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VSO ANNOUNCES PARTNERSHIP WITH VANCOUVER'S KIGGINS THEATER IN 2013-2014

Historic downtown theater to host VSO Chamber Music Series

(Vancouver, WA) The 2013-2014 VSO's Chamber Music Series arrives at one of the area's most storied theaters when it begins its alliance with **The Vancouver Symphony** in its 35th season, announced today by VSO Executive Director Igor Shakhman. The VSO Chamber Music Series is once again under the direction of VSO pianist Dr. Michael C. Liu, with the collaboration of renowned pianist, Cary Lewis.

Starting on October 13, 2013, The Kiggins Theater, located at 1101 Main Street in downtown Vancouver, will house the third season of The VSO's Chamber Music Series. The collaboration with Kiggins is part of the city's effort to revitalize downtown Vancouver.

The VSO at the Kiggins:

October 13, 2013	2 pm	VSO Chamber Group: <i>Autumn Glory</i>
November 17, 2013	2 pm	VSO Chamber Group: <i>A Bountiful Harvest</i>
January 12, 2014	2 pm	VSO Chamber Group: <i>A Bright New Year</i>
March 16, 2014	2 pm	VSO Chamber Group: <i>Easter Parade</i>
April 27, 2014	2 pm	VSO Chamber Group: <i>Signs of Spring</i>
May 18, 2014	2 pm	VSO Chamber Group: <i>Sunbreaks</i>

Adult pricing for the Chamber Music Series is:

6 concerts	\$120
5 concerts	\$100
4 concerts	\$ 80
3 concerts	\$ 60

Individual tickets are \$25 for adults and \$10 for students

The theater' is operated by Dan Wyatt, also the owner of downtown soda shop Pop Culture, an Uptown Village venue that also features live music nights and movie nights, and showcases local artwork. Wyatt became the Kiggins' new owner in 2012.

"We are so excited about performing at the Kiggins. It's one of the truly unique theaters in the Northwest," said Dr. Shakhman. "We're especially excited to announce about the involvement of Cary Lewis, who is recognized as a great artist, instructor and chamber music organizer."

About the Kiggins Theater

Primarily known as a movie theater, The Kiggins was designed in the Art Deco style by architect Day Walter Hilborn and named for former Vancouver mayor and businessman John P. Kiggins. Opened in 1936, the theater was renovated and reopened in September 2011. It was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 2012.

About The VSO Chamber Series

Entering its third season, this series was created by Dr. Michael C. Liu, the VSO pianist and board member and aims 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.

About The VSO

Entering its 35th season, 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. 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. Tickets for the VSO Chamber Series and all VSO symphony concerts are on sale now at (360) 735-7278 or www.vancouversymphony.org.

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