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**MEDIA RELEASE**

August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2011

**All VSO concerts on-sale to the public on August 29<sup>th</sup> at 10am  
– including just-announced Specials!**

**Vancouver, BC** - The Vancouver Symphony Orchestra's single concert on-sale date of **Monday, August 29<sup>th</sup>, 2011**, is fast approaching. As of 10am that morning, tickets for the VSO's extraordinarily diverse and exciting 2011/2012 Season will be available to the general public.

Newly announced specials include internationally-acclaimed trumpet player **Chris Botti**, as well as a screening of the classic **Wizard of Oz** with live music performed by the VSO. The VSO is also excited to present two non-orchestral specials: **Larry King** in his brand new stage show, *Larry King Standing Up*, and the **Seoul Philharmonic**, featuring **Wu Wei**, the world's leading *sheng* player.

The 2011/2012 season kicks-off with one of Vancouver's favourite pianists, **Jon Kimura Parker**, in a concert that also features **Tchaikovsky's Symphony No. 5**. Other highlights include superstar pianist **Lang Lang**, a fun family presentation of **Bugs Bunny at the Symphony**, **Brahm's Requiem** featuring soprano **Isabel Bayrakdarian**, pianist **Peter Serkin**, acclaimed soprano **Renee Fleming**, violinist **Nadja Salerno-Sonnenberg**, and **Richard Strauss' Ein Heldenleben (A Hero's Life)**. The season ends with the concert version of **Maestro Tovey's** recently premiered opera, *The Inventor*. The VSO's season also features up and coming stars in the classical world, violinist **Chad Hoopes**, pianist **Benjamin Grosvenor**, and violinist **Dan Zhu**. The new season begins on **Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup> at the Orpheum Theatre**.

Tickets can be purchase online at [www.vancouversymphony.ca](http://www.vancouversymphony.ca) or by calling VSO Customer Service at 604. 876.3434. We expect busy phone lines Monday morning, so online is best.

The VSO offers its customers the convenience of **Print at Home tickets** when purchasing online. No more waiting at Will Call, or having tickets lost in the mail – instead, print your tickets in the comfort of your own home!

Some of this season's many highlights include the following – see our website for full concert listings:

**Masterworks Gold**

Saturday and Monday, September 24 & 26, 8pm, Orpheum Theatre

**Opening Weekend: Jon Kimura Parker plays Rachmaninoff**

**Bramwell Tovey** *conductor*  
**Jon Kimura Parker** *piano*

Reznicek Donna Diana: Overture  
Rachmaninoff Piano Concerto No. 3  
Tchaikovsky Symphony No. 5

One of Vancouver's most famous and loved musical exports, **Jon Kimura Parker** returns to play possibly the most popular piano concerto ever written, in a blockbuster season-opening concert that also features one of **Tchaikovsky's** greatest works.

**TICKET INFORMATION:**

Tickets: \$26.75 - \$84 (senior, student and subscriber discounts available)

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**Musically Speaking**

**Saturday, October 1, 8pm, Orpheum**

**Symphony Sundays**

**Sunday, October 2, 2pm, Orpheum**

**Surrey Nights**

**Monday, October 3, 8pm, Bell Performing Arts Centre**

**Ravel's Bolero!**

**Bramwell Tovey** *conductor*

**Chad Hoopes** *violin*

Berlioz Hungarian March  
Lalo Symphonie Espagnole for Violin and Orchestra  
Liszt Mesphisto Waltz No. 1  
Enesco Rumanian Rhapsody No. 1  
Ravel Boléro

**Chad Hoopes** has taken the classical world by storm, drawing comparisons to a young Joshua Bell and even Itzhak Perlman for his technical mastery and sweet, fluid tone. Come hear what all the fuss is about, as this prodigy makes his VSO debut performing **Lalo's Symphonie Espagnole**. You'll also hear one of the most famous pieces ever written – **Ravel's Boléro**.

