



Sudbury Symphony Orchestra

Annual General Meeting

Orchestra posts first surplus in three years

Sudbury, ON October 10, 2013: Today at the Sudbury Symphony Orchestra (SSO) Annual General Meeting, SSO Board President David Petryna reported that the 2012.2013 season, led by Music Director Victor Sawa was marked by artistic achievements, an expansion of the orchestra's education activities, and a continued commitment to the community with an increased focus on music outreach.

"The Sudbury Symphony continues to attract the best talent in our community and beyond to perform for, and inspire Sudbury audiences." Mr. Petryna remarked on the orchestra's success. "These creative efforts are part of the cultural vibrancy that make our city a beautiful place to live and are made possible thanks in large part to the support and commitment of generous partners and donors."

Throughout the 2012.2013 season, the SSO continued to operate to plan or better, demonstrating strict fiscal responsibility while fulfilling its mandate of artistic excellence and serving the community with enriching outreach and education programs.

Later in the meeting, Dawn Cattapan, SSO Executive Director remarked that: "The Orchestra continues to serve the community with a full complement of artistic and educational programming. It is important that we continue to adapt to the changing needs of our audience while also fulfilling our artistic aspirations at the highest possible level."

In the 12.13 season, the Sudbury Symphony Orchestra performed 7 concerts at Glad Tidings, selling over 5,500 tickets. A further 43 education and outreach programmes were performed throughout the community for over 2,100 individuals, free of charge. Additionally, the Orchestra introduced a new concert, entitled "Perfect Pairings," which combined music, food and wine in an intimate setting at Fromagerie Elgin.

The SSO's operating expenses for the 12.13 season were \$355,483, with revenues of \$367,232.

For the 2012.2013 season, earned revenue including ticket sales, education and other revenue represented 69% of revenue; fundraising represented 13%; and government support accounted for 18% of revenue.

About the Sudbury Symphony Orchestra:

Performing a 6 concert season annually, the Sudbury Symphony Orchestra is recognized as one of Sudbury's leading performing arts institutions and a leader in orchestral music in Northern Ontario. Tickets are available online at sudburysymphony.com or by phoning the box office at 705.673.1280.

Founded in 1953, the Sudbury Symphony Orchestra's mission is to increase 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. The Season Presenting Sponsor is Petryna Advertising. The Amped Up! Program is

presented by Vale. The SSO is grateful for the support of its government funding partners: The Ontario Arts Council and the City of Greater Sudbury.

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