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THE VANCOUVER SYMPHONY JOINS OREGON REPERTORY
SINGERS FOR MENDELSSOHN'S LEGENDARY *ELIJAH*
OCTOBER 18 & 20

Concerts are at First United Methodist Church in SW Portland

(Vancouver, WA) For the first time in recent memory, Southwest Washington's largest orchestra crosses the Columbia River to join the Oregon Repertory Singers as they begin their 40th Season. The VSO is pleased to join the largest production the ORS has ever presented on Friday, October 18 at 7:30 and Sunday, October 20 at 4 pm at the United Methodist Church at 1838 SW Jefferson St. in Portland.

The 90 member group of singers and The VSO will share the stage for two dynamic performances of Felix Mendelssohn's masterwork composition, *Elijah*, with baritone Richard Zeller singing the title role. Ethan Sperry conducts both The VSO and Oregon Repertory Singers.

Elijah is often referred to as the prequel to Handel's *Messiah*, and tells the story of one of the Old Testament's greatest prophets with the full drama and power of an opera, only without staging. The audience will journey with the Singers as they summon the forces of nature to topple pagan gods, shatter the evils of darkness and finally transport themselves into the great beyond!

Tickets are available now at orsingers.org.

About Oregon Repertory Singers

Now in its 40th Season, Oregon Repertory Singers is a premier choral arts nonprofit organization. They consist of six choirs that perform world-class music accessible to all.

ORS is a professional-caliber adult choir that presents repertoire both rare and recognizable, encompassing a multitude of eras, languages and musical styles. They are committed to inspiring performances that leave audiences breathless. The ORS youth choir music education program, serving children ages 5 to 18, is unmatched in the region. Five co-ed youth choirs perform several fun and engaging concerts throughout the year.

About The VSO

Entering its 35th 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, 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 Firstenburg Foundation, The Columbian and All Classical 89.9. 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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