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FORMER MISS AMERICA KATIE HARMAN IS
VANCOUVER SYMPHONY SOLOIST OCTOBER 1 & 2

Famed Oregon soprano sings Puccini, Dvorák, Kern and Gershwin

(Vancouver, WA) Along with the arrival of fall to the Pacific Northwest comes the start of **The Vancouver Symphony Orchestra's** 33rd season October 1 & 2, 2011. The season's first concerts are highlighted by the guest appearance of Miss America 2002 Katie Harman, singing a selection of arias and popular standards which highlight her remarkable soprano voice.

Each concert begins with the *Symphonic Overture* by prolific composer and Scappoose, Oregon native James Niblock. That selection is followed by Ms. Harman, singing selections as varied as Puccini's *Gianni Schicchi*, Gershwin's *Someone to Watch Over Me*, *Embraceable You* and *Summertime*, Kern's *Smoke Gets in Your Eyes* and Dvorák's *Song from the Moon*. Following intermission, Maestro Brotons conducts the majestic Symphony No. 5 by Shostakovich.

Tickets for the concert are \$48 for preferred seating, \$33 for general admission, \$27 for seniors (62+) and \$10 for students. The best value continues to be a 5 Concert Season package of \$169 for preferred seating, \$117 for general admission and \$96 for seniors. Individual and season tickets can be purchased at vancouversymphony.org, at the door or by calling (360) 735-7278.

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 139th Street, Vancouver. Season support for The VSO is provided by First Independent Bank.

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