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## **VSO SALUTES STUDENTS AT APRIL AND MAY CONCERTS**

*Half-price tickets to be offered to all with valid ID's*

(Vancouver, WA) With our annual Young Artists Concert and two big orchestral concerts remaining in our 34<sup>th</sup> season, **The Vancouver Symphony** announces a salute to area students with a special half-price deal and a chance to see Maestro Salvador Brotons for the final times this season. At both our April 13 & 14<sup>th</sup> and May 25 & 26 concerts, anyone presenting a valid student ID will be admitted with a half-price ticket of \$5, with the purchase of any adult ticket.

Our April concerts open with *Symphonic Variations for Piano and Orchestra* by César Franck, featuring Darlene Cusick, piano. The second half is filled with the work Mahler initially titled the "Giant Symphony," the monumental Symphony No.5. May's concerts combine the three winners of its 19th Annual Young Artists Competition with Prokofiev's majestic *Alexander Nevsky*. Concerts are Saturday at 3 pm and Sunday at 7 pm at Skyview Concert Hall at 1300 NW 139th Street in Vancouver.

"With our Young Artists Competition on March 10 and our final two spring concerts, we turn a spotlight on young artists, students and their teachers and give them the chance to see and hear a great orchestra," said VSO Executive Director Dr. Igor Shakhman.

For 22 seasons, Maestro Brotons has inspired musicians and audiences with his passion, charisma and impeccable musical judgment. Concert tickets are \$35 for adults, \$30 for seniors (62+) and \$10 for students and are on sale now at (360) 735-7278 or [www.vancouversymphony.org](http://www.vancouversymphony.org).

### **About The VSO**

For 34 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. 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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