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**LEGENDARY VIRTUOSO ELMAR OLIVEIRA**  
**PLAYS SIBELIUS *VIOLIN CONCERTO* WITH VSO**  
**NOVEMBER 1 & 2**

*Salvador Brotons conducts Prokofiev No. 7 in second concert of season*

(Vancouver, WA) One of the most distinguished violinists in the world today is coming to Skyview Concert Hall in Vancouver, WA for the first time ever! In one of the most eagerly-anticipated weekends of the season, virtuoso Elmar Oliveira will play the Sibelius *Violin Concerto in D minor* with The VSO on November 1 & 2. Salvador Brotons conducts.

Unsurpassed in his combination of elegance and impeccable artistry, Elmar Oliveira has become a familiar and much-admired figure at the world's foremost concert venues. His rigorous international itinerary includes appearances with many of the world's great orchestras. Also featured on the program will be Prokofiev's incredible Symphony No. 7 and Shostakovich's lively *Festive Overture*. Both concerts are the second of a season of six being presented during the 2014-2015 season.

Sibelius' *Violin Concerto* is the only concerto that Sibelius wrote, though he composed several other smaller-scale pieces for solo instrument and orchestra. The Symphony No. 7 by Prokofiev was completed in 1952 and premiered as part of a radio program for children. Because of this it has been called the "Children's Symphony."

Concert times are 3 pm on Saturday, November 1 at 3 pm and Sunday, November 2 at 7 pm. Skyview Concert Hall is located at 1300 NW 139th Street, Vancouver.

Tickets to these concerts, as well as all VSO performances are available now at [vancouverSymphony.org](http://vancouverSymphony.org) or by calling (360) 735-7278.

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**About Elmar Oliveira**

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Oliveira's commitment to a wide spectrum of the violin world manifests itself in numerous ways, such as consistently expanding repertoire boundaries as a champion of both contemporary music and rarely-heard works of the past, devoting considerable energy to the development of younger artists, and enthusiastically supporting the efforts and art of modern violin makers. The son of Portuguese immigrants, he was nine when he began studying the violin with his brother, John. He later continued his studies with Ariana Bronne and Raphael Bronstein at the Hartt College of Music and the Manhattan School of Music, where Mr. Oliveira also received an honorary doctorate. He is a Distinguished Artist in Residence at the Lynn University Conservatory of Music in Boca Raton, Florida.

### **About Maestro Brotons**

What more can be written about the remarkable career of Dr. Salvador Brotons? In his 24th season as music director and conductor of The Vancouver Symphony Orchestra, musicians and classical music enthusiasts still delight in having Dr. Brotons lead them.

Born into a family of musicians, he began studying flute at an early age with his father, and continued his studies at the Barcelona Conservatory of Music, where he excelled in flute, composition and orchestra conducting. From 1977 to 1985 he was principal flute in the Orchestra of the Liceu in Barcelona, and a member of the Orquestra Citutat de Barcelona. In 1985, he was awarded a Fulbright Scholarship, and moved to the United States to earn a Doctorate in Music from Florida State University. In 2002, he received the Florida State University Alumni Award for his professional achievements.

Dr. Brotons resides in Barcelona with his wife, Dr. Melissa Brotons, renowned music therapist and director of the Interuniversity Master Program in Music Therapy in Barcelona. Their daughter, Clara, is a college student in New York.

### **About The VSO**

For 36 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 NW Equity Holdings LLC, All Classical Portland, The Columbian and OPB. 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](http://www.vancouversymphony.org).

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