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Highlights from the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra's Spring 2011 Concerts

Vancouver, BC - Spring at the VSO includes an exciting line-up of guest artists, great classical repertoire, fun Symphony Pops, matinees, and a range of concerts for children and families. Spring 2011 includes renowned and diverse guest artists including; Celtic/folk singer **John McDermott**, guitarist **Daniel Bolshoy**, violinist **Sarah Chang**, soprano **Angela Gheorghiu**, fiddler **Natalie MacMaster** and much more.

March begins with a VSO Pops presentation featuring **John McDermott**. With his unique blend of Celtic and folk genres, McDermott inspires people of all generations.

Also in March, passionate Spanish music takes centre stage as Canadian guitarist **Daniel Bolshoy** performs Rodrigo's spine-tingling *Concierto de Aranjuez*.

Next up, charismatic and exciting violinist **Sarah Chang** performs the monumental **Brahms violin concerto**, one of the greatest concertos of any kind. Also on the program, the spectacular tone poem *Death and Transfiguration* by **Richard Strauss**, one of the most complex and rewarding works in the orchestral repertoire.

Hailed as one of opera history's greatest singing actresses, the extraordinary **Angela Gheorghiu** makes her long-anticipated **Vancouver debut** in April. Gheorghiu's unparalleled stage presence and breathtaking interpretations will thrill audiences as she performs famous opera and concert arias *live* on the Orpheum stage with Maestro Bramwell Tovey and the VSO.

In a newly-announced special concert, sensational Cape Breton fiddler **Natalie MacMaster** performs with the VSO in an exciting performance will feature traditional reels, jigs and strathspreys, conveying the flavor of Cape Breton-style Celtic fiddling in Ms. MacMaster's own unique way – with some highland step-dancing thrown in for good measure!

Maestro Bramwell Tovey conducts two more very special late-Spring highlights, including sensational pianist **Alexander Gavrylyuk** performing **Rachmaninoff's** extraordinary *Piano Concerto No. 1*; and the VSO's GRAMMY and JUNO partner, Canadian violinist **James Ehnes** performing **Tchaikovsky's** exciting *Violin Concerto* in a blockbuster season finale concert that also features **Mahler's Symphony No. 1 'Titan.'**

See below for a complete listing of the VSO's exciting spring offerings.

CONCERT INFO

Pacific Arbour Tea & Trumpets

THURSDAY, MARCH 3, 2 PM, ORPHEUM THEATRE

Beautiful Baroque

Dale Barltrop *leader/violin*

Christopher Gaze *host*

Bask in the beauty of the Baroque era through the music of **Telemann, Corelli**, and excerpts from **Vivaldi's Four Seasons**.

Tickets: \$38 (senior, student and subscriber discounts available)

Tickets available online at www.vancouversymphony.ca or by calling VSO customer service at 604.876.3434

Series Sponsor: Pacific Arbour

London Drugs VSO Pops

FRIDAY & SATURDAY, MARCH 4 & 5, 8 PM, ORPHEUM THEATRE

Jeff Tyzik *conductor*

John McDermott *vocalist*

Jason Fowler *acoustic guitar*

Brian MacMillan *acoustic guitar*

George Koller *acoustic bass*

Gary Craig *percussionist*

John McDermott's unique blend of Celtic and folk genres is one of Canada's most famous musical exports. A beloved performer, McDermott continues to inspire people of all generations.

Visit **Jeff Tyzik** at www.jefftyzik.com

Visit **John McDermott** at www.johnmcdermott.com

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

Tickets available online at www.vancouversymphony.ca or by calling VSO customer service at 604.876.3434

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March 4 Concert Sponsor: Jackson Triggs Okanagan Estate

Spectra Energy Kids' Concerts

SUNDAY, MARCH 6, 2 PM, ORPHEUM THEATRE

Little Red Riding Hood

Pierre Simard *conductor*

Dandi Productions

The story of *Little Red Riding Hood* presented larger-than-life on the Orpheum stage.

Tickets: Adult- \$27.75 Child- \$19 (senior, student and subscriber discounts available)
Tickets available online at www.vancouverSymphony.ca or by calling VSO customer service at 604.876.3434

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Specials

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9, 8 PM, ORPHEUM THEATRE

Simone on Simone

Pierre Simard *conductor*

Simone *vocalist*

Talented and versatile singer, songwriter and performer **Simone** celebrates the life and music of her mother, musical icon and pioneer **Nina Simone**. Simone is more than just her mother's daughter – her rich vocal range and soul-deep musicality makes her at home in an exciting and diverse repertoire of Broadway, pop, soul, jazz, rock and funk. Simone performs classic tunes such as *My Way*, *Easy As Life*, *How Long Must I Wander*, *Child In Me*, and *Feelin' Good*, with the **Vancouver Symphony Orchestra**.

