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**VIOLIN VIRTUOSO ANNE AKIKO MEYERS, MUSIC ICON  
THOMAS LAUDERDALE, BARTOK'S CONCERTO FOR  
ORCHESTRA AND SHOSTAKOVICH'S FIRST AND FINAL  
SYMPHONIES IN VSO'S 2015-2016 SEASON**

*Maestro Salvador Brotons returns for his Silver Season October 3rd & 4th*

(Vancouver, WA) The Vancouver premiere of one of the world's greatest violinists, a Northwest musical legend playing Gershwin's most beloved composition, an incredible piece by Béla Bartók and a concert featuring the first and final compositions by Shostakovich highlight **The Vancouver Symphony's** 37th season, announced today by VSO Executive Director Dr. Igor Shakhman.

The 2015-2016 season also marks Salvador Brotons's 25<sup>th</sup> Season as conductor and music director of The VSO. As in the past, this season will be comprised of six symphony concerts, Chamber Series concerts, a free outdoor concert and our 22nd Annual Young Artist Competition. The season premieres on Saturday, October 3, 2015 at Skyview Concert Hall with Maestro Brotons conducting.

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

**August 6--Outdoor Concert at Esther Short Park**

A free concert as part of the City of Vancouver's "Six to Sunset" series.

**October 3 & 4, 2015**

*Candide*

Bernstein

*Serenade for Violin, Orchestra, Harp and Percussion*

Bernstein

Anne Akiko Meyers, violin

*Romeo and Juliet (Suites 1 & 2)*

Prokofiev

**November 14 & 15, 2015**

*Essay No. 2*

Barber

*Triple Concerto*

Beethoven

Jolán Friedhoff, violin; Mark Friedhoff, cello and Isaac Friedhoff, piano

Symphony

No. 7

Beethoven

**January 16 & 17, 2016***Prometheus*

Piano Concerto No. 1

Dimitri Zhgenti, piano

*Concerto for Orchestra*

Liszt

Prokofiev

Bartók

**February 20 & 21, 2016***Porgy and Bess**Rhapsody in Blue*

Thomas Lauderdale, piano

*Appalachian Spring**El Salon Mexico*

Gershwin

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Copland

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**April 9 & 10, 2016**

2015 Young Artists

*Mother Goose Suite**The Sorcerer's Apprentice**Till Eulenspiegel*

TBA

Ravel

Dukas

Strauss

**May 21 & 22, 2016**

Audience Choice

Symphony No. 1

Symphony No. 15

TBA

Shostakovich

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**Guest Artists****Anne Akiko Meyers**

Anne Akiko Meyers is celebrated around the world for her artistry and ability to connect with audiences from the concert stage, online, in television, and radio broadcasts. She regularly performs in recital and as guest soloist with many of the world's top orchestras, and is a best-selling recording artist who has released 30 albums. She was Billboard's top-selling traditional classical instrumental soloist of 2014.

**Thomas Lauderdale**

Thomas Lauderdale is a musician, largely known for his work with the Portland-based band Pink Martini. In addition to his work with that renowned Northwest group, he collaborates with international superstar and singing sensation Meow Meow, the surf band Satan's Pilgrims and novelist/writer Tom Spanbauer. He has appeared as soloist with numerous orchestras and ensembles, including the Oregon Symphony, the Seattle Symphony, the Portland Youth Philharmonic, Chamber Music Northwest, the Choral Arts Ensemble of Portland and Oregon Ballet Theatre.

**The Friedhoff Family**

This musical trio has been electrifying audiences around the U.S. with their versatility and distinctive playing styles. Violinist Jolán Friedhoff, cellist Mark Friedhoff (Jolán's brother) and pianist Isaac Friedhoff (Mark's son, Jolán's nephew) are the soloists.

In addition to family ties, the three Friedhoffs all studied music at Indiana University, one of the nation's best known music schools. Jolán and Mark Friedhoff grew up in Portland. Isaac Friedhoff was born in Barcelona, and studies piano at IU.

### **Dimitri Zhgenti**

Dimitri is one of the brightest up and coming young pianists on the concert stage today. He is a native of the Republic of Georgia and is a recent graduate of the music school at Indiana University.

### **About Maestro Brotons**

Born into a family of musicians, Brotons began studying flute at an early age with his father. He has written more than 100 works, mainly for orchestra and chamber ensembles and has received many commissions. Several of his pieces have been published and recorded on CDs in Europe and the USA. In addition to his 25 seasons at The VSO, he was also the conductor and music director of the Vallès Symphony Orchestra in Barcelona and is currently conductor and music director of the Balearic Islands Symphony Orchestra in Palma de Mallorca as well as the Orquestra Simfònica de Balears Ciutat de Palma. He is on the faculty of the Escola Superior de Música de Barcelona, where he teaches orchestra conducting and composition. Dr. Brotons resides in Barcelona with his wife, Dr. Melissa Brotons.

### **About The VSO**

World-renowned Maestro Salvador Brotons is entering 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 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](http://www.vancouverSymphony.org).

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