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DENE GRIGAR, PhD, JOINS BOARD OF DIRECTORS **VANCOUVER SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA**

Vancouver resident, Dr. Dene Grigar was named to the **Vancouver Symphony Orchestra** Board of Directors at the board's June meeting.

A huge lover of music, Dr. Grigar grew-up in a musically inclined home, where everyone played an instrument. She now composes on an electronic keyboard, producing music for her multimedia performances, and collaborating with others who specialize in digital music.

Originally from Texas, Dr. Grigar moved in 2006 to Vancouver, to direct the Digital Technology and Culture Program, (now the Creative Media and Digital Culture Program) at Washington State University Vancouver. She received her Ph.D. in 1995 in Humanities, from University of Texas at Dallas, where she also studied and received her second Masters Degree. Dr. Grigar undertook post-doctoral study in New Media and Interactive Arts at The Planetary Collegium, University of Plymouth, School of Computing Electronics and Communications from 2002-2004.

"The touchstone of my program and work at WSU Vancouver is community service and civic engagement, and my students collaborate with nonprofits to create digital media projects," Dr. Grigar explains. One of her students, Matthew Wright, created the promotional video for The VSO that is currently featured on the organization's website.

Also involved in several community organizations such as the Walk and Knock Annual Food Drive, the Alexa Dyer Foundation and the Arts of Clark County, Dr. Grigar is no stranger to nonprofit dedication.

"Dr. Grigar is a very welcome addition to The VSO," states Betty Sue Morris, symphony Board Chair. "Her many musical and media production talents, combined with her belief in the importance of music education makes her a very valuable member of the music community and our symphony family."

The Vancouver Symphony Orchestra is a 70-member professional orchestra presenting outstanding guest artists and varied programs October through May in a multi-concert season.

All performances are at Skyview Concert Hall, 1300 NW 139th Street, Vancouver. Tickets for performances are available by phone at (360) 735-7278 or online at www.vancouversymphony.org. Students receive a special admission price for any concert.

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