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**ALPINE SYMPHONY, ELMAR OLIVIERA, ARNALDO COHEN  
AND PREMIERE OF BROTONS SYMPHONY No. 6 HIGHLIGHT  
VSO's 2014-2015 SEASON**

*Maestro Salvador Brotons returns for a 24th season October 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>*

(Vancouver, WA) A concert that features multiple pieces about water, violin virtuoso Elmar Oliveira, world-renowned pianist Arnaldo Cohen playing two Liszt concertos, the premiere of Salvador Brotons' Symphony No. 6 and the incredible *Alpine Symphony* by Strauss highlight **The Vancouver Symphony's** 36th season, announced today by VSO Executive Director Igor Shakhman.

The 2014-2015 season is comprised of twelve symphony concerts, six Chamber Series concerts and our 21st Annual Young Artist Competition. The season premieres on Saturday, October 4, 2014 at Skyview Concert Hall with Maestro Salvador Brotons returning to conduct for the 24th consecutive season.

"We are so excited about the season Maestro Brotons has created," said Dr. Shakhman. "There is something for everyone to love, and world-famous guest artists who will thrill the audience."

Each symphony concert is performed at Skyview Concert Hall in Vancouver Saturdays at 3 pm and Sundays at 7 pm.

**August 14--Outdoor Concert at Esther Short Park**

A salute to film music with collaboration by Edmund Stone of All Classical Portland at our annual free family concert.

**October 4 & 5, 2014 ("Water")**

<i>Mississippi Suite</i>	Grofe
<i>The Moldau</i>	Smetana
<i>The Blue Danube</i>	Strauss
<i>La Mer</i>	Debussy

**NOVEMBER 1 & 2, 2014**

Overture	TBD
<i>Violin Concerto</i>	Sibelius
Elmar Oliveira, Violin	
Symphony No. 7	Prokofiev

### **JANUARY 24 & 25, 2015**

*Cuban Overture* Gershwin

*The Wesendonck Lieder* Wagner

Christina Kowalski, soprano

3 Brahms

Symphony No.

### **FEBRUARY 21 & 22, 2015**

*Colas Breugnon* Kabalevsky

Concerto #1 and #2 Liszt

Arnaldo Cohen, piano

Symphony No.6 Brotons

### **APRIL 18 & 19, 2015**

2015 Young Artists TBA

Symphony No. 5 Honneger

*La Valse* Ravel

### **MAY 16 & 17, 2015**

Audience Choice TBA

Concerto for 2 Clarinets Krommer

Juanjo and Tolo Mercadal, clarinet

*An Alpine Symphony* Strauss

### **Guest Artists**

**Violinist Elmar Oliviera** is unsurpassed in his combination of elegance and impeccable artistry, and is one of the most distinguished violinists in the world today. His rigorous international itinerary includes appearances with many of the world's great orchestras, including the Boston Symphony, Chicago Symphony, Cleveland Orchestra, Colorado Symphony, Detroit Symphony, Helsinki Philharmonic, Leipzig Gewandhaus, London Philharmonic, Los Angeles Philharmonic, New York Philharmonic, Philadelphia Orchestra, St. Louis Symphony, San Francisco Symphony and Seattle Symphony.

**Soprano Christina Kowalski** is a native of Germany, who has appeared in productions with the Frankfurt Opera Studio, the Stadttheater and Berlin Philharmonic. Ms. Kowalski made her US debut in Beethoven's *Fidelio* at the Mark Theater in Portland. Since then she has performed, among others, with Portland Opera, the Portland Summer Fest, Kitsap Opera, Skagit Opera, Washington East Opera, the Mettlow Valley Chamber Music Festival, the Seattle and Bellevue Philharmonic Orchestras and Seattle Concert Opera.

**Pianist Arnaldo Cohen** was born in Brazil and has a reputation for astonishing his audiences with the musical authority and blistering virtuosity of his performances. His graceful and unaffected platform manner belies playing of white-hot intensity, intellectual probity, and glittering bravura technique bordering on sheer wizardry. He has performed with the Royal Philharmonic, the Bavarian Radio Symphony Orchestra, Orchestre de la Suisse Romande and the Santa Cecilia Orchestra of Rome under such leading conductors as Kurt Masur, Yehudi Menuhin and Wolfgang Sawallish.

**Clarinetist Juanjo Mercadal** has been a soloist with the Orquestra Simfònica del Gran Teatre del Liceu in Barcelona since 1984. A noted performer and educator, Juanjo studied at the

Conservatori Municipal de Música de Barcelona and has collaborated with various orchestras and ensembles such as the Balearic Symphony Orchestra, Vallès Symphony Orchestra, Mediterranean Symphony, and the Barcelona Symphonic Band.

**Clarinetist Tolo Mercadal** has been a clarinet professor at the Conservatory of Music in Menorca since 1995. As a business owner, educator and soloist, he has performed with the orchestra of Opera Week in Maó, the Symphonic Orchestra of the Balearic Islands, Sa Nostra Camerata and the Orchestra of the Liceu Opera House in Barcelona, with Salvador Brotons and other renowned conductors in some of the most important concert halls around Spain.

### **About The VSO**

World-renowned Maestro Salvador Brotons is now in his 23rd season leading the professional orchestra of over 70 core members. For 35 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 the Firstenburg Family, All Classical Portland and The Columbian. Additional support for the orchestra is provided by Oregon Public Broadcasting and Oregon Music News. 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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