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# ***Fiery fiddles and world rhythms take you on a Christmas Caravan with the Sultans of String and the North Bay Symphony***

The **North Bay Symphony** celebrates holiday traditions around the world in a concert featuring Canada's ambassadors of world music and 3-time JUNO nominees the **Sultans of String**. "**Christmas Caravan**" begins at 7:30pm on **Saturday, December 9, 2017** at the Capitol Centre in North Bay.

*"An amazing world beat Christmas where even the tried and true is taken to such new and amazing lengths. Very hot stuff clearly made to chase the cold winter away."* **MIDWEST RECORD, USA**

North Bay audiences have been eagerly awaiting the return of the Sultans of String, and they won't be disappointed! From fiery fiddle tunes to a Caribbean sleigh ride, this holiday fiesta includes Jesu Joy of Man's Desiring, The Huron Carol, Little Drummer Boy, a Feliz Navidad ska party, Charlie Brown Christmas, and even a rumba-flamenca fueled Jingle Bells.

The inspiration behind the performance, the **Christmas Caravan** CD was released in October, 2017, the same month it leapt to #6 in the World Music Billboard Chart and earned a great 4-star review from Downbeat Magazine: "*The Canadian band the Sultans of String keeps imaginative imperatives in overdrive for the entirety of 'Christmas Caravan,' a generous pitch for global unity through the music of Christmas, Kwanza, and Hanukkah.*" This holiday season the Sultans will be entertaining audiences across Ontario, Manitoba, and Saskatchewan on a 15-concert tour that includes this North Bay performance with live symphony orchestra.

**Three-time JUNO Award** nominees and **Billboard charting** band **Sultans of String** creates "*Energetic and exciting music from a band with talent to burn!*" according to *Maverick Magazine*. Thrilling their audiences with their genre-hopping passport of Celtic reels, flamenco, gypsy-jazz, Arabic, Cuban and South Asian rhythms, the group celebrates musical fusion and human creativity with warmth and virtuosity. The Sultans include musicians Chris McKhool, violin; Kevin Laliberte, guitar; Eddie Patton, guitar; Drew Birston, bass; Rosendo Chendy Leon, percussion; and guest vocalist Rebecca Campbell.

"Celebrating the holidays is a great time to enjoy music, friends, and family," stated NBSO President Carol Jodouin. "It is also a time to support those in our community in need and this year we are **inviting and encouraging our audience members to bring a donation of new Child, Youth, or Adult pyjamas with them to our performance to support patients in care, or who have arrived in crisis, at the North Bay Regional Health Centre.**"

## CHRISTMAS CARAVAN

**Date: Saturday, December 9, 2017**

**Concert Time: 7:30pm**

**Location: Capitol Centre**

Tickets are available    online: [capitolcentre.org](http://capitolcentre.org)  
by phone: 705.474.4747 or 1.888.834.4747  
in person: Capitol Centre | 150 Main St E, North Bay

Adult - \$45

Student (13+) - \$15

Child (12 & under) - FREE (with the purchase of an adult or student ticket)

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*The **North Bay Symphony**, directed by Thomas Jones, entertains, enriches, and educates the community through musical performances and music education programs. Now in its 41st season, the NBSO presents a four-concert series at North Bay's Capitol Centre, a two-concert chamber music matinee series at St. Andrew's United Church, and several outreach performances throughout the community. In-school music education programs annually reach over 1,200 students across the region, the Symphony String School provides violin, viola, cello, and guitar lessons to students of all ages and all abilities, and the Youth Orchestra offers ensemble learning and performing opportunities to young musicians. NBSO is a mature, vibrant, and growing not-for-profit charitable organization managed and operated by a committed and skilled volunteer Board of Directors and two part-time staff members. The orchestra itself is comprised of 2/3 volunteer musicians and 1/3 semi-professional or professional musicians. NBSO is the recipient of the 2013 Vida Peene Orchestra Award, a biennial award recognizing artistic and organizational excellence of an Ontario orchestra. In 2015 NBSO was inducted into the North Bay Musicians and Entertainers Hall of Recognition.*