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**VANCOUVER SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA**  
**OFFERS CLARIFICATION ON GRANT AWARD FROM**  
**NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS**

*\$10K NEA grant matched with \$10K contribution totals \$20K*

(Vancouver, WA) **The Vancouver Symphony Orchestra** would like to offer a clarification on its recently received grant from the National Endowment for the Arts, it was announced today by VSO Executive Director Igor Shakhman. The recent grant by the NEA is for \$10,000, and will be matched by \$10,000 in a donor grant for a combined amount of \$20,000 to help expand The VSO's audience through creative programming.

"Moving forward, we want to ensure that we express perfectly the faith the NEA has placed in The VSO," said Dr. Shakhman. "With the added generosity of a donor, \$20,000 will go a long way in helping provide us with the means to bring in accomplished and unique performers."

Maestro Salvador Brotons is in his 23<sup>rd</sup> consecutive season as music director and conductor, returning to Skyview Concert Hall on Saturday, November 2 at 3 pm and Sunday, November 3 at 7 pm as he welcomes international harmonica virtuoso Joe Powers, playing *Five Pieces* by Gordon Jacob and *Libertango* by Astor Piazzolla. In addition, the concert features Dvořák's Symphony No.6.

Following November's concerts will be four more symphony offerings through May 2014, five additional VSO Chamber Series concerts at the downtown Kiggins Theatre and the annual Big Horn Brass Holiday Concert at LifePoint Church in Vancouver. Complete information on the season schedule and ticket information is at [vancouversymphony.org](http://vancouversymphony.org).

**About the National Endowment for the Arts**

The National Endowment for the Arts was established by Congress in 1965 as an independent agency of the federal government. To date, the NEA has awarded more than \$4 billion to support artistic excellence, creativity, and innovation for the benefit of individuals and communities. The NEA extends its work through partnerships with state arts agencies, local leaders, other federal agencies, and the philanthropic sector. See more at [arts.gov](http://arts.gov).

**About The VSO**

Now in 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 and beyond, 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 Sterling Bank 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](http://www.vancouversymphony.org).

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