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SPO opens 30th anniversary season with French masterworks

Toronto, ON. - On Saturday, October 17th, the Scarborough Philharmonic Orchestra will launch their five-concert 30th anniversary season with ***A Celebration of French Music***, a program of music by Berlioz, Debussy, Hue, Ravel, Faure, and Saint-Saens.

The SPO's new Music Director, **Ronald Royer**, is joined on the podium by two former Music Directors of the SPO: **Jerome Summers** and **Christopher Kitts**.

The concert will feature two soloists from within the orchestra - flutist **Lesley Duff** and cellist **John Trembath** - as well as SPO Young Artist **Amir Safavi** performing Saint-Saens' exciting violin potboiler, the *Introduction and Rondo Capricioso*. The orchestra will also present sparkling orchestral masterworks including Debussy's *Nocturnes*, Ravel's *Alborada del Gracioso* and the *Roman Carnival Overture* by Berlioz.

The repertoire also pays tribute to French Canadian music with *Saturday Night at Fort Chambly*, a world premiere composition (commissioned for the SPO's 30th anniversary) from Toronto composer **Alex Eddington**, inspired by the Quebecois folk music tradition.

You can read more about the rest of the SPO's historic "Celebration" season at their newly-renovated website, www.spo.ca.

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

Treat yourself to a musical evening in France!

WHEN: Saturday, October 17th, 8:00 pm (7:15 pm pre-concert chat)

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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