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Vancouver Symphony Orchestra and Maestro Salvador Brotons Return to Skyview with All-French Program Nov 5 & 6

*Second concert of the season features renowned harp soloist
Valerie Muzzolini Gordon & Vancouver USA Singers*

(Vancouver, WA) In one of the highly anticipated concert weekends of the season The Vancouver Symphony Orchestra will salute Paris at the turn of the 20th century - the unquestioned cultural capital of Europe during a time of unparalleled artistic exuberance. The concert will include timeless masterpieces by France's most prominent composers – Nocturnes by Claude Debussy (featuring Vancouver USA Singers) and Suite No. 2 from Daphnis and Chloe by Maurice Ravel.

Maestro Salvador Brotons and the VSO will be joined by renowned soloist and chamber musician, Seattle Symphony's Principal Harpist– Valerie Muzzolini Gordon. Mrs. Muzzolini Gordon will be performing Concert Piece for Harp and Orchestra by Gabriel Pierne, and Dances Sacred and Profane by Claude Debussy.

“Maestro Brotons and the Vancouver Symphony are thrilled to present this demanding and exciting All French program to our audience”, says VSO Executive Director Igor Shakhman. “We are especially looking forward to welcoming back an amazing Harpist – Valerie Muzzolini Gordon. Mrs. Muzzolini Gordon made her critically acclaimed debut with the Vancouver Symphony in 2005 when she and Maestro Brotons performed concerto for Flute and Harp by Mozart”.

The performances are Saturday, November 5 at 3 pm and Sunday, November 6 at 7 pm at Skyview Concert Hall, located at 1300 NW 139th Street in Vancouver, WA. Tickets are available for this concert and all 2016-2017 events at vancouversymphony.org or (360) 735-7278.

About Valerie Muzzolini Gordon

Valerie Muzzolini Gordon is Principal Harp of the Seattle Symphony, a position she has held since the age of 23. In demand both nationally and internationally, she has performed as guest principal harp of both the Orchestre Philharmonique de Radio France and the Nice Philharmonic, and has appeared with The Philadelphia Orchestra. As soloist, she has performed with the Seattle Symphony, Nice Philharmonic and Vancouver Symphony. An active chamber musician and proponent of new music, she performs regularly with the Seattle Chamber Players and Music of Remembrance. Muzzolini Gordon began her musical education in Nice, France, and continued her studies at the Curtis Institute of Music, followed by graduate work at Yale University. (*seattlesymphony.org*)

About the Vancouver USA Singers

Founded in 1963, the choir has entertained audiences locally and throughout the Pacific Northwest. They have had several concert tours to Britain, including England, Scotland and Wales, and have performed to acclaim in Ireland, the Isle of Man, Scandinavia, Germany, The Netherlands, Vancouver, B.C., Victoria, B.C. and Hawaii. Local concerts include staged performances with the Portland Youth Philharmonic, the Oregon Symphony, and the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra.

About The VSO

World-renowned Maestro Salvador Brotons is in his 26th season leading the professional orchestra of over 70 core members. For 38 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.

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