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THREE YOUNG ARTISTS CAPTURE GOLD AT JANUARY 15TH VSO ANNUAL YOUNG ARTISTS COMPETITION

EIGHT AWARD WINNERS DAZZLE FULL HOUSE AT TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

(Vancouver, WA) In front of a packed house of family, friends and admirers at Trinity Lutheran Church in Vancouver on January 15th, eight of the area's brightest young musical stars performed for scholarship money and an opportunity to perform solo with **The Vancouver Symphony Orchestra** at its 23rd Annual Young Artists Competition. Master of Ceremonies for the event was All Classical Portland Radio's Edmund Stone.

In addition to the \$1,000 scholarship, the three gold medal finishers will perform their winning selections as guest artists with Maestro Salvador Brotons and The VSO at the April 22 & 23 concerts at Skyview Concert Hall. The winners are:

Gold Medal \$1,000 Scholarship

Trevor Natiuk Piano Battle Ground
WA Rachmaninov Piano Concerto No. 1 (Mov 1)

Symphony Koss Violin Vancouver, WA
Sarasate Carmen Fantasy

Ashley Teng, Flute Camas, WA
Nielsen, Flute Concerto (Mov 1)

Silver Medal \$500 Scholarship

Christopher Yoon Portland, OR
Hanami Froom Portland, OR
Isabelle Zheng, Portland, OR

Bronze Medal \$250 Scholarship

Emily Park Sammamish, WA
Sara Seulbee Shin Vancouver, WA



The 2017 Young Artist Competition Winners

The 2017 Gold Medalists



Ashley Teng, Flute



Trevor Natiuk, Piano



Symphony Koss, Violin

To qualify, dozens of area musicians under the age of 18 submitted audition recordings to the VSO and were judged by a blue ribbon panel of professional musicians.

In addition to scholarship money, gold medalists will perform their winning selections with Maestro Brotons and The VSO at the April 22 & 23, 2017 concerts at Skyview Concert Hall.

The VSO would like to extend a special thank you to Michelle's Piano Company for generously providing two grand pianos for the competition.

About The VSO

World-renowned Maestro Salvador Brotons is in his 26th season leading the professional orchestra of over 70 core members. For 38 seasons The VSO has been a cornerstone of Southwest Washington's arts community, providing world-renowned classical music, promoting young musicians, and opening doors to classical music for young audiences through events such as the annual In-School concerts, Young Artists Competition and various family-styled special events and performances. Many of our musicians are teachers in our school districts and beyond. The VSO provides our region with a multi-concert classical season every year and performs at Skyview Concert Hall, 1300 NW 139th Street, Vancouver. Season support for The VSO is provided by All Classical Portland, The Firstenburg Foundation, The Community Foundation of SW Washington and The Columbian. Additional support for the orchestra is provided by Oregon Public Broadcasting. Tickets for the VSO Chamber Series and all VSO symphony concerts are on sale now at (360) 735-7278 or www.vancouversymphony.org.

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