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**EIGHT GREAT STUDENT MUSICIANS PERFORM AT  
VSO'S YOUNG ARTISTS COMPETITION MARCH 10**

*19th annual competition winners to perform with Maestro Brotons and VSO*

(Vancouver, WA) The finalists and the judges have been chosen. Now what remains is the always-exciting **Vancouver Symphony Orchestra** 19th Annual Young Artists Competition at 1 pm on Sunday, March 10. In it, eight of the area's finest young musicians will perform at Trinity Lutheran Church at 309 W. 39th Street in Vancouver, WA in a concert that is free and open to the public with no advance ticketing required. The competition is sponsored by the Anna C. MacAskill Schwab and Dwight Schwab, Sr. Charitable Foundation.

The annual competition pits students against each other in a concert setting before a live audience. Winners will perform with The VSO in a sold out Skyview Concert Hall under the baton of the internationally renowned Maestro Salvador Brotons May 25 & 26 concerts at Skyview Concert Hall. In addition, each student vies for scholarship money of \$1,000 for first place, \$500 for second place and \$250 for third place.

Over 50 area musicians 18 and under submitted audition recordings to the VSO in late 2012, with the students listed below as finalists. Master of Ceremonies will be Jessica Martin--Executive Producer of Oregon Art Beat on OPB.

**PIANO**

Vivia Chi, Happy Valley, OR; Barbara Parker, teacher  
Nathan Kim, Newberg, OR; Renato Fabbro, teacher  
Andrew Yoon, Portland, OR; Renato Fabbro, teacher

**STRINGS**

Maia Hoffman, viola, Portland, OR; Kathryn Lucktenberg, teacher  
Michael Siess, violin, Vancouver, WA; Carol Sindell, teacher  
Megan Yip, cello, Portland, OR; David Requiro, teacher

**WIND/BRASS**

Savannah Gentry, flute, Eugene, OR; Molly Barth, teacher  
Isabel Skau, clarinet, Portland, OR; Dunja Jennings, teacher

The judges form a blue ribbon panel of area professional musicians:

Michael Anderson	Artistic Administrator of the Oregon Bach Festival and Principal Clarinet with the Eugene Symphony.
Steve Bass	President and CEO of Oregon Public Broadcasting
Don Appert	Professor of Music and Music Dept. Chair of Clark College
Justin Kajan	Free-lance cellist, formerly with the Metropolitan Opera
Dr. Michael C. Liu	VSO Board member and founder of The VSO Chamber Series

### **About The VSO**

The VSO has become 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. With a full-sized professional orchestra of over 70 core members, many of whom are teachers in our school districts and beyond, the orchestra provides our region with a multi-concert classical season every year. The VSO performs at Skyview Concert Hall, 1300 NW 139th Street, Vancouver. Season support for The VSO is provided by Sterling Bank and All Classical 89.9.

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