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NORTHWEST NEW MUSIC SALUTES

“A SEASON OF WONDER” FOR THE VSO DECEMBER 8

Trinity Lutheran Church houses winter VSO Chamber concert

(Vancouver, WA) The holiday season is here and **The Vancouver Symphony Chamber Group** season is in full swing. The fourth concert of the season, *A Season of Wonder*, offers a musical celebration by Northwest New Music under the direction of Florian Conzetti and Diane Chaplin on Saturday, December 8 pm at Trinity Lutheran Church, 309 West 39th Street, Vancouver.

This concert features VSO percussionist Florian Conzetti; VSO principal harp Kate Petak; Diane Chaplin cello; Janet Coleman, piano; Catherine Olson, soprano and Sydney Carlson, flute.

On the program will be:

Suite for Cello and Harp

Contemplation for Amplified Cello and Percussion

Maqamat for Solo Harp

Madrigals III for Soprano, Percussion and Harp

Voice of Whale for amplified flute, cello and piano

Lou Harrison

Ken Ueno

Ami Ma'ayani

George Crumb

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Florian Conzetti, percussionist and co-artistic director of Northwest New Music is from Switzerland and knows a whole lot about cowbells. He has performed with Wu Han, Chris Froh, Carol Wincenc, Ian and Joseph Swensen and others at the Music@Menlo festival. He studied at the Konservatorium für Musik in Bern, Switzerland, the Eastman School of Music and Peabody Conservatory, where he earned a doctorate in music. He currently teaches at Portland State University and Linfield College and is a percussionist with The Vancouver Symphony.

Diane Chaplin was cellist of the Colorado Quartet (in NYC) for 21 years and with them had an international career which took her around the globe. She moved to Portland in 2009, and is now director of the Oregon Pro Arte Youth Chamber Orchestra, co-director of Chamber Music Camp of Portland, and director of PDX Chamber Music Workshops. In addition to solo and chamber music performances and a large studio of students, she is cellist and co-artistic director of Northwest New Music and appears often on Cascadia Composer concerts.

This 2012-2013 chamber season presents some of the world's greatest music performed in an intimate setting. The VSO Chamber Group will feature a special guest engagement by international soprano Christine Kowalsky in January; a recital by one of Northwest's newest string quartets DTQ in March and a combined performance of audience's favorites Columbia Brass Quintet and Con Grazia woodwind quintet in April.

Upcoming VSO Chamber Group concerts will include:

<i>A Bright New Year</i>	January 12, 2013
<i>Wintertide</i>	February 23, 2013
<i>Easter Parade</i>	March 16, 2013
<i>Signs of Spring</i>	April 20, 2013
<i>Sunbreaks</i>	May 11, 2013

Individual tickets are \$25 for adults and \$10 for students. Generous package deals are available at vancouversymphony.org or (360) 735-7278.

About Northwest New Music:

Northwest New Music shares their excitement about the music of our time through vibrant, dynamic and authoritative performances. The ensemble's repertoire features cutting edge contemporary music paired with classics of the Twentieth century, as well as new compositions which the ensemble commissions from established and emerging composers. NW New Music is dedicated to the education of the next generation of audiences and musicians and their performances often include demonstrations and verbal program notes from the stage, detailed annotated notes, musical scores provided as integral part of the program booklet and projections of scores and other associated materials. The ensemble holds an annual competition for student composers, teaches workshops on contemporary performance techniques and is strongly involved with Portland's community of youth orchestras and colleges. www.nwnewmusic.org.

About The VSO

Led by Music Director and Conductor Salvador Brotons, now in his 22nd season, The VSO has become 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, 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.

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