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## **MUSICAL STORIES AMAZE AS THREE YOUNG ARTISTS** **HIGHLIGHT APRIL 9 & 10 CONCERTS**

*Maestro Brotons also conducts pieces by Ravel, Dukas and Strauss*

(Vancouver, WA) The Vancouver Symphony continues its 37th season with a concert that features the talents of the three gold medalists of the 22nd Annual Young Artists Competition. The concerts on Saturday, April 9 at 3 pm and Sunday, April 10 at 7 pm will also feature three memorable works that all tell amazing stories. Each performance is at Skyview Concert Hall. Maestro Salvador Brotons conducts.

These musical stories include the Mother Goose Suite (1911) by Maurice Ravel; The Sorcerer's Apprentice (1897) by Paul Dukas and *Till Eulenspiegel's Merry Pranks* (1895).

These legendary pieces will frame the performances by the three Young Artists winners: cellist Richard Lu, playing the Cello Concerto (mvt. 4) by Elgar; pianist Lauren Yoon, playing the Piano Concerto No. 2 (mvt. 1) by Chopin and pianist Anthony Zheng, playing *Totentanz* by Liszt. All three won the right to appear with extraordinary performances in front of a capacity crowd at the competition on January 31 at Trinity Lutheran Church.

The home of The VSO, Skyview Concert Hall, is located at 1300 NW 139th Street in Vancouver. Tickets are available now at [vancouversymphony.org](http://vancouversymphony.org) or (360) 735-7278. Steinway pianos are provided by Michelle's Piano Company in Portland.

### **Announcing the 2016-2017 Season**

Also at the April 9 & 10 concerts will be the announcement of the 2016-2017 Vancouver Symphony season. Special discount pricing on season tickets, as well as some special surprises, will be announced at the concert and available only at the concerts.

### **About Richard Lu**

Richard Lu is a 17-year old senior at Skyview High School. He began playing the cello at age eight and currently studies with Marilyn De Oliveira; his previous teachers included Hamilton Cheifetz, Valdine Mishkin, and Nancy Ives. Richard has been in the Portland Youth Philharmonic for six years and is currently co-principal cellist of the orchestra. He was a winner of the 2016 MetroArts Inc. Young Artists Debut! Competition, and won the Oregon Sinfonietta Concerto Competition in 2014. In 2013, Richard attended the Indiana University Summer String Academy where he received lessons from Richard Aaron, Peter Stumpf and Csaba Onczay.

### **About Lauren Yoon**

A junior at Lakeridge High School in Lake Oswego, Lauren Yoon is a 16 year-old pianist now currently studying under Monica Ohuchi Bunch. From 2007 to 2013, she was awarded as a winner of OMTA's Contemporary, Classical, Baroque, and Romantic Festivals. In 2008 and 2010, she was a winner of Trula Whelan Concerto Competition and was a winner of Rising Stars with Dr. Carol Rich. She also received first place in the OMTA scholarship competition of Chris Topang, and 2nd place in D. Suzanne Raines. In 2010, Lauren was recognized as a youngest winner of Korean Mission Benefit Concert. 2011 was an exciting year for Lauren, as she won a 1st place at 10 Grands Young Artists scholarship competition.

### **About Anthony Zheng**

Anthony Zheng is a senior at Westview High School and has studied piano for 12 years. He currently studies with Dr. Renato Fabbro and Paula Watt and has won numerous awards, including Honorable Mention at the 2014 Oregon Music Teachers National Association competition and 3rd prize at the 2016 Central Oregon Symphony Young Artists Competition. He has also won multiple Oregon Music Teachers Association Classical and Romantic Festivals. His favorite composers for the piano include Franz Liszt and Frederic Chopin. In addition to piano, Anthony's interests include computer science, biology, and table tennis.

### **About The VSO**

World-renowned Maestro Salvador Brotons is in his 25th season leading the professional orchestra of over 70 core members. For 37 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 All Classical Portland, The Columbian and The Community Foundation of SW Washington. 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](http://www.vancouversymphony.org).

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