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**Charlie Chaplin's "The Kid" with Live VSO Musicians Comes to
Vancouver's Kiggins Theatre September 18**
1921 Silent Classic co-stars Jackie Coogan

(Vancouver, WA) He was the unmatched star of the "silent era," and the biggest star in the world. Now Charlie Chaplin and *The Kid* are coming to the Kiggins screen to kick off The Vancouver Symphony's Chamber Series season on Sunday, September 18 at 3 pm.

The Kid was written, produced, directed by and stars Charlie Chaplin. It also features Jackie Coogan (later known on TV as Uncle Fester on *The Addams Family*) as his adopted son and sidekick. At one hour and hugely successful, *The Kid* was Chaplin's first full-length film as a director, and was the second highest-grossing film in 1921, behind *The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse*. Innovative in its combination of comedic and dramatic elements, *The Kid* is widely considered one of the greatest films of the silent era.

In 2011, *The Kid* was selected for preservation in the Library of Congress as being "culturally, historically, or aesthetically significant."

The Kid will be presented with a score conducted by pianist Rodney Sauer, who also arranged the music. Accompanying the film will be VSO Concertmaster Eva Richey, violin; VSO Principal Cello Dieter Ratzlaf, VSO Principal Clarinet Igor Shakhman and VSO Principal trumpet Bruce Dunn.

This event provides the perfect opportunity for concert attendees not only to watch the presentation in comfortable surroundings, but also enjoy wine, soft drinks and refreshments. The Kiggins Theatre is located at 1011 Main St. in Vancouver, Washington. Prices per concert are \$25 for adults and \$10 for students. Tickets are available for these and all 2015-2016 events at vancouversymphony.org or (360) 735-7278.

About Rodney Sauer

Arranger and pianist Rodney Sauer lives in Louisville, Colorado, and is the pianist and director of the Mont Alto Motion Picture Orchestra. With a large collection of music that once belonged to silent film theater music directors, Rodney has revived the art of "compiling" scores to silent films from music

libraries for live performance and recordings. The Mont Alto Motion Picture Orchestra has scored over 80 silent films, with over 30 recordings for silent films released on DVD by Kino Video, Image Entertainment, Milestone Films, Flicker Alley, the Criterion Collection, and others. Rodney is a regular performer of silent films scores at the Telluride Film Festival, the San Francisco Silent Film Festival, the Kansas Silent Film Festival, and many other venues from coast to coast.

About Charlie Chaplin

Charles Chaplin was an English comic actor, filmmaker, and composer who rose to fame in the silent era. Chaplin became a worldwide icon through his screen persona "the Tramp" and is considered one of the most important figures in the history of the film industry. His career spanned more than 75 years, from childhood in the Victorian era until a year before his death in 1977, and encompassed both adulation and controversy. Chaplin wrote, directed, produced, edited, starred in and composed the music for most of his films. He was a perfectionist, and his financial independence enabled him to spend years on the development and production of a picture. He continues to be held in high regard, with *The Gold Rush*, *City Lights*, *Modern Times*, and *The Great Dictator* often ranked on industry lists of the greatest films of all time.

About The VSO Chamber Series

Now in its sixth season, the series was co-created by Dr. Michael C. Liu, the VSO pianist and board member and Dr. Igor Shakhman, VSO Executive Director and Principal Clarinet 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

Now in its 38th 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. A full-sized professional orchestra of over 70 core members provides performs a multi-concert classical season every year. Symphony performances are at Skyview Concert Hall, 1300 NW 139th Street, Vancouver. The VSO is generously supported by All Classical Portland, Oregon Public Broadcasting, The Community Foundation of SW Washington, The Columbian, and Michelle's Pianos.

Tickets for all VSO symphony concerts, The VSO Chamber Series and all VSO events are on sale now at (360) 735-7278 or vancouversymphony.org.

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