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Buster Keaton Classic with Live VSO Musicians Concludes Chamber Series Season May 15

1928 Steamboat Bill Jr. includes wild and windy special effects

(Vancouver, WA) One of the highlights of every VSO Chamber Series season is the presentation of a classic silent film complete with live Vancouver Symphony musicians at the Kiggins Theatre in downtown Vancouver. On Sunday, May 15, at 3:00 pm the 1928 Buster Keaton classic, *Steamboat Bill, Jr.* brings down the curtain on our 2015-2016 season.

Directed by Charles Reisner, *Steamboat Bill, Jr.* focuses on "Steamboat Bill," the owner and captain of a paddle steamer that has seen better days. He eagerly awaits the arrival of his college student son, whom he has not seen since he was a baby. Expecting a big, husky man like himself to help him compete with a another brand new, luxurious riverboat, he is sorely disappointed with his slight, awkward offspring, and becomes outraged when he discovers that his son and rival's daughter are in love. Both business owners become determined to break up the relationship. What follows is a foiled prison break, a cyclone and untold movie destruction all leading to a heroic water rescue and happy ending.

Steamboat Bill, Jr. will be presented with a score conducted by pianist Rodney Sauer, who also arranged the music. Accompanying the film will be VSO Concertmaster Eva Richey, violin; VSO Principal Cello Dieter Ratzlaf, VSO Principal Clarinet Igor Shakhman and Joshua Silva, trumpet.

This event provides the perfect opportunity for concert attendees not only to watch the presentation in comfortable surroundings, but also enjoy wine, soft drinks and refreshments.

The Kiggins Theatre is located at 1011 Main St. in Vancouver, Washington. Prices per concert are \$25 for adults and \$10 for students. Tickets are available for these and all 2015-2016 events at vancouverSymphony.org or (360) 735-7278.

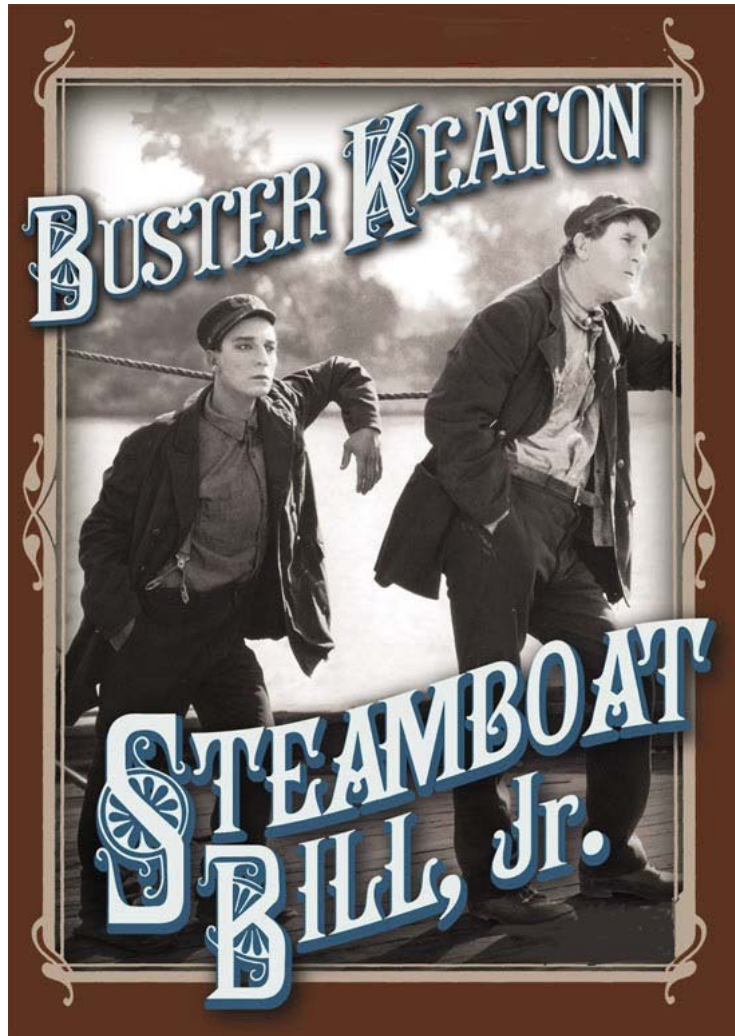
About Rodney Sauer

Arranger and pianist Rodney Sauer lives in Louisville, Colorado, and is the pianist and director of the Mont Alto Motion Picture Orchestra. With a large collection of music that once belonged to silent film theater music directors, Rodney has revived the art of "compiling" scores to silent films from music libraries for live performance and recordings. The Mont Alto Motion Picture Orchestra has scored over 80 silent films, with

over 30 recordings for silent films released on DVD by Kino Video, Image Entertainment, Milestone Films, Flicker Alley, the Criterion Collection, and others. Rodney is a regular performer of silent films scores at the Telluride Film Festival, the San Francisco Silent Film Festival, the Kansas Silent Film Festival, and many other venues from coast to coast.

About The VSO Chamber Series

Now in its fifth season, the series was co-created by Dr. Michael C. Liu, the VSO pianist and board member and Dr. Igor Shakhman, VSO Executive Director and Principal Clarinet to present great musicians playing in a very intimate setting. The content of each concert is unique, and most of the participating musicians are members of The Vancouver Symphony.



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