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Join the Sutherland Shire Symphony for *A Beethoven Christmas*

Sutherland Shire Symphony Orchestra (SSSO) will showcase one of the world's best loved symphonies when it performs Beethoven's "Fifth" at its Christmas concert this month.

A Beethoven Christmas will bring the works of this extraordinary composer to life. In addition to the ever-popular and instantly recognisable *Symphony No.5 in C Minor*, the program will feature the *Violin Concerto in D Major*, performed by talented young soloist Tania Farrar.

Southern Sydney's only community symphony orchestra will take to the Sutherland Entertainment Centre stage on Sunday, 19 December 2004 at 2.30pm, under the baton of Musical Director and Resident Conductor, Sven Libaek.

"The orchestra is thrilled to be graced with the talented Tania Farrar as soloist for the *A Beethoven Christmas* concert," said Mr Libaek. "Tania is an exceptionally talented young violinist and we look forward to presenting our final concert for 2004 with this gifted artist."

Tania Farrar began violin studies at the age of four. She has had an association with the Sydney Conservatorium of Music from age 8 and she is currently in her second year in the Tertiary Division of the Conservatorium.

Tania has featured as member, leader and soloist in the Conservatorium Orchestra and the Schools Spectacular Orchestra. She has toured Europe and Asia as a soloist and orchestral player. She was co-concert master of the SBS Youth Orchestra with which she toured Japan in 2000.

Sutherland Shire Symphony Orchestra was founded in 1970. Over the past 34 years, it has developed to become one of Australia's most prestigious community orchestras and a major training orchestra for young musicians. The orchestra performs a series of four concerts each year in Sutherland and regularly tours to other centres around NSW as well.

Sven Libaek first conducted the Sutherland Shire Symphony Orchestra in 1975, and took over as resident conductor in 1996. A graduate of the famous Juilliard School in New York, Mr Libaek is an internationally renowned composer of film and television scores. He was a leading composer for the animation company, Hanna-Barbera, and has worked with many artists including Neil Diamond and Lionel Ritchie.

Tickets for *A Beethoven Christmas* are available by contacting Sutherland Entertainment Centre on 9521 8888 and cost \$18 for adults and \$15 for concessions plus booking fee (primary school children accompanied by an adult are admitted free). Sutherland Entertainment Centre is located in Eton Street, Sutherland. Sutherland Shire Symphony Orchestra is generously supported by Sutherland Shire Council. For more information about the orchestra, visit www.sssso.org/

A Beethoven Christmas – Full Concert Program

- Ludwig Van Beethoven: *Egmont Overture*, Op. 72b
 - Ludwig Van Beethoven: *Violin Concerto in D Major*, Op. 61. Soloist: Tania Farrar
 - Ludwig Van Beethoven: *Symphony No.5 in C Minor*, Op. 67
 - Arr. Sven Libaek: *Christmas Medley*
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