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YOUNG ARTISTS COMPETITION AWARDS
SCHOLARSHIPS TO NINE AREA STUDENT MUSICIANS

Three gold medalists to play with The Vancouver Symphony April 18 & 19

(Vancouver, WA) In front of a packed house of family, friends and admirers at Trinity Lutheran Church in Vancouver on February 8, nine of the area's brightest young stars performed for scholarship money and an opportunity to solo with **The Vancouver Symphony Orchestra** at its 21st 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 18 & 19 concerts at Skyview Concert Hall.

Gold medal	\$1,000 Scholarship	
Matthieu Galizia	Piano	St. Helens, OR
Nathan Kim	Piano	Newberg, OR
Yun Teng	Violin	Camas, WA

Silver medal	\$500 Scholarship	
Jeremiah (JJ) Guo	Piano	Camas, WA
Annie Zhang	Cello	Beaverton, OR

Bronze medal	\$250 Scholarship	
Emily Brother	Piano	West Linn, OR
Cammie Lee	Violin	Portland, OR
Richard Lu	Cello	Camas, WA
Pieter Top	Piano	Wilsonville, OR

To qualify, dozens of area musicians under the age of 18 submitted audition recordings to the VSO in late 2014, with nine students chosen as finalists.

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About The VSO

World-renowned Maestro Salvador Brotons is now in his 24th season leading the professional orchestra of over 70 core members. 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 Partners 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.

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