



The Sudbury Symphony Offers Tidings of Music and Joy This Holiday Season

Holiday concerts include animated film, local singers and dancers

Sudbury, ON Nov. 18: Two concerts filled with holiday favourites will warm the City of Sudbury on **November 23**, as the Sudbury Symphony presents **SSO Joyful**; it's annual Christmas concert.

Sudbury Symphony Music Director, Maestro Victor Sawa will guide the Orchestra through a number of holiday favourites, including *White Christmas*, *The Christmas Song* (Chestnuts Roasting on an Open Fire) and selections from Tchaikovsky's *The Nutcracker*. The main feature of both concerts will be ***The Bear***, an animated film featuring the SSO performing the score live. This magical animated film tells the story of a young girl who accidentally drops her beloved teddy bear into the polar bear exhibit at the zoo, launching a remarkable friendship with bear-size complications!

In addition to the Orchestra, *The Bear* presents the narration talents of **Pamela Teed**; the conductor of the Bel Canto Chorus, and head of vocal studies in the School of Music at Cambrian College. The film will also showcase local high school student **Aileen Brownlee**, making her Sudbury Symphony Orchestra debut.

During the **full-length performance at 8:00pm**, the Sudbury Symphony will again be joined by **Pamela Teed**, performing some of her favourite Christmas songs. A gifted vocalist, Pamela has performed across Ontario, in New York and Europe, including being featured in a public masterclass at Carnegie Hall. This performance is proudly presented by **Bryston's on the Park** and **Copy Copy**.

The Orchestra's performance venue, **Glad Tidings**, will be decked with a family concert of holiday singing, dancing and festive music at the **hour-long 2:00pm family matinée**, proudly presented by **Tim Hortons** and **CTV**. During the one-hour long family performance, Maestro Sawa will be joined by dancers from **Arts North** as he leads the SSO through a medley of Christmas carols and an **audience sing-along**. Before the concert, audience members young and old are invited to join **Arts North** for fun and festive art activities in the lobby.

Tickets for the November 23rd SSO Joyful **2:00pm performance begin at \$5**, with a family pass of 4 tickets available for \$25. Tickets for the **full-length SSO Joyful performance are \$13-\$42**. For both concerts, tickets can be purchased by phoning the SSO at **705.673.1280** or online at **sudburysymphony.com**.

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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