Visit Simone at www.simonesworld.com

Tickets: \$45-65 (senior, student and subscriber discounts available)
Tickets available online at www.vancouverSymphony.ca or by calling VSO customer service at 604.876.3434

Musically Speaking

North Shore Classics

SATURDAY, MARCH 12, 8 PM, ORPHEUM THEATRE

MONDAY, MARCH 14, 8 PM, CENTENNIAL THEATRE

John Morris Russell *conductor*

Daniel Bolshoy *guitar*

CHAPI	La Revoltosa: Prelude
RIMSKY-KORSAKOV	Capriccio Espagnole
RODRIGO	Concierto de Aranjuez
DE FALLA	Three Cornered Hat: Suites 1 and 2
CHABRIER	España

Passionate Spanish music takes centre stage as Canadian guitarist **Daniel Bolshoy** plucks his guitar strings—and your heartstrings—in **Rodrigo's** spine-tingling *Concierto de Aranjuez*.

Visit **Daniel Bolshoy** at www.danielbolshoy.com

March 12th Tickets: \$21.50 - \$59 (senior, student and subscriber discounts available)

March 14th Tickets: \$39 (senior, student and subscriber discounts available)

Tickets available online at www.vancouversymphony.ca or by calling VSO customer service at 604.876.3434

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Bach & Beyond

FRIDAY & SATURDAY, MARCH 18 & 19, 8 PM, CHAN CENTRE FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS

Louis Lortie *conductor/piano*

BACH	Concerto No. 5 in F minor
MOZART	Piano Concerto No. 21
MENDELSSOHN	Symphony No. 5, <i>Reformation</i>

In his highly anticipated return to Vancouver, top Canadian musician **Louis Lortie** conducts the magnificent music of **Bach, Mozart** and **Mendelssohn**.

Visit **Louis Lortie** at www.louislortie.com

Tickets: \$37.50- \$66 (senior, student and subscriber discounts available)

Tickets available online at www.vancouversymphony.ca or by calling VSO customer service at 604.876.3434

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The Vancouver Sun Symphony at the Roundhouse

SATURDAY, MARCH 19, 8 PM

Essence

Pierre Simard *conductor*

Co-production with **Kokoro Dance**

MICHAEL HYNES	Essence
JOSEPH SCHWANTNER	Music of Amber
WATERHOLE	VSO Commission

The VSO and dance company Kokoro team up again for the Vancouver International Dance Festival. This concert will feature the premiere of a collaborative work between Kokoro and Waterhole, a new

Vancouver band (with C.I.R. Scott Good) that defies traditional labeling. Working closely together, they will present a large scale new work inspired from Walt Whitman`s trenchant poem `I sing the body electric` which explores the question: what is the soul, if not the body?

Tickets: \$29 (senior, student and subscriber discounts available)

Tickets available online at www.vancouversymphony.ca or by calling VSO customer service at 604.876.3434

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**PricewaterhouseCoopers Masterworks Silver
Symphony Sundays**

SATURDAY & MONDAY, MARCH 26 & 28, 8 PM, ORPHEUM THEATRE

SUNDAY, MARCH 27, 2 PM, ORPHEUM THEATRE

Roberto Minczuk *conductor*

Baiba Skride *violin*

PROKOFIEV The Meeting of the Volga and the Don

PROKOFIEV Violin Concerto No. 1

RACHMANINOFF Symphony No. 2

The lush, brilliant melodies of **Rachmaninoff's** magnificent *Symphony No. 2* have remained at the top of the list for classical music lovers for nearly a hundred years. Amazing young violinist **Baiba Skride** performs **Prokofiev's** breathtaking *Violin Concerto* in her VSO debut.

