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## **THE VSO OPENS “CALL FOR ENTRIES” FOR 19TH ANNUAL YOUNG ARTISTS COMPETITION**

*Students vie for \$5,250 in scholarship money*

(Vancouver, WA) **The Vancouver Symphony Orchestra** is happy to announce the beginning of its 19th Annual Young Artists Competition with a call for entries.

Every season, one of the best-attended and most eagerly anticipated events is the VSO Young Artists Competition and the performances of the three winners with our orchestra at our spring concert. These are joyous events that celebrate our area's incredible musical talent.

Students up to 18 years of age or under as of January 1, 2013 who reside within a 135-mile radius of Vancouver, Washington, which will now include cities as far north as Tacoma and as far south as Eugene, OR and are currently studying with a private music instructor are eligible to compete in the categories of piano, strings and brass/woodwinds/percussion.

Following the initial judging of application CD's by select area musicians, the three top candidates in each category will compete March 10, 2013 in front of an audience at Trinity Lutheran Church in Vancouver at the for the scholarship prizes of \$1,000 for first place, \$500 for second place and \$250 for third place. First place finishers then will perform their winning selections with Maestro Brotons and **The Vancouver Symphony Orchestra** at our May 25 & 26 concerts at Skyview Concert Hall.

Complete information and an application for your young artist are available at [vancouversymphony.org](http://vancouversymphony.org). Deadline for all submissions is January 22, 2013.

**Please note: every submission must be approved by the VSO office. It is recommended to get the approval of the repertoire early in the preparation process (September/October). No unapproved submissions will be accepted. Absolutely no exceptions!**

**For approvals please e-mail [orchestramgr@vancouversymphony.org](mailto:orchestramgr@vancouversymphony.org) NO PHONE CALLS PLEASE!**

### **About The VSO**

Led by Music Director and Conductor Salvador Brotons, now in his 22nd season, The VSO has become 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 most concerts at Skyview Concert Hall, 1300 NW 139th Street, Vancouver. Season support for The VSO is provided by the Firstenburg Family and All Classical 89.9.

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