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## **THE VSO OPENS “CALL FOR ENTRIES” FOR 18<sup>TH</sup> 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 18th Annual Young Artists Competition with a call for entries.

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

Students up to 18 years of age or under as of January 1, 2012 who reside within a fifty-mile radius of Vancouver, Washington and are currently studying with a private music instructor are eligible to compete in the categories of piano, strings and brass/woodwinds.

Following the initial judging of application CD's by select area musicians, the three top candidates in each category will compete February 19, 2012 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 April 14 & 15 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 2, 2012. For more information please e-mail [orchestramgr@vancouversymphony.org](mailto:orchestramgr@vancouversymphony.org).

Led by Music Director and Conductor Salvador Brotons for 21 seasons, 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 has provided our region with a multi-concert classical season every year. **The Vancouver Symphony Orchestra** performs at Skyview Concert Hall, 1300 NW 139<sup>th</sup> Street, Vancouver. Season support for The VSO is provided by First Independent Bank.

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