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**CELLIST KO IWASAKI, LOCAL FAVORITES AND LIVE MUSIC
TO SILENT MOVIES HIGHLIGHT 2015-2016 VANCOUVER
SYMPHONY CHAMBER SERIES SEASON
BEGINNING OCTOBER 18**

Season tickets now available for historic fifth Season

(Vancouver, WA) The Vancouver Symphony Chamber Series is back for its fifth big season, filled with returning favorites and new surprises for music lovers of every age and the return of our live music-to-film series, announced today by series creator Dr. Michael C. Liu and VSO Executive Director Dr. Igor Shakhman. The first concert of 2015-2016 is Sunday, October 18 at 3 pm at Vancouver's historic Kiggins Theatre.

The 2015-2016 VSO Chamber Series Season includes:

Sunday, October 18, 2015 at 3 pm

It's a piano extravaganza featuring Northwest favorites Cinda Redman, Lena Vozheiko-Wheaton, Kathy Edsill-Charles, Kathryn Hobbie and Dr. Michael C. Liu. As part of this innovative program of piano virtuosi, the audience will be treated to two-piano groupings and even a rousing conclusion of all five pianists (each from Vancouver) playing at the same time on the same stage.

Sunday, November 22, 2015 at 3 pm

Guest artist Ko Iwasaki, cello performing with Dr. Michael C. Liu, piano and Dr. Igor Shakhman, clarinet

A native of Japan, Ko Iwasaki graduated from the Toho Conservatory and has appeared as a soloist with all of Japan's leading orchestras. Mr. Iwasaki has performed with the London Symphony Orchestra, Polish National Radio Orchestra, Buffalo Philharmonic, Vancouver Symphony, Dallas Symphony Orchestra, and many other orchestras in the US, Europe and Asia. Currently, he teaches cello and chamber music at Southern Methodist University, is an active soloist as well as chamber musician, and gives master classes for cello or chamber music at many festivals and universities. He is the music director of the Okinawa International Music Festival and the Kurashiki International Music Festival.

Sunday, January 24, 2016 at 3 pm

Live music accompanies three very funny silent film comedies:

"Never Weaken" (1921) with Harold Lloyd

"In The Goat" (1921) with Buster Keaton

"Mighty Like a Moose" (1926) with Charley Chase.

As in May 2015, music will be arranged and conducted by Rodney Sauer and features musicians from The VSO.

Sunday, March 20, 2016 at 3 pm

A family concert featuring The VSO's Kirsten Norvell and the Melegari Chamber Players, along with VSO musicians Eva Richey, Rachel Rencher and Dr. Michael C. Liu on harpsichord. A treat for the whole family!

Sunday, April 17, 2016 at 3 pm

Guest artists Barbara Choltco, soprano and Thomas Hwang, violin in a concert of Hungarian music.

Sunday, May 15, 2016 at 3 pm

The return of "The Great Stoneface" when live music accompanies the Buster Keaton silent film classic, "Steamboat Bill, Jr." (1928) with Rodney Sauer conducting members of The VSO.

All performances are at the Kiggins Theatre at 1011 Main St. in Vancouver, Washington. Tickets are available for these and all 2015-2016 events at vancouverSymphony.org or (360) 735-7278. Prices are \$20 for adults and \$10 for students.

About the Kiggins Theater

Primarily known as a movie theater, the Kiggins was designed in the Art Deco style by architect Day Walter Hilborn and named for former Vancouver mayor and businessman John P. Kiggins. Opened in 1936, the theater was renovated and reopened in September 2011. It was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 2012. The theatre is owned and operated by Dan Wyatt.

About The VSO Chamber Series

Now in its fifth season, the series was co-created by Dr. Michael C. Liu, the VSO pianist and board member and Dr. Igor Shakhman, VSO Executive Director and Principal Clarinet to present great musicians playing in a very intimate setting. The content of each concert is unique, and most of the participating musicians are members of The Vancouver Symphony.

About The VSO

World-renowned Maestro Salvador Brotons is entering his 25th season leading the professional orchestra of over 70 core members. For 37 seasons 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. Many of our musicians are teachers in our school districts and beyond. The VSO provides our region with a multi-concert classical season every year and performs at Skyview Concert Hall, 1300 NW 139th Street, Vancouver. Season support for The VSO is provided by All Classical Portland and The Columbian. Additional support for the orchestra is provided by Oregon Public Broadcasting. Tickets for the VSO Chamber Series and all VSO symphony concerts are on sale now at (360) 735-7278 or www.vancouverSymphony.org.

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