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**Virtuoso Violinist Mayuko Kamio Kicks Off Vancouver  
Symphony's 38<sup>TH</sup> Season with Tchaikovsky Violin Concerto  
October 1 & 2 at Skyview**

*Salvador Brotons returns for 26<sup>th</sup> season as music director and conductor*

(Vancouver, WA) The Vancouver Symphony opens its 2016-2017 season with an all-Russian concert featuring masterworks by P.I. Tchaikovsky and Mikhail Glinka at Skyview Concert Hall on October 1 & 2. The concerts feature the 70+ member orchestra led by music director and conductor Salvador Brotons, returning for his 26th season.

Joining Maestro Brotons and the orchestra will be violinist Mayuko Kamio, the gold medalist of the prestigious 2007 International Tchaikovsky Competition in Moscow. Ms. Kamio will perform Tchaikovsky's Concerto in D Major for Violin and Orchestra, Op. 35.

Bracketing Ms. Kamio's performance will be the performance of Glinka's Overture to *Ruslan and Ludmila* and Tchaikovsky's Symphony No. 6.

"We're coming off one of the most successful seasons in our history and we'll be welcoming some stellar guest artists to join Maestro Brotons and the orchestra this season," said VSO Chair David Smith. "Ms. Kamio is a world class talent playing a great piece that will thrill our audiences."

VSO Executive Director Igor Shakhman adds, "Ms. Kamio won the Tchaikovsky competition in Moscow, one of the most challenging and prestigious in the music world. We are proud to have her perform such an incredible piece with our orchestra."

The performances are Saturday, October 1 at 3 pm and Sunday, October 2 at 7 pm at Skyview Concert Hall, located at 1300 NW 139th Street in Vancouver, WA. Tickets are available for this concert and all 2016-2017 events at [vancouversymphony.org](http://vancouversymphony.org) or (360) 735-7278.

**About Mayuko Kamio**

Japanese violinist Mayuko Kamio, the gold medalist of the 2007 International Tchaikovsky Competition, is widely praised for her luxurious silken tone, long

expressive phrasing and virtuoso techniques. The New York Times has called Ms. Kamio an "exciting young musician" and "a radiant talent." Ms. Kamio made her concerto debut in Tokyo at the age of ten under the baton of Charles Dutoit, in a concert broadcast on NHK television. Since then, she has appeared as soloist with the Boston Pops conducted by Keith Lockhart, the Tonhalle Orchestra in Zurich with Mstislav Rostropovich, and the Israel Philharmonic under Zubin Mehta.

She has released four recordings on the SONY and BMG labels, a sonata recording of Franck, Brahms and Strauss, a concerto recording of Tchaikovsky and Prokofiev Concerti, a collection of violin solo works with piano of Chausson, Stravinsky, Szymanowski, Waxman and Paganini's 24 Caprices for Solo Violin. Ms. Kamio was born in Osaka, Japan in 1986, and began to play the violin at the age of four. Her early teachers were Chikako Satoya, Machie Oguri and Chihiro Kudo, and she worked with Koichiro Harada at the Toho Gakuen School of Music. She studied in the U.S. with Dorothy DeLay and Masao Kawasaki at the Aspen Music Festival and the pre-college division of The Juilliard School. She completed artist's diploma studies at the Hochschule für Musik und Theater in Zurich, where she worked with Zakhar Bron. Ms. Kamio received a grant from the Bagby Foundation for the Musical Arts, and is a recipient of the prestigious Idemitsu Music Award. Mayuko Kamio plays on the 1735 "Sennhauser" made by Joseph Guarneri del Gesu, kindly offered by the Strad Society in Chicago.

### **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.

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