



## Media Release

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### **Pops Season Finale Showcases Champion Fiddler Pierre Schryer**

Hamilton, Ontario...The **Hamilton Philharmonic Orchestra** is pleased to present the season finale of the Pops Series, **Celtic Traditions**, on Saturday, March 20<sup>th</sup> at Hamilton Place. Celtic Traditions is a spirited celebration of all things Celtic that features champion fiddler **Pierre Schryer** and his band together with the **HPO** led by **David Martin**.

**Pierre Schryer** has gained an international reputation as one of Canada's most well respected traditional musicians, touring throughout Canada, the USA, Ireland, Europe, the UK and Cuba. Over the last 12 years, Pierre has released several recordings on the New Canadian Records label. As a solo performer he has received numerous titles and awards including **Canadian Open Fiddle Champion, Canadian Grand Masters Fiddle Champion, Violoneux Championnat**, and **North American Irish Fiddle Champion**. Pierre is known for his energy and flawless ability in any style from Irish, Scottish and Québécois, to Canadian, American, or Swing.

Also featured on the program is 11 year old **Liam McGlashon** who will join Pierre Schryer in traditional Celtic fiddling. Liam was just 6 years old when he picked up the fiddle, and today he is becoming well known as "the fiddle kid" around Hamilton and the GTA. Liam started out playing anywhere he could; from kitchen parties to trade shows, and eventually he progressed to entertaining tourists who came in on cruise ships from around the world when he was living in Prince Edward Island. Liam has now returned to his hometown, Hamilton, and is currently studying under HPO Concertmaster **Lance Elbeck**. Liam has appeared at many local events and fundraisers throughout Ontario, Nova Scotia and PEI, and he has played at numerous venues including **Hamilton Place, Copps Coliseum, BMO Field**, and the **Air Canada Centre** in Toronto.

#### Performance Information for **Celtic Traditions**:

**Date + Time:** Saturday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at 7:30pm

**Ticket Prices:** \$18 - \$57  
14-30? Join the hpo go program and get \$10 tickets

**Venue:** Hamilton Place, 1 Summers Lane

**Tickets:** In Person: HPO Box Office: 1002-105 Main Street East  
Phone: 905-526-7756  
Online: hpo.org; ticketmaster.ca

*The Hamilton Philharmonic Orchestra was founded in 1884 as The Hamilton Orchestral Society, and grew to become one of Canada's major professional orchestras. Today the HPO is a leader in Hamilton's robust arts community where it provides professional orchestral services and music education programmes to address the needs of the community. The HPO continues to commission and premiere works, and is one of the artistic jewels of the Hamilton/Burlington area. The combined musical talents of its artists continue to enrich the community and enhance the quality of life for its residents.*

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