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VANCOUVER SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
GIVEN GRANT FROM MEYER MEMORIAL TRUST
FOR 2013-2014 SEASON

Grant focuses on expanding The VSO's reach in its 35th Season

(Vancouver, WA) **The Vancouver Symphony Orchestra** is happy to announce that it has received a \$30,000 grant from the Meyer Memorial Trust, announced by the MMT and VSO Executive Director Igor Shakhman. The grant is presented to help further the mission of The VSO and expands its reach to residents of Clark County, especially among children and families.

“The 2012-2013 season was one of great creative growth and audience expansion, but even in our 35th year, we must continue to make people aware that The VSO is here and offers great performances at reasonable prices, said Dr. Shakhman, “We are so grateful to the Meyer Memorial Trust for their financial support of our mission and our musicians.”

For the first time in five years, The VSO begins its 2013-2014 season with a free concert in downtown Vancouver's Esther Short Park on September 8. The orchestra will be led by legendary pianist and guest conductor Awadagin Pratt and welcomes guest artist baritone Stephen Salters.

Maestro Salvador Brotons returns to conduct the orchestra for his 23rd consecutive season at Skyview Concert Hall on Saturday, September 21 at 3 pm and Sunday, September 22 at 7 pm. Our “Season of Stars” begins with an all-Tchaikovsky concert featuring *Eugene Onegin*, *Marche Slave* and the *1812 Overture*. The guest artists will be soprano Anna Kazakova as Tatyana and baritone Lucas Meachem singing the title role of *Onegin*.

Following September's concerts will be five more symphony offerings through May 2014, six VSO Chamber Series concerts at the downtown Kiggins Theatre and the annual Big Horn Brass Holiday Concert at LifePoint Church in Vancouver. Complete information on the season schedule and ticket information is at vancouverSymphony.org.

About the Meyer Memorial Trust

MMT works with and invests in organizations, communities, ideas and efforts that contribute to a flourishing and equitable Oregon and SW Washington. They fulfill their mission using a mix of strategic, proactive and responsive investments, including grantmaking, loans, initiatives, commissioning research, supporting policy advocacy and a range of community and nonprofit engagement strategies.

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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