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VSO “SWINGING ON A STAR” GALA
AT CLARK COLLEGE RAISES \$120K FOR SYMPHONY
Star-filled event was one of most successful VSO fund-raisers ever

(Vancouver, WA) Capping off a triumphant year that included six symphony, nine chamber music concerts and the return of a free outdoor concert in September, **The Vancouver Symphony Orchestra** raised a total of \$120,000 at its recent annual fund-raising Gala. Called one of the most memorable social events of 2013, “Swinging on a Star” was attended by 230 symphony supporters at Clark College’s Gaiser Hall and chaired by Elizabeth Dendy.

“We are so happy with the new partnership we have built with Clark College, and for the assistance and support they showed for the event,” said VSO Executive Director Igor Shakhman. “It was a fun evening and we could not be happier with the end result.”

Proceeds from this annual event support the Symphony’s budget for purchasing music, concert production and performances, as well as ongoing educational programs and community outreach.

“The \$120,000 amount is one of the highest totals in recent history,” said VSO Board Chair Kathy McDonald. “It shows an incredible amount of community support for the direction that Maestro Brotons and the orchestra are headed, as well as for the arts in Southwest Washington. We especially want to thank Propel Insurance for their sponsorship.”

About The VSO

Now in its 35th season, The VSO has been a continuous 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 local 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 the Firstenburg Family, All Classical Portland and The Columbian. Tickets to the VSO Chamber Series and all VSO symphony concerts are on sale now at (360) 735-7278 or www.vancouversymphony.org.

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