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## **SPO Celebrates the Holidays - and Howard Cable's birthday!**

**Toronto. ON - On Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup>**, the Scarborough Philharmonic Orchestra is delighted to present its annual Pops Concert, ***A Holiday Celebration***, featuring Canada's veteran Maestro **Howard Cable** and the **Toronto Choral Society**.

Beloved Principal Pops Conductor **Howard Cable** will lead the Orchestra in a program of his own sparkling arrangements of music for Christmas, Hanukkah and the winter season, including *March of the Toys*, *Parade of the Wooden Soldiers* and music from *The Nutcracker*. The SPO is joined by the **Toronto Choral Society** and conductor **Geoffrey Butler** in choruses from J.S. Bach's *Christmas Oratorio*. The evening will conclude with an audience sing-a-long of favourite carols.

**The SPO will also extend special birthday greetings to Howard Cable - the Orchestra's longest-serving maestro at 15 years in the position of Principal Pops Conductor! - during the evening. Scarborough Councillor Adrian Heaps, a past president of the Scarborough Philharmonic, will be attending the concert to congratulate Dr. Cable and give his own birthday wishes.**

**Dr. Howard Cable**, a member of the Order of Canada, has been a leading figure in Canadian music for over 60 years, working with such entertainers as the Toronto Mendelssohn Choir, Sharon, Lois and Bram, and the Toronto Children's Chorus. On the world stage, he has conducted for Ella Fitzgerald, Tony Bennett, Peggy Lee, Bob Hope, Victor Borge, Danny Kaye and Jim Carrey! He is a conductor, composer and master arranger whose music has been enjoyed by generations of Canadians.

Tickets are available at the door or by calling the SPO box office at (416) 429-0007.

You can read more about the rest of the SPO's 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary Celebration Season at their newly-renovated website, [www.spo.ca](http://www.spo.ca).

Join the Scarborough Philharmonic for an evening of music that is guaranteed to put you in a Holiday mood!

**WHEN:** Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 pm

**WHERE:** Birchmount Park, C.I., 3663 Danforth Ave., E of Birchmount  
(free parking, wheelchair accessible)

**TICKETS:** Regular \$30 Seniors \$25 Youth \$10 Group rates available

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