

## Sudbury Symphony adds Online Auction to Fundraising Initiatives

### *Online auction and gala event on Feb. 1 to support SSO Outreach & Education Programs*

**Sudbury, ON Jan. 20:** The Sudbury Symphony is hoping to get a little “wind beneath their wings” as they launch an **online auction** to help recoup a projected financial shortfall for the current 2013.2014 season.

In addition to **signed sheet music** of **Bette Midler’s** classic hit, “Wind Beneath My Wings”, there are plenty of other items up for grabs in the auction which features **Swarovski jewellery**, as well as, sports memorabilia from **Miles Austin** and **Weston Dressler**. Other memorabilia includes signed sheet music from **Kenny Chesney** and **Taylor Swift**, as well as hand-drawn pictures by **Stan Lee** and **Charles Schulz** of the characters that made them famous; **Spiderman** and **Snoopy**. All of the items available can be viewed at [www.elevateauctions.com/sunsetsoiree](http://www.elevateauctions.com/sunsetsoiree).

“This is an incredible way to show support for the Sudbury Symphony without having to leave your house.” Executive Director **Dawn Cattapan** said. “As the premiere orchestra for Northern Ontario, we rely on and are thankful to our donors and online auction participants who allow us to continue to bring the exceptional level of music and talent people have come to know and expect.”

For those wishing to show **additional support** to the Sudbury Symphony and bid on additional items, this year's SSO Annual Gala will be a **Sunset Soirée**, taking place **February 1** at Bryston’s on the Park.

The gala evening kicks off at 6:00pm with a champagne reception and promises to help guests **escape the chill of winter** by providing a gourmet 4-course dinner, accompanied by live music by popular Sudbury quartet **Hugh Jazz**, along with live and silent auctions interspersed throughout. Last year’s event raised approximately \$10,000 for the Orchestra.

“It’s been such a cold, snowy and icy winter,” Cattapan said. “This is our chance to **warm things up**, offering a great night of fun, food and fantastic music - all in support of your local symphony.”

The live auction, hosted by CBC’s **Markus Schwabe**, has seven separate lots available for live bidding. Among the reserve items are a **wine basket** with a dozen selections; a custom brewing experience with **Stack Brewing**; and framed sheet music of the hit song “Sweet Caroline,” signed by **Neil Diamond**.

Tickets for the Sunset Soirée are \$100, or \$850 for a table of 10. To secure your seat, please call 705.673.1280, or visit the SSO website at [sudburysymphony.com](http://sudburysymphony.com).

Proceeds from this event will support the **orchestra’s education and outreach programs**. In the 2012.2013 season, funds raised from this event assisted the orchestra in **reaching a record 3,000 young people** in the community.

**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](http://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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