Visit **Roberto Minczuk** at www.robertominczuk.com

March 26th & 28th Tickets: \$26.75 - \$84 (senior, student and subscriber discounts available)

March 27th Tickets: \$21.50 - \$59 (senior, student and subscriber discounts available)

Tickets available online at www.vancouversymphony.ca or by calling VSO customer service at 604.876.3434

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Goldcorp Masterworks Gold

SATURDAY & MONDAY, APRIL 2 & 4, 8 PM, ORPHEUM THEATRE

Bramwell Tovey *conductor*

Sarah Chang *violin*

WAGNER Die Meistersinger: Prelude

BRAHMS Violin Concerto

STRAUSS Death and Transfiguration

Charismatic and exciting violinist **Sarah Chang** performs one of the greatest concertos of any kind. And the spectacular tone poem *Death and Transfiguration* by **Richard Strauss** is one of the most complex and rewarding orchestral works in the repertoire.

Visit **Sarah Chang** at www.sarahchang.com

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

Tickets available online at www.vancouversymphony.ca or by calling VSO customer service at 604.876.3434

Saturday, April 2 Concert Sponsor: Canadian Western Bank

Monday, April 4 Concert Sponsor: HSBC

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Specials

SUNDAY, APRIL 3, 7:30 PM, ORPHEUM THEATRE

BMO Harris Private Banking presents Angela Gheorghiu with the VSO

Bramwell Tovey *conductor*

Angela Gheorghiu *soprano*

Hailed as one of opera history's greatest singing actresses, the extraordinary **Angela Gheorghiu** makes her long-anticipated Vancouver debut. Gheorghiu's unparalleled stage presence and breathtaking interpretations have thrilled audiences in all the world's major opera halls – and now, for the first time in Vancouver, she will perform famous opera and concert arias *live* on the Orpheum stage with **Maestro Bramwell Tovey** and the **Vancouver Symphony Orchestra**.

Visit **Angela Gheorghiu** at www.angelagheorghiu.com

Tickets: \$45 - \$165 (senior, student and subscriber discounts available)

Tickets available online at www.vancouversymphony.ca or by calling VSO customer service at 604.876.3434

Concert Sponsor: BMO Harris Private Banking

Pacific Arbour Tea & Trumpets

THURSDAY, APRIL 7, 2 PM, ORPHEUM THEATRE

The Music of Love!

Pierre Simard *conductor*

Christopher Gaze *host*

UBC Opera Ensemble

Celebrate the power of love, with music by **Verdi, Puccini, and Strauss**.

Tickets: \$38 (senior, student and subscriber discounts available)

Tickets available online at www.vancouversymphony.ca or by calling VSO customer service at 604.876.3434

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London Drugs VSO Pops

FRIDAY & SATURDAY, APRIL 8 & 9, 8 PM, ORPHEUM THEATRE

A Century of Broadway 2

Jeff Tyzik conductor

Christiane Noll *vocalist*

Doug LaBrecque *vocalist*

Part Two of **Jeff Tyzik's** amazing tribute to Broadway focuses on music from *Guys and Dolls*, *Music Man*, *Les Misérables*, *My Fair Lady*, *Phantom of the Opera*, and many more Broadway favourites.

Visit **Jeff Tyzik** at www.jefftyzik.com

Visit **Doug LaBrecque** at www.douglabrecque.com

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

Tickets available online at www.vancouversymphony.ca or by calling VSO customer service at 604.876.3434

April 8th Concert Sponsor: KPMG

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Masterworks Diamond

Symphony Sundays

SATURDAY & MONDAY, APRIL 30 & MAY 2, 8 PM, ORPHEUM THEATRE

SUNDAY, MAY 1, 2 PM, ORPHEUM THEATRE

Kazuyoshi Akiyama *conductor*

Augustin Hadelich *violin*

LOUIE The Eternal Earth

SIBELIUS Violin Concerto

BRAHMS Symphony No. 1

Augustin Hadelich is an exciting young musician who makes his VSO debut performing the lyrical, brooding and beautiful **Sibelius** *Violin Concerto*. This concert also features the magnificent *First Symphony* of **Johannes Brahms**.

Visit **Augustin Hadelich** at www.augustin-hadelich.com

April 30th & May 2nd Tickets: \$26.75 - \$84 (senior, student and subscriber discounts available)

May 1st Tickets: \$21.50 - \$59 (senior, student and subscriber discounts available)

Tickets available online at www.vancouversymphony.ca or by calling VSO customer service at 604.876.3434

Goldcorp Masterworks Gold

SATURDAY & MONDAY, MAY 7 & 9, 8 PM, ORPHEUM THEATRE

Kazuyoshi Akiyama *conductor*

Alessio Bax *piano*

TAKEMITSU	Rain coming
MOZART	Piano Concerto No. 27
NIELSEN	Symphony No. 4, <i>The Inextinguishable</i>

Making his VSO debut, Italian pianist **Alessio Bax** performs a beautiful Mozart piano concerto. Bax is an **Avery Fisher Career Grant** winner, and a gifted interpreter of Classical piano works.

