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THE VANCOUVER SYMPHONY'S 36TH SEASON BEGINS
WITH CONCERTS EMBRACING THE
POWER OF WATER OCTOBER 4 & 5

Maestro Salvador Brotons returns to Skyview for his 24th consecutive season

(Vancouver, WA) "Water, water everywhere," wrote Coleridge in *The Rime of the Ancient Mariner* in 1797. It certainly is true here in the Northwest. Now, **The Vancouver Symphony** offers a musical tribute to the irreplaceable and ubiquitous liquid to begin its 36th "Season of Stars" on Saturday, October 4 and Sunday, October 5 at Skyview Concert Hall. Maestro Salvador Brotons begins his 24th consecutive season as music director and conductor.

Featured will be *Mississippi Suite* by Ferde Grofé, *The Moldau* by Bedřich Smetana, *The Blue Danube* by Johann Strauss II and *La Mer* by Claude Debussy. One of the highlights of these concerts will be the multimedia video presentation on the Skyview screens, featuring breathtaking footage of rivers and oceans in glorious high definition.

These concerts are the initial offerings of a season of six to be presented during the 2014-2015 season, and for the first time in memory, all will be conducted by Maestro Brotons.

"Since the beginning of time, musicians, artists and writers have been mesmerized by the romanticism of water," said Maestro Brotons. "Each composition is musically unique, but there is a common beauty and power that each of the four pieces possesses."

As it does every season, each concert will be preceded one hour before the start time by "Opening Notes" with VSO Principal Trombone Gregory Scholl. In his pre-concert talk, Mr. Scholl offers valuable insights into the music and its composers.

Concert times are 3 pm on Saturday, October 4 and 7 pm on Sunday, October 5. Skyview Concert Hall is located at 1300 NW 139th Street, Vancouver.

The VSO wishes to thank its partners, NW Equity Holdings LLC, The Columbian and All Classical Portland for their season support. Additional support is provided by Oregon Public Broadcasting.

Tickets to these concerts, as well as all VSO performances are available now at vancouversymphony.org or by calling (360) 735-7278.

About Maestro Brotons

What more can be written about the remarkable career of Dr. Salvador Brotons? In his 24th season as music director and conductor of The Vancouver Symphony Orchestra, musicians and classical music enthusiasts still delight in having Dr. Brotons lead them.

Born into a family of musicians, he began studying flute at an early age with his father, and continued his studies at the Barcelona Conservatory of Music, where he excelled in flute, composition and orchestra conducting. From 1977 to 1985 he was principal flute in the Orchestra of the Liceu in Barcelona, and a member of the Orquestra Citutat de Barcelona. In 1985, he was awarded a Fulbright Scholarship, and moved to the United States to earn a Doctorate in Music from Florida State University. In 2002, he received the Florida State University Alumni Award for his professional achievements.

He has written more than 100 works, mainly for orchestra and chamber ensembles and has received many commissions. Several of his pieces have been published and recorded on CDs in Europe and the USA under labels such as EMI, Auvidis, Albany Records, Naxos, Claves and RNE.

In addition to his 24 seasons at The VSO, he was also the conductor and music director of the Vallès Symphony Orchestra in Barcelona and is currently conductor and music director of the Balearic Islands Symphony Orchestra in Palma de Mallorca as well as the Orquestra Simfònica de Balears Ciutat de Palma. He is on the faculty of the Escola Superior de Música de Barcelona, where he teaches orchestra conducting and composition. Maestro Brotons has been a guest conductor with many orchestras around the world, including those in Prague, South Africa, Israel, Moscow, Venezuela, Uruguay, Italy, Belgium and Santa Barbara.

Dr. Brotons resides in Barcelona with his wife, Dr. Melissa Brotons, renowned music therapist and director of the Interuniversity Master Program in Music Therapy in Barcelona. Their daughter, Clara, is a college student in New York.

About The VSO

For 36 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 NW Equity Holdings LLC, 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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