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**34TH SEASON BEGINS OCTOBER 6 & 7 WITH SAINT-SAËNS ORGAN SYMPHONY
AND GUEST ARTISTS NITAI AND HILLEL ZORI**

First concert to be held at Crossroads Community Church

(Vancouver, WA) Coming off the best-attended season in its history and May crowds approaching four thousand, The VSO begins a six-concert season on October 6 & 7. This is the orchestra's 34th season and 22nd under the direction of Maestro Salvador Brotons. Guest artists will be Israeli brothers Nitai Zori, violin and Hillel Zori, cello.

The concert begins with *An Outdoor Adventure* by Copland, *Tzigane* by Ravel and *Carmeniana* by Bizet/Zori. The highlight of the concert will be *La Muse at Le Poet* by Saint-Saens, featuring the Nitai and Hillel. In the second half, the orchestra will perform the moving *Symphony #3 Organ Symphony* by Saint-Saëns. Concert sponsorship is provided by a generous grant from Loti Christensen, Congregation Kol Ami and the Jewish Federation of Greater Portland.

Both concerts will be performed at Crossroads Community Church, located at 7708 NE 78th Street in Vancouver. An Allen digital pipe organ will be provided by Rose City Organ Builders.

Also, because the concert will be videotaped, The VSO will be providing our audience with the opportunity of the real time close ups on Maestro Brotons and musicians on several big screens on either side of the stage. This will be truly memorable for the audience.

Violinist Nitai Zori comes from a family of musicians. In addition to **The Vancouver Symphony Orchestra**, he has performed as a soloist in Israel and abroad with different orchestras in Slovenia, Georgia, Italy and with the Orquestra Simfonica de Balears, under the baton of our own Salvador Brotons. With a keen interest in contemporary music, Nitai has performed new works written especially for him. He is currently the concertmaster of the Raanana Symphonette Orchestra in Israel.

Hillel Zori is one of the most exciting cellists of his generation, who has distinguished himself by winning coveted prizes in many important international competitions. He made his debut with the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra under the baton of Zubin Mehta in 1984. Since then, he has performed with Israeli's major orchestras. He is a senior faculty member at the Israel Rubin Music Academy of Tel-Aviv University, and has given master classes in Israel, Europe and China.

Crossroads Community Church is located at 7708 Northeast 78th Street in Vancouver, WA 98662, near the junction of I-205 and Padden Parkway. Free parking is available.

About The VSO

Led by Music Director and Conductor Salvador Brotons, now in his 22nd season, 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-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 the Firstenburg Family and All Classical 89.9.

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