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Photo attached: Check Presentation to the Symphony

## **FRIENDS support The Vancouver Symphony with a \$10,000 Contribution!**

"Generosity of spirit is the commonality that men and women share in the Friends organization," says Linda Odenborg, Chair of the unique and dedicated fundraising group. "We believe in giving back through our Education Outreach programs and fundraising events."

And support they do! During the January concerts, last month, Friends Treasurer Michael Fox Lambert presented VSO Board Chair, Scott Milam, and Executive Director, Carly McDowell with a check for \$10,000 on stage at Skyview Concert Hall in Vancouver, WA.



"The funds will provide much needed support to the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Young Artists Competition and The 2011 In-School Concerts," Odenborg adds. "These two outreach and youth programs are integral to the symphony's mission and we are very proud to be able to provide this unique support."

The Friends combine volunteer spirit with a variety of programs and fundraising vehicles which include:

- Assisting with The Vancouver Symphony Orchestra's Gala, the annual VSO Board fundraiser, May 7, 2011 at the Heathman Lodge
- Hosting of the Friends' Annual Luncheon, April 8, 2011 at the Hilton, Vancouver, WA
- Sponsoring of the 17th Annual Young Artists' Competition, February 27, 2011 at Trinity Lutheran Church, Vancouver, WA
- Hosting Maestro Salvador Brotons "*In Conversation*" with All Classical FM's Robert McBride on the topic "The Conductor's Role", January 23, 2011.
- Facilitating a Music Appreciation program for elementary school children, such as Musical Fruit at Vancouver's Fruit Valley Elementary school, November 2010.
- Implementing a speaker's bureau to promote the VSO.
- Stocking and running the Friends' Symphony Store for concert-day shopping.
- Providing refreshments for the VSO musicians' dress rehearsal
- Orchestrating after-concert receptions for VSO donors, Board members, guest artists and musicians.

A global gift and local treasure, **The Vancouver Symphony Orchestra** is a 70-member professional orchestra presenting international guest artists and varied programs. The concert season includes live classical performances led by Maestro, Dr. Salvador Brotons as well as special events such as Aaron Meyer & The Vancouver Big Band, February 12, 2011, the recently sold-out Big Horn Brass, and the annual In-School concerts, exposing youth to live orchestral music.

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