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**Monday, October 19, 2009**

## Symphony Nova Scotia to perform Macmillan's Suite Silver Dart at Celtic Colours

**Halifax, NS – Symphony Nova Scotia** takes to the road this week to be part of the annual Celtic Colours Festival in Cape Breton. The orchestra will perform the world premiere of Nova Scotia guitarist/composer **Scott Macmillan's** newest work, Suite Silver Dart, on Friday, **October 16**, 2009 at 7:30 pm at Glace Bay's Savoy Theatre and on Saturday, **October 17** at 2:00 pm at Mabou's Strathspey Place.

The Suite Silver Dart commemorates the 100th anniversary of the first powered flight in Canada. Spearheaded by Alexander Graham Bell and the Aerial Experiment Association, the first flight of the Silver Dart took place on February 23, 1909 in Baddeck, Cape Breton. Commissioned by Celtic Colours, the Silver Dart Centennial Association, and the Centre Bras d'Or, Suite Silver Dart is a musical exploration of the hard work, anticipation, and celebration surrounding this historic event.

Suite Silver Dart will be conducted by Symphony Nova Scotia resident conductor (and native Cape Bretoner) Martin MacDonald, and will feature Chris Stout, violin; Catroina McKay, harp; Paula-Jane Francis, piano; and of course, composer/guitarist Scott Macmillan. The concert program will also include highlights of Alexander Graham Bell's favourite symphonic music, featuring vocalists Peter Gillis and Laurel Brown.

"I'm so excited about returning home to Cape Breton for the second time in a year with Symphony Nova Scotia," says Symphony Nova Scotia resident conductor Martin MacDonald. "It's such an honour to be collaborating with Scott Macmillan and Celtic Colours to present the Suite Silver Dart on this very special occasion."

Tickets for both performances range from \$20-35 and are available at 1.888.355.7744 or [www.celtic-colours.com](http://www.celtic-colours.com).

About Symphony Nova Scotia Symphony Nova Scotia is Nova Scotia's orchestra. Each year more than 50,000 audience members (including 15,000 young music lovers) join us in communities across Nova Scotia for performances of the music they love – from baroque and classical to pop and rock and folk. Under the inspirational leadership

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