, ON April 11th, 2013 – The Sudbury Symphony Orchestra (SSO) announced their 2013.2014 season today, **SSO Live**. This season will showcase the exhilarating, energetic and unpredictable feelings of a LIVE performance including pieces that tell stories and captivate the imagination. Audiences can expect special guests to share the stage with SSO musicians, multidisciplinary art experiences, and exciting community outreach opportunities. Brace yourself for a vivid season and unforgettable performances.

The season opens on **September 28th, 2013** with **SSO Spirited**, featuring **Bruch's Violin Concerto** performed by rising star **Nicole Li**, in her SSO debut. This patriotic concert continues with selections from **Smetana's *Ma Vlast*** (My Homeland), which was written about the beautiful nature and landscape surrounding the composer's home. With songs including reflections on rivers and mountains, this homage is very similar to our own Canadian scenery. The evening will authenticate the true meaning of "There's no place like home."

The SSO season continues on **October 19th, 2013** entitled **SSO Sparkling**, paying tribute to the "Glitter Man" himself, **Liberace**. This entertaining evening is hosted and conducted by Maestro Brian Jackson, who has become an audience favorite in Sudbury. His energy and spectacular talents will surely honour the costumes and expressive showmanship of Liberace – look for the candelabra. Pieces will include favorites such as *Flight of the Bumblebee* by Rimsky-Korsakov, selections from *My Fair Lady* and *That's Entertainment!*

To celebrate the holidays, the SSO presents **SSO Joyful** on **November 23rd, 2013**. The concert features the SSO playing alongside a screening of the lovable animated film ***The Bear***, featuring narration and performances by Sudbury's own **Pamela Teed**, and singers. The 2nd half of the concert will include Christmas favorites performed by the SSO and many other holiday surprises.

For those looking for a family-friendly experience, the SSO presents a fun-filled **hour long matinée** starting at **2 p.m.** The concert features local dancers and a carol sing-along which might just bring the jolly man himself to join the celebration. Get in the joyful spirit before the concert with free activities in the lobby, courtesy of Sudbury's **Arts North**.

Two-time JUNO nominated String Quintet **Sultans of String** will take you on a trip around the world with **SSO Magical** on **February 22nd, 2014**. This foot stomping, energetic concert features all new original symphonic music that was created for Sultans of String and orchestra designed under the direction of John Morris Russell, conductor of the famous Cincinnati Pops Orchestra. SSO Rehearsal Conductor, **Jamie Arrowsmith** makes his conducting debut during this exciting evening.

The SSO gives a nod to its past and looks forward to its future with **SSO Timeless** on **March 29th, 2014** as they say goodbye to their beloved piano. This concert also marks the start of a fundraising capital campaign to purchase a new piano. Special guest, **Sheng Cai**, who is known for his dramatic performance style, will be soloist in **Liszt's Piano Concerto No.1** in E-Flat Major. A presentation of **Haydn's Symphony No.45 F-Sharp Minor** entitled "Farewell" will also be performed at this concert. This piece represents a unique story in the history of classical music, where musicians except two will leave the stage during this performance.

The SSO and the Art Gallery of Sudbury encourage audiences to explore the world of music and visual art in their final concert of the season, **SSO Artsy** on **April 29th, 2014**. Audiences will feel as if they are walking through an art gallery as they listen to the exquisite sound of **Mussorgsky's Pictures at an Exhibition**. During this performance, audiences will watch the creative process from beginning to end as artists paint canvases live to the sounds of the orchestra.

On **November 2nd, 2013**, the SSO delivers a **special off-subscription presentation** of *The Red Violin* in honour of the Academy Award Winning film's 15th anniversary. The film explores four interconnected tales which follows the haunting history of a mysterious violin spanning 300 years. After the screening, the **SSO's String Quartet** will perform a short concert that includes music in the spirit of the film. Located at the Collège Boréal's Concert Hall, this is very exclusive **fundraising event**, with less than 350 seats available and an optional reception to conclude the evening.

The Sudbury Symphony Orchestra believes in the art of giving back. In addition to its existing outreach and education programs, the SSO will introduce two new audience development initiatives in 13.14; **Share the Music** and **Amped Up!**

Share the Music offers free tickets to economically disadvantage young people who would not otherwise have the opportunity to experience a live classical music performance.

Amped Up! allows students and young professionals age 29 and under to purchase single tickets to concerts at a rate of \$13(+HST) per ticket. Special Amped Up! subscription rates are also available to those wishing to attend the SSO's full six concert season.

All concerts for the Sudbury Symphony Orchestra begin at 8 p.m. at Glad Tidings (1101 Regent Street, Sudbury) unless otherwise noted. For more information about the upcoming season or about the Sudbury Symphony Orchestra, contact the box office at (705) 673-1280 or email info@sudburysymphony.com. You can also visit our website at www.sudburysymphony.com.