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**VSO FEB CONCERTS SHINE WITH ARNALDO COHEN**  
**PLAYING TWO LISZT PIANO CONCERTOS PLUS**  
**WORLD PREMIERE OF BROTONS' SYMPHONY NO. 6**

(Vancouver, WA) One of the world's most renowned pianists will join The Vancouver Symphony to perform not one...but two...Liszt Piano Concertos in the same concert, February 21 & 22 at Skyview Concert Hall in Vancouver. Also on one of the most memorable programs of this or any season will be Maestro Salvador Brotons conducting the world premiere of his own Symphony No. 6.

This program opens with the vivacious little *Colas Breugnon* overture by Kabalevsky. Our soloist, the Brazilian-born pianist Arnaldo Cohen, has won particular acclaim for his performance of the works of Liszt, and here he plays not one but two Liszt concertos: the blazingly virtuosic first and the more intellectual second. We end with the world premiere of Maestro Brotons's Symphony No.6.

Concert times are Saturday, February 21 at 3 pm and Sunday, February 22 at 7 pm. Skyview Concert Hall is located at 1300 NW 139th Street, Vancouver. Tickets to these concerts, as well as all VSO performances are available now at [vancouversymphony.org](http://vancouversymphony.org) or by calling (360) 735-7278.

**About Arnaldo Cohen**

Brazilian-born pianist Arnaldo Cohen has a reputation for astonishing his audiences with the musical authority and blistering virtuosity of his performances. His graceful and unaffected platform manner belies playing of white-hot intensity, intellectual probity, and glittering bravura technique bordering on sheer wizardry. Long in demand internationally, Mr. Cohen has in the last decade entered a rarefied echelon among performers in America as well. He received an honorary fellowship from the Royal Northern College of Music in Manchester, and held a professorship at the Royal Academy of Music in London. After living in London for many years, he relocated in 2004 to the US, where he holds a full professorship at the Jacobs School of Music at Indiana University. In October 2013 Mr. Cohen was appointed Artistic Director of the Portland International Piano Series, recognized as one of the most important keyboard series in North America.

**About Maestro Brotons**

What more can be written about the remarkable career of Dr. Salvador Brotons? In his 24th season as music director and conductor of The Vancouver Symphony Orchestra, musicians and classical music enthusiasts still delight in having Dr. Brotons lead them.

Born into a family of musicians, he began studying flute at an early age with his father, and continued his studies at the Barcelona Conservatory of Music, where he excelled in flute, composition and orchestra conducting. From 1977 to 1985 he was principal flute in the Orchestra of the Liceu in Barcelona, and a member of the Orquestra Citutat de Barcelona. In 1985, he was awarded a Fulbright Scholarship, and moved to the United States to earn a Doctorate in Music from Florida State University. In 2002, he received the Florida State University Alumni Award for his professional achievements. Dr. Brotons resides in Barcelona with his wife, Dr. Melissa Brotons, renowned music therapist and director of the Interuniversity Master Program in Music Therapy in Barcelona. Their daughter, Clara, is a college student in New York.

### **About The VSO**

For 36 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 NW Equity Holdings LLC, All Classical Portland 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](http://www.vancouversymphony.org).

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