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VSO OFFERS THE TITANIC MAHLER SYMPHONY NO. 5 **APRIL 13 & 14**

Guest artist Darlene Cusick plays Franck's Symphonic Variations

(Vancouver, WA) In April, **The Vancouver Symphony** presents one of its largest and most-anticipated concerts in memory when Maestro Salvador Brotons conducts Symphony No. 5 by Mahler on April 13 and 14. Concerts are Saturday at 3 pm and Sunday at 7 pm at Skyview Concert Hall at 1300 NW 139th Street in Vancouver.

Both 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. From the solemn opening trumpet call to its titanic conclusion—it spans the complete range of emotions: from sadness and terror, to humor, to contemplation, to fierce joy.

“We are thrilled to be performing Mahler’s Symphony No. 5, one of the most magnificent symphonic masterworks of all times” said Maestro Brotons. “It is quiet and also powerful. The audience will love all the many moods in one piece of music.”

Darlene Cusick is a frequent solo and collaborative artist. A native of Portland, in 2010 she performed with The VSO in the Andante from Mozart’s Piano Concerto No. 21. She has also performed as soloist with the Oregon Symphony and holds a Bachelor of Music from Lewis and Clark College and an M.A. from the University of Washington. For 25 years, she has been the organist and pianist at Valley Community Presbyterian Church.

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.

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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