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## **VSO Chamber Music Series Presents Igor Stravinsky's Theatrical Story "Soldier's Tale" Nov 20<sup>th</sup> At Kiggins!**

### ***Musical Tale Narrated by Celebrated Local Favorite***

(Vancouver, WA) The Vancouver Symphony Chamber Music Series returns to Kiggins Theatre on November 20<sup>th</sup> to present the semi-staged production of Igor Stravinsky's *L'Histoire du Soldat* (Soldier's Tale). Composed and premiered in 1918, *L'Histoire du Soldat* is one of Stravinsky's most popular works. This version features a seven piece instrumental ensemble comprised of VSO soloists and lead by Guest Conductor Maestro [Ken Selden](#). Also featured in this performance will be one of Vancouver's favorite actor/narrator - [Kirk Mouser](#), who returns to Vancouver after his critically-acclaimed performance of the title role in the VSO's all-Hamlet program.

Stravinsky's *L'Histoire du Soldat* is a theatrical work based on the Russian Folk tale, *The Runaway Soldier and the Devil*. In this tale the soldier, on his way home, encounters the Devil and trades his violin in exchange for unlimited riches. Stravinsky's wit and humor fills the story as the soldier wins the hand of a princess while intentionally losing his wealth to the Devil in a card game. The soldier eventually regains possession of his violin, but the Devil has one final hand to play. Who will win at the end of this tale? The featured version of this work is scored for seven instruments, actor/narrator and conductor.

#### **About Maestro Ken Selden**

Maestro Selden conducts the Symphony Orchestra and New Music Ensemble at Portland State University, which received three awards in Adventurous Programming from ASCAP and the League of American Orchestras under his direction. Selden has appeared as guest conductor of the Oregon Symphony, Third Angle New Music Ensemble, Portland Youth Philharmonic and the Newport Symphony, and led a series of performances as assistant conductor with the Brooklyn Philharmonic and the Eos Orchestra. He also worked extensively with the Juilliard Pre-College Orchestras and the New Jersey Youth Symphony, and was music director of orchestras at Brooklyn College and Columbia University.

#### **About Kirk Mouser**

An accomplished actor, Mouser has appeared in such shows as "The Phantom of the Opera" and Leonard Bernstein's "Mass." He played an FBI agent in the 2008 movie "Untraceable" and also has acted on the TV show "Leverage."

Mouser has directed productions for Mt. Hood Repertory Theatre, Northwest Children's Theater, Portland Civic Theatre Guild and Clark College, and he chairs the Clackamas County Arts Alliance Foundation. For almost a decade, Mouser has served as executive artistic director of Stumptown Stages, the resident musical theater company at Portland's Brunish Theater. Prior to that he served as artistic consultant for Gresham's Center for the Arts Foundation as well as interim trust manager for the Oregon Cultural Trust.

*Calendar editors, please note:*

**L'Histoire du Soldat (Soldier's Tale)**

Sunday, November 20, 2016 at 3pm

[The Kiggins Theatre](#), 1011 Main Street, Vancouver WA

**Ken Selden**, conductor

**Kirk Mouser**, narration

Eva Richey, violin

Igor Shakhman, clarinet

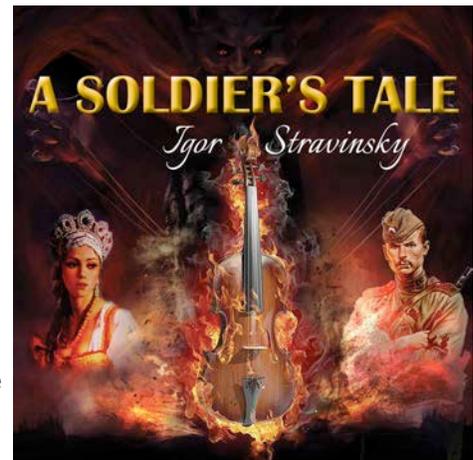
Bruce Dunn, trumpet

Florian Conzetti, percussion

Garrett Jellesma, bass

Danielle Goldman, bassoon

Graham Middleton, trombone



High-resolution images are available for download

Tickets: \$25 for adults and \$10 for students.

Tickets are available for these and all 2016-2017 events at [vancouversymphony.org](http://vancouversymphony.org) or (360) 735-7278.

**About The VSO Chamber Series**

Now in its sixth 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. All performances are at the Kiggins Theatre at 1011 Main St. in Vancouver, Washington.

**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. 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](http://www.vancouversymphony.org).

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