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**Nashua Symphony partners with BAE Systems  
for “Bring a Veteran for free” program**

(Nashua, NH) Freedom may not be free, but if you’re a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces, attending the symphony is.

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.

The performance celebrates “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.

For several years now, BAE Systems has supported a fall symphony concert in this way. “This is a great partnership,” notes NSA Executive Director Eric Valliere, “because BAE Systems’s focus on the military community means more people have access to this wonderful music.”

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**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](http://www.nashuasymphony.org). Discounts for seniors and groups are available. Request a season brochure online, by phone, or via email to [NSO@NashuaSymphony.org](mailto:NSO@NashuaSymphony.org)

### **SERGEY ANTONOV (bio)**

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Hailed as "...a brilliant cellist..." (M. 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..." (Alberto Coda, *Vita Nuova, Catholic Weekly of Trieste*, Italy. May 2, 2008). **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..." (Patrizia Ferialdi, *Il Piccolo*, Trieste, Italy. May30, 2008).

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

He 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 Philharmony 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.

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