



# News Release

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## **U.S. BANK GIFT TO VANCOUVER SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA IS MUSIC TO STUDENTS' EARS**

**VANCOUVER, WA., USA** (Oct. 22, 2010) – Middle and high school students in Southwest Washington will have the advantage of learning lessons in creativity and expression that are unique to live orchestral music, thanks to a Vancouver Symphony Orchestra (VSO) program supported by U.S. Bank.

U.S. Bank has given \$2,500 to the orchestra to support the 2010-2011 Student Concert Voucher program. The bank's gift will allow the VSO to provide this valuable and unique experience for free with concert tickets to more than 1,200 students.

"Increasing access to the arts, especially for our young people, is a top priority for us in our community giving," said Dan Pagano, district manager for U.S. Bank in SW Washington. "We're delighted to be able to support the Vancouver Symphony in their outreach to students in our local schools."

The Vancouver Symphony Orchestra has grown substantially in the past ten years and now performs before an estimated 15,000 individuals a year, from a concert series, to multiple additional musical events, to performances for area school children.

"This sponsorship from U.S. Bank enables us to offer symphony attendance to students who might otherwise be unable to experience the magic of live orchestral music," said Carly McDowell, executive director of the VSO. "And with their support we are able to maintain this program despite the challenging economic times which we are all facing."

### **About the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra**

The largest performing arts organization in SW Washington, The VSO is in its 32<sup>nd</sup> year, and celebrating the 20<sup>th</sup> year of world-renowned Maestro Salvador Brotons, Musical Director and Conductor. The symphony is a nonprofit organization and strives to keep tickets affordable for people of all ages. A 70-member professional orchestra performs at Skyview High School in Vancouver, WA for regular concerts, and in venues throughout the area for special events.

### **About U.S. Bank**

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The VSO 2010-2011 Concert Season starts in full bloom! Season tickets are available. First time subscribers save 30%! Call 360-735-7278 or visit us at [www.VancouverSymphony.org](http://www.VancouverSymphony.org)