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**LEGENDARY ORGANIST JONAS NORDWALL TO PLAY SAINT-SAËNS  
ORGAN SYMPHONY AT VSO OPENER**

*Joins Nitai and Hillel Zori as guest artists October 6 & 7*

(Vancouver, WA) If you think it would be impossible to make a great concert even greater, think again. The Vancouver Symphony Orchestra announces that renowned Portland organist, Jonas Nordwall, will be soloist on the Saint Sæns Symphony No. 3 *Organ Symphony* at the opening concerts of its 34<sup>th</sup> season on October 6 & 7. Joining Mr. Nordwall will be guest artists, Israeli brothers Nitai Zori, violin and Hillel Zori, cello. This will be the 22<sup>nd</sup> consecutive season under the direction of Maestro Salvador Brotons. Both concerts will be performed at Crossroads Sanctuary, located at 7708 NE 78th Street in Vancouver.

The first half of the concert will contain *An Outdoor Adventure* by Copland, *Tzigane* by Ravel featuring Nitai and *Carmeniana* by Bizet/Zori with Hillel and *The Muse and the Poet* by Saint-Sæns. In the second half, the orchestra will perform the majestic *Symphony #3 Organ Symphony* by Saint-Sæns, featuring Mr. Nordwall. Concert sponsorship is provided by a generous grant from Paul and Loti Christensen, Congregation Kol Ami and the Jewish Federation of Greater Portland. An Allen digital pipe organ will be provided by Rose City Organ Builders

“Jonas Nordwall has been a Northwest institution for over forty years. We are so proud that he will be playing a composition that the audience will just love,” said VSO Executive Director Igor Shakhman. “With the Zori brothers in the first half and Jonas Nordwall in the second, we have created a truly memorable concert of music and musicians not to be missed.”

Portland native Jonas Nordwall is the Northwest’s internationally-renowned virtuoso organist equally skilled in both traditional classical and modern/popular schools of musical performance. For over 40 years he has performed with rave reviews in North America, Japan, Europe, China and Australia.

Violinist Nitai Zori comes from a family of musicians. In addition to **The Vancouver Symphony Orchestra**, he has performed as a soloist in Israel and abroad with different orchestras in Slovenia, Georgia, Italy and with the Orquestra Simfonica de Balears, under the baton of our own Salvador Brotons. With a keen interest in contemporary music, Nitai has performed new works written especially for him. He is currently the concertmaster of the Raanana Symphonette Orchestra in Israel.

Hillel Zori is one of the most exciting cellists of his generation, who has distinguished himself by winning coveted prizes in many important international competitions. He made his debut with the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra under the baton of Zubin Mehta in 1984. Since then, he has performed with Israeli’s major orchestras. He is a senior faculty member at the Israel Rubin Music Academy of Tel-Aviv University, and has given master classes in Israel, Europe and China.

**Crossroads Sanctuary is located at 7708 Northeast 78th Street in Vancouver, WA 98662, near the junction of I-205 and Padden Parkway. Free parking is available.**

**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 Sterling Bank and All Classical 89.9.

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