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NINE EXTRAORDINARY YOUNG MUSICIANS COMPETE IN FINAL ROUND OF VSO'S YOUNG ARTISTS COMPETITION JAN 8!

WINNERS TO PERFORM WITH ORCHESTRA & MAESTRO SALVADOR BROTONS

<https://youtu.be/dgDvBdDryuk>

(Vancouver, WA) The Vancouver Symphony Orchestra announces today the names of the nine finalists for the 23rd Annual Young Artists Competition. The Live Final round will take place at 1:00pm on Sunday, January 8th at Trinity Lutheran Church in Vancouver. 89.9FM All Classical Portland Radio's Edmund Stone returns as Master of Ceremonies for this highly anticipated event.

Continuing the exciting competition format, nine finalists chosen from the area's most talented young musicians will compete in three categories: piano, strings and winds/brass. The concert is free and open to the public with no advance ticketing required. Michelle's Pianos has generously provided two grand pianos for this competition.

The annual competition's Final Round features students performing their selections in a concert setting before a live audience. The top winners in each of the three categories then perform with The VSO at Skyview Concert Hall under the baton of internationally renowned Maestro Salvador Brotons in concerts at Skyview Concert Hall on April 22nd & 23rd. In addition, students will receive a portion of over \$5,000 in cash and prize money. Over 60 young musicians (18 and under) from WA and OR submitted audition recordings to the VSO for a preliminary round. They were judged by a panel of professional musicians, with the top three finalists chosen in each category. The nine finalists, by category, are:

FINALISTS

STRINGS CATEGORY:

Symphony Koss, *violin*; 10th grade - Vancouver (WA)

Paul Lee, *cello*; 11th grade – Portland (OR)

Hanami Froom, *violin*; 5th grade – Portland (OR)

PIANO CATEGORY:

Trevor Natiuk, *piano*; 11th grade – Battle Ground (WA)
Christopher Yoon, *piano*; 11th grade - Portland (OR)
Emily Jeeho Park, *piano*; 9th grade - Sammamish (WA)

WINDS/BRASS CATEGORY:

Ashley Teng, *flute*; 10th grade - Camas (WA)
Isabelle Zheng, *flute*; 11th grade - Portland (OR)
Sara Seulbee Shin, *flute*; 11th grade - Vancouver (WA)

Calendar Editors, please note:

23rd Annual Young Artists Competition Live Final Round

Sunday, January 8th at 1pm

Trinity Lutheran Church, 309 W. 39th St., Vancouver, WA

Master of Ceremonies: 89.9FM All Classical Portland Radio's Edmund Stone
For complete repertoire, please see our website at vancouverSymphony.org

FREE EVENT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Information about this and all 2016-2017 events at
vancouverSymphony.org or (360) 735-7278.

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.

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