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SHOSTAKOVICH'S LIFETIME MUSICAL JOURNEY TO CONCLUDE VANCOUVER SYMPHONY'S SEASON

MAY 20 & 21

Maestro Brotons conducts symphonies spanning 46 years

(Vancouver, WA) The final program of The Vancouver Symphony's 37th season is devoted to the "alpha and omega" of Dimitri Shostakovich's symphonies, a chance to compare the first and final symphonies of one of the 20th century's greatest masters of the form. The concerts are on Saturday, May 20 at 3 pm and Sunday, May 21 at 7 pm at Skyview Concert Hall. Maestro Salvador Brotons conducts.

In what can be considered a musical journey, our final concerts will bridge the life of the legendary composer, from his first symphony's brash statement by a composer still in his teens, followed in the second half by his Symphony No. 15 by a composer looking back over a challenging life and looking forward toward his own death.

His Symphony No. 1 in F Minor, Op. 10 was written in 1925, when Shostakovich was only 19. His Symphony No. 15 in A Major, Op. 141 was written in 1971, when the composer was 65 and in poor health.

Both concerts will begin with our annual Audience Choice—a selection chosen over the past season by in-concert voting and revealed right before the performance.

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.