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SOUNDS OF BIG BRASS WARM THE HOLIDAY SEASON

*Three Vancouver Symphony Orchestra members join the **Big Horn Brass** ensemble and vocalist Valerie Day, December 18th, to embellish the holiday season with a variety of music.*

(Vancouver, WA) The Vancouver Symphony Orchestra proudly presents the Big Horn Brass Christmas, featuring Valerie Day and the VSO's own Doug Peebles on trombone, Bruce Dunn on trumpet, and Mark Vehrencamp on tuba, December 18, 2010 at 7 p.m. at Union High School's auditorium, Camas, WA.

For the second season this fifteen piece brass and percussion ensemble present a Christmas program sure to please ages 2 to 92. Proceeds benefit The Vancouver Symphony Orchestra and its mission. Concert goes will be treated to:

- Seasonal favorites for a classical brass ensemble
- Excerpts from Tchaikovsky's Nutcracker Suite
- Original arrangements from the Stan Kenton Library
- Specially created arrangements by Oregon's own Phil Neuman and Jack Quinby
- Melodies by movie composer Jerry Fielding

A regional favorite since 1983, the **Big Horn Brass** was founded in 1983 by Andrew Harris. Members of the group come from The Vancouver Symphony Orchestra, the Oregon Symphony, Portland Opera, Columbia Symphony, Pioneer Brass, Columbia Brass, and top freelance musicians. The group performs a wide variety of music including classical, romantic, renaissance, ragtime, marches, brass band, patriotic, big band charts, and movie music.

Dynamic and self-assured, vocalist **Valerie Day** has a voice that is evocative of another time. Remembered for her work with the Grammy nominated band NU SHOOZ, Valerie has returned to her musical roots and her love of jazz. Whether fronting a big band or singing with a small jazz combo, Valerie injects new life into the classics with impressive range and effortless delivery. Valerie is currently an in-demand singer and session player, performing and recording with artists ranging from the Oregon Symphony Pops to pianist Tom Grant.

Union High School is located at 6201 NW Friberg Strunk Street, Camas, WA. Tickets available at www.VancouverSymphony.org or by phone, 360-735-7278, through December 15, 2010. \$15 for adults. Children under 12 are free of charge. Seating is limited.

A global gift and local treasure, **The Vancouver Symphony Orchestra** is a 70-member professional orchestra presenting international guest artists and varied programs, October through May. The concert season includes live classical performances led by Maestro Salvador Brotons as well as special events such as the 17th Annual Young Artists Competition, the Aaron Meyer & The Vancouver Big Band presentation, February 12, 2011, and the annual In-School concerts, exposing youth to live orchestral music.

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