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**BRASS ON THE LOOSE AND OPERA THE
GREAT SPARKLE IN FUN FAMILY CONCERT
MARCH 8 IN VSO CHAMBER CONCERT**

Trumpets, trombones and great voices create a memorable family afternoon

(Vancouver, WA) The tulips are rising and Spring is almost here. What a great time for The VSO Chamber Series' annual Family Concert. On March 8, we proudly present *Brass on the Loose*, a lighthearted and fun introduction to the brass family of instruments by some of the area's most renowned brass musicians. Also on the same program is *Opera Quest Northwest*, a group of five young singers and a pianist bringing a live program called "Opera the Great" to the Kiggins. *Opera Quest Northwest* is a nonprofit group dedicated to bringing the world of opera to school-age children.

This concert will be at Vancouver's iconic Kiggins Theatre on Sunday, March 8 at 3 pm and is a perfect concert for the youngest members of the family. Tickets for adults are \$25 and only \$10 for students. Children under 5 are free.

The sprightly brass repertoire will include music from the Piccolo trumpet, trumpet, flugelhorn, French horn, trombone and bass trombone. Among the songs featured will be John Stanley's *Trumpet Voluntary*, Bernstein's *West Side Story*, Alexander Goedicke's *Concert etude for Trumpet*, Mozart's *Rondo for Horn*, Debussy's *Girl With the Flaxen Hair* and a crowd-pleasing version of *Tiger Rag* (featuring Doug Peebles on the swingin' Bass Trombone). This is a great concert for all members of the family.

The members of The Columbia River Brass are Bruce Dunn, trumpet; Scott Winks, trumpet; Douglas Peebles, bass trombone; Allan Stromquist, horn and David Conditt, trombone.

Opera the Great blends beautiful opera excerpts with a humorous, interactive script. It's educational—children learn opera history, characters, voice parts and famous melodies—and also great fun. Young audience members get to try out opera gestures and singing styles, become part of the chorus, and even come onstage as opera characters. The show has delighted thousands of elementary school students throughout Clark County, and now you and your kids and grandkids have a chance to see it.

The cast includes baritone Bruce Kyte as the Buffo (funny guy); bass Patrick Scofield as the Villain; soprano Amy Cole and tenor David Warner as the star-crossed Young Lovers; mezzo ChristyAnne Ford doing double-duty as a Young Man and Carmen; and pianist Kate Hobbie as the Orchestra.

About the Kiggins Theatre

The Kiggins Theatre offers a unique concert environment that is intimate and informal, with a fully-staffed concession stand offering beer, wine, soft drinks, popcorn and candy. Immediately following the concert, a food and drink reception will be held next door to the theatre at Niche—a wine and art bar, which is open to all concert attendees.

Upcoming VSO Chamber Series Concerts

Sunday, April 12, 2015 at 3 pm

Signs of Spring

Sunday, May 3, 2015 at 3 pm

Buster Keaton in *The General*

The Kiggins Theater, located at 1101 Main Street in downtown Vancouver, will house the fourth season of The VSO's Chamber Music Series. The collaboration with the Kiggins is part of the City's substantial effort to revitalize downtown Vancouver.

Tickets to these concerts, as well as all VSO performances are available now at vancouversymphony.org or by calling (360) 735-7278.

About the Kiggins Theater

Primarily known as a movie theater, the Kiggins was designed in the Art Deco style by architect Day Walter Hilborn and named for former Vancouver mayor and businessman John P. Kiggins. Opened in 1936, the theater was renovated and reopened in September 2011. It was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 2012. The theatre is owned and operated by Dan Wyatt.

About The VSO Chamber Series

Now in its fourth season, this series was created by Dr. Michael C. Liu, the VSO pianist and board member and aims to present great musicians playing in a very intimate setting. The content of each concert is unique, and most of the participating musicians are members of The Vancouver Symphony.

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, The Columbian and OPB. 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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