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THREE YOUNG ARTISTS WIN GOLD MEDALS AT JAN 31 **VSO 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 31, eight of the area's brightest young musical stars performed for scholarship money and an opportunity to solo with **The Vancouver Symphony Orchestra** at its 22nd Annual Young Artists Competition. Master of Ceremonies for the event was All Classical Portland personality Edmund Stone.

In addition to the \$1,000 scholarship, the three gold medal finishers will perform their winning selections as guest artists with Maestro Brotons and The VSO at April 9 & 10 concerts at Skyview Concert Hall.

Gold medal

Richard Lu
Lauren Yoon
Anthony Zheng

\$1,000 Scholarship

Cello Camas, WA Elgar: Cello Concerto (mvt. 1)
Piano Lake Oswego, OR Chopin: Piano Concerto No. 2 (mvt. 1)
Piano Portland, OR Liszt: *Totantanz*

Silver medal

Nicholas Dill
Christopher Yoon

\$500 Scholarship

Violin Brush Prairie, WA
Piano Portland, OR

Bronze medal

Monica Chang
Joanne Lee
Paul Lee

\$250 Scholarship

Piano Camas, WA
Cello Portland, OR
Cello Portland, OR

To qualify, dozens of area musicians under the age of 18 submitted audition recordings to the VSO in late 2015, with eight students chosen as finalists. Dozens of CD entries were submitted on CD and then judged by a blue ribbon panel of professional musicians. Each musician performed one classical composition with piano accompaniment. To be eligible to compete in the three categories of piano, strings, and brass/woodwinds/percussion, students must have been 18 years of age or under as of January 1, 2016, reside within a 135-mile radius of Vancouver and be actively studying with a private music instructor. In addition to scholarship money, gold medalists will perform their winning selections with Maestro Brotons and The VSO at our April 9 & 10, 2016 concerts at Skyview Concert Hall.

Steinway pianos were provided by Michelle's Piano Company in Portland.

About The VSO

World-renowned Maestro Salvador Brotons is in his 25th season leading the professional orchestra of over 70 core members. For 37 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 Columbian and The Community Foundation of SW Washington. 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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