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VSO YOUNG ARTIST COMPETITION GOLD MEDALISTS SHINE APRIL 22 & 23 AT SKYVIEW CONCERT HALL

Maestro Brotons conducts VSO in poetic masterpieces by Respighi and Grieg

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(Vancouver, WA) The Vancouver Symphony continues its 38th season with a concert that features the talents of the three gold medalists of the 23rd Annual Young Artists Competition. The concerts on Saturday, April 22nd at 3 pm and Sunday, April 23rd at 7 pm will begin with the charming *Lyric Suite* by Edvard Grieg, and will also feature Ottorino Respighi's monumental *Pines of Rome*. Each performance is at Skyview Concert Hall. Maestro Salvador Brotons conducts.

These masterworks by Grieg and Respighi will frame the performances by the three Young Artists winners: Ashley Teng (flute), playing *Concerto for Flute & Orchestra, Movement 1*, by Carl Nielsen; Symphony Koss (violin), playing *Carmen Fantasy for Violin & Orchestra, Op. 25* by Pablo de Sarasate and Trevor Natiuk (piano), playing *Concerto No.1 in F-sharp minor for Piano & Orchestra, Op.1, Movement 1* by Sergey Rachmaninoff. All three won the right to appear with Maestro Brotons and the VSO by delivering extraordinary performances in front of a capacity crowd at the final live round of competition on January 15th, 2017 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 or (360) 735-7278. Steinway pianos are provided by Michelle's Piano Company in Portland.

Announcing the 2017-2018 Season

The Vancouver Symphony's 2017-2018 Season lineup will be announced at the April 22 & 23 concerts. Special discount pricing on season tickets will be available only at these concerts.

About Ashley Teng

Ashley Teng, a sophomore at [Camas High School](#), studies with Dr. Sydney Carlson. In 2014, she won the MTNA Oregon Junior Woodwinds and received alternate at the NW Division. The same year, she was the junior division winner of the GPFS Young Artist Competition. She is currently co-principal flute of [Portland Youth Philharmonic](#). This year, Ashley won the Oregon Sinfonietta

Concerto Competition and will be performing Mozart Concerto K.313 in March. She has won the Trula Whelan Concerto Competition, the CCMTA Honors Competition, and the OMTA Chris Tapang Scholarship Competition.

About Symphony Koss

Symphony Koss, a sophomore in the Pre-Baccalaureate Program at [Columbia River High School](#) in Vancouver, WA, studies with Kathryn Gray. She is Co-Principal 2nd Violin with [Portland Youth Philharmonic](#). Symphony has performed solos in Young Artists Debut! Van Buren Concerto Concert and Jewish Community Orchestra concert. Symphony is a two-time MTNA Oregon State Junior Strings winner, Northwest Regional winner, and National 3rd Place winner. She has served as concertmaster for her school orchestra, Washington Junior All-State Orchestra and Interlochen World Youth Symphony Orchestra.

About Trevor Natiuk

Trevor Natiuk, 16, a Junior at [Columbia Adventist Academy \(CAA\)](#) in Battle Ground, WA, has been playing piano since he was 6 years old. Last year, he took first place in the Clark County WMTA District Competition, and had the opportunity of playing at the State Honors Recital in Walla Walla. He studies with Barbara Roberts and Renato Fabbro.

Calendar Editors, please note:

VSO Young Artists Performance Concert

Saturday, April 22 at 3pm & Sunday, April 23 at 7pm

Skyview Concert Hall, 1300 NW 139th Street, Vancouver WA

Tickets at vancouversymphony.org or 360.735.7278

About The VSO

World-renowned Maestro Salvador Brotons is in his 26th season leading the professional orchestra of over 70 core members. For 38 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 and The Columbian. 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.

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