**MUSICALLY SPEAKING/SYMPHONY SUNDAYS TICKET INFORMATION:**

Tickets: \$21.50 - \$59 (senior, student and subscriber discounts available)

Tickets available online at [www.vancouversymphony.ca](http://www.vancouversymphony.ca) or by calling VSO customer service at 604.876.3434

**SURREY NIGHTS TICKET INFORMATION:**

Tickets: \$39 (senior, student and subscriber discounts available)

Tickets available online at [www.vancouverSymphony.ca](http://www.vancouverSymphony.ca) or by calling VSO customer service at 604.876.3434

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**SURREY NIGHTS**

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**Specials**

**Friday, November 4, 8pm**

**Lang Lang plays Beethoven**

**Jean-Marie Zeitouni** *conductor*

**Lang Lang** *piano*

Beethoven      Fidelio: Overture

Beethoven      Symphony No. 4

Beethoven      Piano Concerto No. 5, *Emperor*

One of the classical world's most exciting and innovative artists, **Lang Lang** has established himself as an international star and a household name. His astonishing power and musical depth never fails to leave audiences spellbound and shouting for more. He performs the magnificent *Emperor Concerto* in a very special **all-Beethoven** evening.

**TICKET INFORMATION:**

Tickets: \$45 - \$110 (senior, student and subscriber discounts available)

Tickets available online at [www.vancouverSymphony.ca](http://www.vancouverSymphony.ca) or by calling VSO customer service at 604.876.3434

**Presenting Sponsor Lang Lang in Canada:** CIBC

**Musically Speaking**

**Saturday, November 5, 8pm, Orpheum Theatre**

**Surrey Nights**

**Monday, November 7, 8pm, Bell Performing Arts Centre**

**The Glorious Music of Paris**

**Jean-Marie Zeitouni** *conductor*

**Dan Zhu** *violin*

Milhaud

Le boeuf sur le toit

Prokofiev	Violin Concerto No. 2
Stravinsky	Scherzo à la russe
Ravel	Tzigane
Gershwin	An American in Paris

All of the composers featured in this amazing program had a special connection with Paris – and every work here was either written in, premiered in, or about that great city. Violinist **Dan Zhu** is an emerging star, and he will play the exciting **Prokofiev Violin Concerto No. 2** in his Vancouver debut.

**MUSICALLY SPEAKING TICKET INFORMATION:**

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**Specials**

**Saturday, November 19, 7:30pm**

**Sunday, November 20, 2pm and 7:30pm**

**Bugs Bunny At The Symphony**

**George Daugherty** *conductor*

**Vancouver Symphony Orchestra**

A spectacular new fusion of classic Warner Bros. **Looney Tunes** projected on the big screen, with their exhilarating original scores played live! Celebrating 20 years of **Bugs Bunny** on the concert stage, this brand new production features special guests *Tom and Jerry in The Hollywood Bowl* and *The Flintstones* and *Scooby-Doo!* Don't miss these, plus old favourites like *What's Opera, Doc?* And *The Rabbit of Seville* in this world premiere season and anniversary concert!

**TICKET INFORMATION:**

Tickets: \$33 - \$39 (senior, student and subscriber discounts available)

Tickets available online at [www.vancouversymphony.ca](http://www.vancouversymphony.ca) or by calling VSO customer service at 604.876.3434

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### Masterworks Diamond

Saturday and Monday, December 3 & 5, 8pm, Orpheum Theatre

### Brahms Requiem

**Bramwell Tovey** *conductor*

**Isabel Bayrakdarian** *soprano*

**Hugh Russell** *baritone*

**Vancouver Bach Choir**

Maher Songs of a Wayfarer

Brahms Requiem

The breathtaking, epic choral masterpiece that is the **Brahms Requiem** comes to life on the Orpheum stage with **Bramwell Tovey**, the **Vancouver Symphony Orchestra**, and the incomparable **Isabel Bayrakdarian**.

#### TICKET INFORMATION:

Tickets: \$26.75 - \$84 (senior, student and subscriber discounts available)

Tickets available online at [www.vancouversymphony.ca](http://www.vancouversymphony.ca) or by calling VSO customer service at 604.876.3434

### Musically Speaking

Saturday, March 10, 8pm, Orpheum Theatre

### Symphony Sundays

Sunday, March 11, 2pm, Orpheum Theatre

### North Shore Classics

Monday, March 12, 8pm, Centennial Theatre

### A Roman Carnival!

**Pierre Simard** *conductor*

**Benjamin Grosvenor** *piano*

Dukas The Sorcerer's Apprentice

Ravel Piano Concerto in G Major

Berlioz Roman Carnival

Bizet L'Arlésienne Suite No. 1 & 2

One of the most sought-after pianists of his generation, **Benjamin Grosvenor** makes his VSO debut performing **Ravel's** luscious *Piano Concerto in G Major*. This concert is all about exquisite French repertoire, under the baton of **VSO Assistant Conductor Pierre Simard**.

