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**Nashua Symphony Association
Presents the Spider Trio in a
Concert for Young People**

(NASHUA) On Saturday, January 26, the Spider Trio (piano, violin & cello) and the Nashua Youth Choir will weave music and narration together for “Once Upon A Time...” a concert designed for young people and their families. The program is designed to showcase music’s storytelling power; fairytales, legends, memories, and even the cello itself are featured as subjects. The concert is being presented by the Nashua Symphony Association, which hopes this will be the first in a series of similar events “designed to provide a more intimate and immediate concert experience for children,” according to NSA Executive Director Eric Valliere.

One of the most exciting aspects of this performance is that it will be presented in the black-box theater at 14 Court Street. The theater is in a “thrust” configuration, with stadium-style seating on 3 sides of the performance area. This brings the audience closer to the performers for a more intimate experience with the music and the instruments (the grand piano is being loaned for this event by Darrell’s Music Hall in Nashua).

The concert’s major piece will be composer Alice Spatz’s *Grandmother Spider* for piano trio and narrator, which tells the story of the origins of the sun according to a Cherokee legend. “This isn’t simplistic ‘kids’ music in the traditional sense,” Mr. Valliere continued, “it’s a solid, finely-crafted work that is thoroughly engaging for both young and old; a moving story compellingly rendered.”

In addition to the music performed by the instrumentalists (including Bjarne Brustad’s *Fairytale Suite* and Lior Navok’s *The Old Photo Box*), the Nashua Youth Choir will sing “Macavity: The Mystery Cat” and “I’m going to Spangola.” There will be opportunities for interaction in the form of group music-making, instrument demonstrations, and a period for questions.

“This is a terrific occasion for parents and kids to do something together,” Valliere said. “It’s an inexpensive activity that will both educate and entertain.” He went on to note that an arts-rich environment offers opportunities for students to develop positive attitudes toward the arts, and toward school. Participation in music has been shown to create better citizens in later life – people who vote, who sit on school boards, who take part in civic life.

WHEN: SATURDAY, January 26, 2008 @ 2:00 p.m.

WHAT: “Once Upon A Time” Youth Concert
Spider Trio – Shaw Pong Liu, *violin*; David Russell, *cello*; Sarah Bob, *piano*
Nashua Youth Choir
Deb Kneeland and Sylvie Stewart, *Directors*

Enjoy music, magic and mystery at this Saturday afternoon program tailored specifically for children 6-14 (and the young at heart)! Sponsored by Darrell’s Music Hall.

WHERE: Court Street Theater
14 Court Street, Nashua NH.

Ticket Information

Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$8 for students and seniors, and are available at the Nashua Symphony Box Office, 6 Church St., can be charged to major credit cards by calling 603.595.9156. Please inquire about group discounts. Request a season brochure online, by phone, or via email to NSO@NashuaSymphony.org

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