Visit **Alessio Bax** at www.alessiobax.com

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

Tickets available online at www.vancouversymphony.ca or by calling VSO customer service at 604.876.3434

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Specials

WEDNESDAY, MAY 11, 8 PM, ORPHEUM THEATRE

Natalie MacMaster

Pierre Simard *conductor*

Sensational Cape Breton fiddler **Natalie MacMaster** performs *live* with the **Vancouver Symphony Orchestra!** A multiple Juno-award winning artist, Natalie MacMaster's passionate, electrifying performances never fail to thrill audiences wherever she goes!

Visit **Natalie MacMaster** at www.nataliemacmaster.com

Tickets: \$45- \$65 (senior, student and subscriber discounts available)

Tickets available online at www.vancouversymphony.ca or by calling VSO customer service at 604.876.3434

Musically Speaking

North Shore Classics

SATURDAY, MAY 14, 8 PM, ORPHEUM THEATRE

MONDAY, May 16, 8 PM, CENTENNIAL THEATRE

Bramwell Tovey *conductor*

Alexander Gavrylyuk *piano*

GLIERE	The Red Poppy: Russian Sailors' Dance
PROKOFIEV	Romeo and Juliet: Act III: Final Scene

RACHMANINOFF Piano Concerto No. 1
TCHAIKOVSKY Francesca da Rimini
GLAZUNOV Raymonda: Act III: Dances

An all-Russian concert with **Bramwell Tovey** and sensational pianist **Alexander Gavrylyuk**, who performs **Rachmaninoff's** spectacular *Piano Concerto No. 1*.

Visit **Alexander Gavrylyuk** at www.alexandergavrylyuk.com

May 14th Tickets: \$21.50 - \$59 (senior, student and subscriber discounts available)

May 16th Tickets: \$39 (senior, student and subscriber discounts available)

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Bach & Beyond

FRIDAY & SATURDAY, MAY 20 & 21, 8 PM, CHAN CENTRE FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS

Kenneth Slowik *conductor/ harpsichord*

Joan Blackman *violin*

Christie Reside *flute*

JS BACH Brandenburg Concerto No. 5
HAYDN Symphony No. 94, *Surprise*
SCHUMANN Symphony No. 1, Op. 38, *Spring*

Internationally-renowned Baroque specialist **Kenneth Slowik** conducts a beautiful program that features **Bach's** famed *Brandenburg Concerto No. 5*.

Tickets: \$37.50- \$66 (senior, student and subscriber discounts available)

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The Vancouver Sun Symphony at the Roundhouse

SUNDAY, MAY 22, 8 PM

Sweet!

Bramwell Tovey *conductor*

Janice Jackson *Soprano*

SCOTT GOOD Etudes for Chamber Ensemble
EMILY DOOLITTLE Four Pieces About Water
DOROTHY CHANG Chamber Variations
TIM BRADY Hardcore (*World Premiere*)
Lyrics by Gord Downie of the Tragically Hip

The final Roundhouse concert of the season, with Maestro Tovey at the helm, features music composed in the style of the suite. Like a fine evening with a sampling of tapas and wines, this concert will be a veritable smorgasbord of sounds to tickle the ears, and inspire the imagination. A special feature of this concert will be the premiere of Tim Brady's new work for ensemble and soprano, *We're Hardcore*, a setting of poetry from Canadian rock icon Gord Downie of the Tragically Hip.

Tickets: \$29 (senior, student and subscriber discounts available)
Tickets available online at www.vancouverSymphony.ca or by calling VSO customer service at 604.876.3434

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Pacific Arbour Tea & Trumpets
THURSDAY, MAY 26, 2 PM, ORPHEUM THEATRE
Tales from the Vienna Woods
Pierre Simard *conductor*
Christopher Gaze *host*

The very best of the Musical City, featuring **Mozart**, **Beethoven**, **Strauss** and Von Suppe.

