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**Nashua Symphony celebrates
"Uncommon Folk"
including cellist Sergey ANTONOV**

(Nashua, NH) On Saturday, October 17, the Nashua Symphony Orchestra will celebrate "Uncommon Folk" – including the brilliant young cellist **Sergey Antonov**, gold medal winner of the 2007 International Tchaikovsky Competition in Moscow. He'll be playing Shostakovich's folk-inspired Cello Concerto No. 1, and the orchestra will also perform Bartok's *Rumanian Folk Dances* and the Fourth Symphony of Beethoven. The program begins at 8 pm in Nashua's Keefe Memorial Auditorium. Jonathan McPhee, the NSA's Music Director and Principal Conductor will conduct.

Mr. Antonov's appearance is made possible by the generous support of Bellwether Community Credit Union.

Hailed as "...a brilliant cellist..." by the late cello-master Mstislav Rostropovich and "... a complete artist, both from the point of view of his unimpeachable technique and musically, with a cantabile quality and an energy that merge in a harmonious whole..." (*Catholic Weekly of Trieste*, Italy), cellist **Sergey Antonov** "... literally spellbound the rapt audience ... with an expressive mastery of extraordinary maturity, realized through a technical skill exhibited without glitz but with the naturalness that characterizes a genial interpreter..." (*Il Piccolo*, Trieste, Italy).

In the summer of 2007, Sergey became one of the youngest cellists to win a Gold medal at the International Tchaikovsky Competition.

Sergey has circled the globe, performing concerts in Japan, Korea, Bulgaria, Poland, Russia, Germany, Spain, France, Italy, Sweden, Finland, United Arab Emirates and the US. He performs extensively with the most prominent orchestras, in the most prestigious halls of Russia, his home country, under the management of the Moscow Philharmonic with whom he holds a five year soloist contract. In July, 2008 he performed a live concert on the Boston's radio show "Classics in the Morning" with Cathy Fuller on WGBH 89.7 FM.

“We’re thrilled to have him,” exclaims NSO Music Director Jonathan McPhee, “especially playing repertoire by his compatriot Shostakovich. The piece is very tuneful but also very demanding technically for the soloist, and I’m sure Sergey will hit it out of the park. The audience will love him.”

That audience could be a little larger than usual: for the fourth year in a row, the Nashua Symphony Association is partnering with BAE Systems for a special promotion designed to thank veterans for their service to the country. With BAE Systems’s support, a limited number of tickets will be made available to veterans (and active-duty personnel) for the October 17 performance featuring the Nashua Symphony Orchestra.

“This is a great partnership,” notes NSA Executive Director Eric Valliere, “because BAE Systems’s focus on the “Uncommon Folk” in the military community means more people have access to this wonderful music.”



WHEN: Saturday, October 17, at 8:00 p.m.

WHAT: UNCOMMON FOLK
Nashua Symphony Orchestra
Jonathan McPhee
Music Director & Principal Conductor [PHOTO ATTACHED]

Sergey Antonov, cello [PHOTO ATTACHED]

BEETHOVEN
Symphony No. 4 in B-flat Major

BARTOK
Rumanian Folk Dances

SHOSTAKOVICH
Cello Concerto No. 1

WHERE: Keefe Memorial Auditorium, 117 Elm Street, Nashua NH.

Ticket Information

Tickets, priced from \$10 to \$47 (free for veterans), are available at the Nashua Symphony Box Office, 6 Church St., can be charged to major credit cards by calling 603.595.9156 or can be purchased online by visiting the NSA website, www.nashuasymphony.org. Discounts for seniors and groups are available. Request a season brochure online, by phone, or via email to NSO@NashuaSymphony.org

