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**NATIONAL PUBLIC RADIO'S "PHILOSOPHY TALK" FEATURING
VSO GUEST VIRTUOSO ANNE AKIKO MEYERS COMES TO
VANCOUVER OCTOBER 4**

Tickets to the popular radio hour on sale now at vancouversymphony.org
(Vancouver, WA) For the first time ever, the award-winning public radio program, "Philosophy Talk" is coming to the Northwest in conjunction with the performance of their guest, renowned violinist Anne Akiko Meyers with **The Vancouver Symphony**. Taping of the program with hosts Ken Taylor and John Perry will be held in front of a live studio audience at Vancouver's Skyview Concert Hall on Sunday, October 4 from 4:30 to 5:30 pm, prior to Ms. Meyers' appearance as guest artist with The VSO.

Serenade for Violin and Orchestra is a five-movement concerto written by Leonard Bernstein in 1954 that draws inspiration from Plato's "Symposium," a dialogue of related statements in praise of love, with each statement made by a distinguished speaker. This timeless masterpiece is a philosophical text dated c. 385 BC which concerns itself with the genesis, purpose and nature of love itself, and is considered one of the most important literary works ever written.

Ticket prices are \$15 exclusively for the taping, or \$10 with a ticket for either the Saturday or Sunday concert and available now at vancouversymphony.org. Skyview is located at 1300 NW 139th Street in Vancouver.

"Philosophy Talk" airs on KOPB Radio (91.5 FM in the Portland area and on-line at opb.org) Thursdays at 9.

"The VSO invited 'Philosophy Talk' to Vancouver because of the strong connection between Ms. Meyers' performance of *Serenade for Violin and Orchestra* and Plato's legendary work," said Executive Director Dr. Igor Shakhman. "The continuing popularity of this OPB program truly reflects the love of philosophy that people have in the Northwest, and we're thrilled to reach out to those people."

About Philosophy Talk

Since its premiere in 2004, "Philosophy Talk" has celebrated the value of the examined life. Each week, our two host philosophers invite you to join them in conversation on a wide variety of issues ranging from popular culture to our most deeply-held beliefs about science, morality, and the human condition. "Philosophy Talk" challenges listeners to identify and question their assumptions and to think about things in new ways. We are dedicated to reasoned conversation driven by human curiosity. "Philosophy Talk" is accessible, intellectually stimulating, and most of all, fun! Philosophy Talk is produced by Ben Manilla Productions, Inc. on behalf of Stanford University, as part of its Humanities Outreach Initiative. The program airs from the studios of KALW, 91.7 FM, Information Radio, San Francisco, California, and is produced by Ben Manilla Productions.

About the hosts

Ken Taylor is the current Henry Waldgrave Stuart Professor of Philosophy at Stanford University. He is also director of Stanford's interdisciplinary program in Symbolic Systems. John Perry is Distinguished Professor of Philosophy at the University of California at Riverside, and Henry Waldgrave Stuart Professor of Philosophy Emeritus at Stanford University.

About Anne Akiko Meyers

Known for her passionate performances, purity of sound, poetic interpretations, innovative programming and commitment to commissioning new works, Anne Akiko Meyers is one of the most celebrated violinists embraced around the world today. Possessing a rare ability to connect with audiences from the concert stage, online, in television, and radio broadcasts, Meyers has actively maintained an extensive touring schedule for close to 30 years, and regularly performs in recital and as guest soloist with many of the world's top orchestras. She is a best-selling recording artist who has released 32 albums and was the top-selling traditional classical instrumental soloist on Billboard's charts in 2014.

About The VSO

World-renowned Maestro Salvador Brotons is now entering his 25th season leading the professional orchestra of over 70 core members. For 37 seasons 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. Many of our musicians are teachers in our school districts and beyond. The VSO provides our region with a multi-concert classical season every year and performs at Skyview Concert Hall, 1300 NW 139th Street, Vancouver. Season support for The VSO is provided by All Classical Portland and The Columbian. Additional support for the orchestra is provided by Oregon Public Broadcasting. 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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