Tickets: \$38 (senior, student and subscriber discounts available)
Tickets available online at www.vancouverSymphony.ca or by calling VSO customer service at 604.876.3434

Series Sponsor: Pacific Arbour

London Drugs VSO Pops
FRIDAY & SATURDAY, MAY 27 & 28, 8 PM, ORPHEUM THEATRE
A Night at the Cotton Club, with Byron Stripling
Jeff Tyzik *conductor*
Byron Stripling *trumpet*
Carmen Bradford *vocalist*
Ted Levy *tap dancer*
Bob Breithaupt *drums*

Welcome to the Cotton Club! It don't mean a thing if it ain't got that swing — and man, this concert swings! The extraordinary **Byron Stripling** will bring down the house with *Minnie the Moocher*, *St. Louis Blues*, *Dinah*, and more jazz and blues classics!

Visit **Jeff Tyzik** at www.jefftyzik.com

Visit **Byron Stripling** at www.byronstripling.com

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

Tickets available online at www.vancouversymphony.ca or by calling VSO customer service at 604.876.3434

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Spectra Energy Kids' Konzerts

SUNDAY, MAY 29, 2 PM, ORPHEUM THEATRE

The Mischievous Adventures of the Rascally Rhythm

Tania Miller *conductor*

That rascally rhythm! Find out why this musical concept is so important, with Victoria Symphony Music Director **Tania Miller** leading the way.

Tickets: Adult- \$27.75 Child- \$19 (senior, student and subscriber discounts available)

Tickets available online at www.vancouversymphony.ca or by calling VSO customer service at 604.876.3434

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SATURDAY & MONDAY, JUNE 4 & 6, 8 PM, ORPHEUM THEATRE

Bramwell Tovey *conductor*

John Mac Master *Tenor*

Allyson McHardy *mezzo-soprano*

BRITTEN Peter Grimes: Four Sea Interludes

LIADOV The Enchanted Lake

MAHLER Das Lied von der Erde

The beauty and power of nature are celebrated in this concert, which features **Mahler's** *Das Lied von der Erde* (Songs of the Earth), a song-cycle on a symphonic scale that venerates the natural world. **Maestro Tovey** conducts.

Visit **Allyson McHardy** at www.allysonmchardy.com

Visit **John Mac Master** at www.johnmacmaster.com

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

Tickets available online at www.vancouversymphony.ca or by calling VSO customer service at 604.876.3434

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Specials

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8, 8 PM, ORPHEUM THEATRE

Last Night of the Proms

Bramwell Tovey *conductor*

Vancouver Bach Choir

The **Vancouver Symphony Orchestra** presents **Last Night of the Proms**, a beloved concert tradition originating with the BBC Symphony's *Promenades* series, and still going strong so many years later. *Last Night of the Proms* is a fun-filled spectacle brimming with popular light classics and patriotic tunes, such as *Rule Britannia*, *Jerusalem*, **Elgar's Pomp and Circumstance No. 1**, **Walton's Spitfire: Prelude and Fugue**, and so many more. **Maestro Bramwell Tovey** conducts and hosts with his trademark wit and flair.

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

Tickets available online at www.vancouversymphony.ca or by calling VSO customer service at 604.876.3434

Tiny Tots

FRIDAY, JUNE 10, 10 AM, 11:30 AM, 1:30 PM, PLAYHOUSE THEATRE

SATURDAY, JUNE 11, 10 AM AND 11:30 AM, TERRY FOX THEATRE

Melodies from the New World

Let Your Music Shine! With Lisa and Linda

Travel on a magical journey to the *New World* through the beautiful music of Dvorak. Hear birdsong, native tunes, and train sounds while stomping and tiptoeing to the classics!

TICKET INFORMATION:

Tickets: \$15- Adults \$7- Children

Tickets available online at www.vancouversymphony.ca or by calling VSO customer service at 604.876.3434

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Masterworks Diamond

SATURDAY & MONDAY, JUNE 11 & 13, 8 PM, ORPHEUM THEATRE

Bramwell Tovey *conductor*

James Ehnes *violin*

GOOD	Fanfare (World Premiere)
TCHAIKOVSKY	Violin Concerto
MAHLER	Symphony No. 1, <i>Titan</i>

The VSO's GRAMMY® and JUNO® partner **James Ehnes** makes his welcome return to play **Tchaikovsky's** fantastic *Violin Concerto*. And be prepared to be blown away by **Maestro Tovey** and the **VSO** performing **Mahler's** titanic *Symphony No. 1*.

Visit **James Ehnes** at www.jamesehnes.com

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

Tickets available online at www.vancouversymphony.ca or by calling VSO customer service at 604.876.3434

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