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VSO CONCLUDES SEASON WITH LEGENDARY ALEXANDER NEVSKY AND YOUNG ARTIST WINNERS

Prokofiev masterpiece highlights end of 34th season

(Vancouver, WA) **The Vancouver Symphony** ends its 34th season with a concert that combines the wonder of three winners of its 19th Annual Young Artists Competition with Prokofiev's majestic *Alexander Nevsky* May 25 & 26. Maestro Salvador Brotons conducts Saturday at 3 pm and Sunday at 7 pm at Skyview Concert Hall at 1300 NW 139th Street in Vancouver.

Both concerts open with an Audience Choice selection selected by VSO concert attendees, followed by performances by our three Young Artists winners: Andrew Yoon, piano playing *Capriccio Brilliant* Op. 22 in B Minor by Mendelssohn; Megan Yip, cello playing *Variations on a Roco Theme* Op. 22 by Tchaikovsky and Isabel Skau, clarinet playing the *Clarinet Concerto* Op. 26 in C Minor (Mvt. 1) by Spohr.

Alexander Nevsky will feature the incredible Oregon Repertory Singers, under the direction of Artistic Director Ethan Sperry and guest artist mezzo-soprano Christine Meadows.

The Oregon Repertory Singers is a premier 80+ member adult choral group comprised of six choirs that perform world-class music singing music encompassing a multitude of eras, languages and musical styles.

Mezzo-soprano Christine Meadows grew up in Portland and is a member of the voice faculty at Portland State University. Made her professional debut with the Portland Opera, where she has appeared in more than 20 productions and distinguished herself with two seasons at the New York City Opera. As a concert soloist, Ms. Meadows has frequently sung with the Oregon Symphony and with Maestro Brotons and the Orquestra Simfònica de Balears (Palma de Mallorca), as well as with many American orchestras.

“This concert will bring together one of the most talented groups of young artists we have ever had” said Maestro Brotons. “Our audience is in for a great treat to hear such incredible talent this May. Add to that the magnificent *Alexander Nevsky* and we’ll end our season with a flourish.”

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 become 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-friendly 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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