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**THE VSO OPENS “CALL FOR ENTRIES” FOR
21st 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 21st 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 of 18 years of age or under as of January 1, 2015 who reside within a 135-mile radius of Vancouver, Washington, which includes cities as far north as Seattle, as far south as Eugene, OR and as far east as Yakima, WA 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 February 8, 2015 in front of an audience at the Washington School for the Deaf in Vancouver for the scholarship prizes of \$1,000 for first place, \$500 for second place and \$250 for third place. First place finishers then perform their winning selections with Maestro Brotons and **The Vancouver Symphony Orchestra** at our April 18 & 19, 2015 concerts at Skyview Concert Hall.

Complete information and an application for your young artist are available at vancouversymphony.org. Deadline for all submissions is January 2, 2015.

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 NO PHONE CALLS PLEASE!

About The VSO

Entering its 36th 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. 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 at Skyview Concert Hall, 1300 NW 139th Street, Vancouver. Season support for The VSO is provided by the NW Equity Holdings, LLC, The Columbian and All Classical Portland. Tickets for all VSO symphony concerts, the VSO Chamber Series and all VSO events are on sale at (360) 735-7278 or www.vancouversymphony.org.

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