#### MUSICALLY SPEAKING/SYMPHONY SUNDAYS TICKET INFORMATION:

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Tickets available online at [www.vancouversymphony.ca](http://www.vancouversymphony.ca) or by calling VSO customer service at 604.876.3434

**NORTH SHORE CLASSICS TICKET INFORMATION:**

Tickets: \$39 (senior, student and subscriber discounts available)

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**Masterworks Diamond**

**Saturday and Monday, March 17 & 19, 8pm, Orpheum Theatre**

**Peter Serkin and Brahms**

**Jun Markl** *conductor*

**Peter Serkin** *piano*

Wagner *The Flying Dutchman: Overture*

Brahms *Piano Concerto No. 1*

Schumann *Symphony No. 3*

Refined technique and unsurpassed depths of musicality define pianist **Peter Serkin**. For over four decades, his name has been near the top of the list of the world's most accomplished pianists. He tackles the monumental **Brahms Piano Concerto No. 1** in a performance sure to be remembered long afterward.

**TICKET INFORMATION:**

Tickets: \$26.75 - \$84 (senior, student and subscriber discounts available)

Tickets available online at [www.vancouversymphony.ca](http://www.vancouversymphony.ca) or by calling VSO customer service at 604.876.3434

**Specials**

**Wednesday, March 21, 8pm**

**Renee Fleming with the VSO**

**Renee Fleming** *soprano*

**Sebastian Lang-Lessing** *conductor*

"Perfect voice, endless breath, sensual tone...she is sheer perfection."

- *Le Monde*

The world's greatest soprano returns to the Orpheum stage to perform a sensational program of operatic and classical arias with the **Vancouver Symphony Orchestra**.

**TICKET INFORMATION:**

Tickets: \$45 - \$150 (senior, student and subscriber discounts available)

Tickets available online at [www.vancouversymphony.ca](http://www.vancouversymphony.ca) or by calling VSO customer service at 604.876.3434

**Presented By:** PwC

**Masterworks Silver**

**Saturday and Monday, March 24 & 26, 8pm, Orpheum Theatre**

**Electrifying! Nadja Salerno-Sonnenberg**

**Andrew Litton** *conductor*

**Nadja Salerno-Sonnenberg** *violin*

Glinka                Russlan and Ludmilla: Overture

Shostakovich      Violin Concerto No. 1

Prokofiev          Symphony No. 4

**Nadja Salerno-Sonnenberg** has remained the classical world's most electrifying performer since she burst forth like a comet on to the music scene nearly twenty-five years ago. Her fearless interpretations and powerful, no-holds-barred playing makes her a perfect match for **Shostakovich's** exciting *Violin Concerto No. 1*.

**TICKET INFORMATION:**

Tickets: \$26.75 - \$84 (senior, student and subscriber discounts available)

Tickets available online at [www.vancouversymphony.ca](http://www.vancouversymphony.ca) or by calling VSO customer service at 604.876.3434

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**Specials**

**Monday, April 2, 8pm, Orpheum**

**The Wizard of Oz**

**Constantine Kitsopoulos** *conductor*

**COME IN COSTUME** to Oz with the Orchestra! Follow the yellow brick road to the Orpheum to watch this beloved classic, beautifully restored in full colour, on the big screen with live music performed by the VSO. Dress up as your favourite character for the *Wizard of Oz* as you've never seen (or heard) it before!

**TICKET INFORMATION:**

Tickets: \$30 - \$80 (senior, student and subscriber discounts available)

Tickets available online at [www.vancouversymphony.ca](http://www.vancouversymphony.ca) or by calling VSO customer service at 604.876.3434

**Specials**

**Sunday, April 15, 7:30pm, Orpheum Theatre**

## Seoul Philharmonic Orchestra

**Myung-Whun Chung** *conductor*

**Wu Wei** *sheng*

Ravel                Ma Mere l'Oye

Unsuk Chin        Su

Tchaikovsky      Symphony No. 6 in B minor, *Pathetique*

The VSO presents a performance by the **Seoul Philharmonic**, featuring **Wu Wei**, the world's leading *sheng* player. The *sheng* is a 4,000 year old Chinese mouth organ, the world's oldest reed-based instrument, and carries a rich, diverse, and amazing sound. **Unsuk Chin's** composition for *sheng* and orchestra provides an extraordinary counterpoint to the music of **Ravel** and **Tchaikovsky**.

### TICKET INFORMATION:

Tickets: \$30 - \$80 (senior, student and subscriber discounts available)

Tickets available online at [www.vancouversymphony.ca](http://www.vancouversymphony.ca) or by calling VSO customer service at 604.876.3434

**Presented By:** University Canada West

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### Specials

**Thursday, April 26, 8pm, Orpheum**

**Larry King Standing Up**

**Larry King** *entertainer*

For fifty years in broadcasting, **Larry King** was the one asking the questions. Now, he turns the tables on himself with his brand new stage show! The Emmy, Peabody and CableACE Award-winning broadcast icon will be giving fans a hilarious and insightful look inside the legend – starting with his life growing up as a street-smart kid in Brooklyn, to tales from his storied career as the greatest interviewer of all time. You will also have the extraordinary opportunity to ask your own questions of the broadcast legend in a Q&A session, as part of this unique and once-in-a-lifetime evening that you will never forget.

**VIP Meet and Greet Package:** \$175, including prime seating and post-concert meet and greet reception with Larry King. Details online, or call to enquire.

### TICKET INFORMATION:

Tickets: \$49 - \$89 (senior, student and subscriber discounts available)

Tickets available online at [www.vancouversymphony.ca](http://www.vancouversymphony.ca) or by calling VSO customer service at 604.876.3434

### Specials

**Wednesday, May 2, 8pm, Orpheum**

**Chris Botti with the VSO**

**Pierre Simard** *conductor*  
**Chris Botti** *trumpet*

The one and only **Chris Botti** makes his highly-anticipated return to the Orpheum to perform with the **Vancouver Symphony Orchestra!** His last VSO performance - a sold-out concert in 2010 - had audiences leaping to their feet for multiple standing ovations. *So get your tickets now, it is sure to sell out again!*

**TICKET INFORMATION:**

Tickets: \$45 - \$68 (senior, student and subscriber discounts available)

Tickets available online at [www.vancouversymphony.ca](http://www.vancouversymphony.ca) or by calling VSO customer service at 604.876.3434

**Masterworks Gold**

**Saturday and Monday, June 2 & 4, 8pm, Orpheum Theatre**

**A Hero's Life**

**Bramwell Tovey** *conductor*  
**Jan Lisiecki** *piano*

Mascall	Manitoulin
Schumann	Piano Concerto
Strauss	Ein Heldenleben

Referred to as “the most sensational young artist to emerge in Canada in a decade,” Jan Lisiecki is a superstar in the making. He performs **Schumann's** delicious *Piano Concerto* in his Vancouver debut, while in the second half, **Maestro Tovey** explores the rich treasure trove of music that is *A Hero's Life* by **Richard Strauss**.

**TICKET INFORMATION:**

Tickets: \$26.75 - \$84 (senior, student and subscriber discounts available)

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**Masterworks Silver**

**Saturday and Monday, June 9 & 11, 8pm, Orpheum Theatre**

**Bramwell Tovey's The Inventor**

**Bramwell Tovey** *conductor*  
**Erin Wall** *soprano*  
**Laura Whalen** *soprano*  
**Judith Forst** *mezzo-soprano*  
**Roger Honeywell** *tenor*

**James Westman** *baritone*

**Phillip Ens** *bass*

**UBC Opera Ensemble**

Tovey/Murrell *The Inventor*

**Maestro Bramwell Tovey's** brand newly-written and newly-premiered opera *The Inventor* opened at the Calgary Opera to critical acclaim. **John Murrell's** libretto tells the tragic story of **Alexander ("Sandy") Keith Jr.**, son of the famous brewmaster, with Tovey's spectacular, dramatic score. The VSO presents the concert version of this new opera, featuring the original cast and, of course, **Maestro Tovey** conducting.

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