

Vancouver Symphony Orchestra celebrates Mozart this weekend

The Vancouver Symphony Orchestra presents a heavy duty weekend of Mozart beginning 7:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 21, with a free program, "Mozart with Music" by the orchestra's Simian Trio. This will occur in Borders Books Music Movies and Café, 811 SE 160th Avenue.

The program at Borders, which includes refreshments provided by the next door Wild Oats Natural Marketplace, features a talk by **Travis Hatton** on Mozart and his music.

The symphony's 3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 22, and 7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 23 concerts in the Skyview High School Concert Hall, 1300 NE 139th Street, will be conducted by Vancouver Symphony music director **Salvador Brotons**.

Returning as a featured guest soloist with the orchestra is Vancouver's **Barbara Roberts**, who will perform Mozart's Piano Concerto #23.

Other works for the pair of Mostly Mozart concerts are the overture to Mozart's *Don Giovanni*, and Hector Berioz' *Symphonie Fantastique*.

Tickets are \$15 to \$35 at the door. A student will be admitted free with each paid admission. For further information, call **735-7278**.

Insider readers may win symphony tickets

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart was born in January 1756 in Salzburg, Austria. The names of the first 20 *Insider* readers who correctly name the exact date of Mozart's birthday will be put into a drawing for pairs of free tickets to this weekend's Vancouver Symphony Orchestra concert of their choice. Please respond by email only.

Medical center's Primary Stroke Center gets national certification

Southwest Washington Medical Center's Primary Stroke Center is one of the first primary stroke centers in the nation to receive certification from the Joint Commission on Healthcare Organizations. The certification followed an on-site review of the program in December.

In announcing the certification this week, **Robert Djergaian**, stroke center director, said, "Certification is good for patients because it leads to more standardized approaches to care. It's clear that stroke patients enjoy better outcomes when they receive care and rehabilitation at a designated stroke center."

As a result of certification, the medical center's stroke center has become a part of a pilot study on stroke care sponsored by the national commission.

Mayor and entourage lobbying congress

Vancouver Mayor **Royce Pollard** this week is in Washington, D.C., meeting with members of congress and congressional staff. With the mayor are **Jane Jacobsen**, executive director of The Confluence Project, **Jan Bader**, assistant to the city manager, and the city's lobbyist, **Mark Brown**.

Federal funding for local transportation projects heads the list of items the mayor will discuss with both Washington and Oregon congressional leaders. The mayor will also raise concerns over cutbacks in Community Development Block grants.

Pollard is also expected to meet with Russian embassy officials and the State Department in connection with the possible Russian participation in the General George C. Marshall Lecture series.

Republicans planning Lincoln Day activities

The Clark County Republicans' annual Lincoln Day program begins with a 5 p.m. Friday, Feb. 18, reception in the Heathman Lodge for the local Republican legislators. This \$25 event will be followed at 6 p.m. with the GOP's Lincoln Day dinner and auction, also in the Heathman Lodge.

Admission to the dinner is \$50, according to GOP spokesperson **Mike Gaston**. For further information, call **695-1609**.

People

William McGann has been elected president of the Oregon Mediation Association. McGann is a speech therapist at Mountain View High School and Covington Middle School.

News briefs

The Vancouver Lake Watershed Partnership meets at 4:30 p.m. today in Port of Vancouver offices, 3103 Lower River Road. ☎ The Coalition for East Vancouver Communities meets at 11:30 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 20, in the Phoenix Inn. ☎ Mayor **John Idsinga** will deliver Battle Ground's State of the City address at 5 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 20, in City Hall, 109 SW 1st Street.

Wednesday headlines from at home and around the world:

[Casino impact on Clark County: like a tsunami--Columbian, Tom Koeninger](#)
[Hockinson hopes to rally support for for special levies--Columbian, Howard Buck](#)

[County added 4,000 jobs in 2004--Columbian, Jonathan Nelson](#)
[Exit polls in November presidential election were flawed--USA TODAY, AP](#)
[Israel agrees to resume security talks with Palestinians--USA TODAY, AP](#)
[Rice gets 16 to 2 approval from Senate Foreign Relations Committee--Washington Post, William Branigin](#)

Wednesday on the air

High Stakes for Higher Education—4 p.m. CVTV
Greg Kimsey Election Process Town Hall—5 p.m. CVTV
National Mentoring Month—6 p.m. CVTV
Capital Perspectives: Brian Baird—7 p.m. CVTV
Cleveland at Portland Blazers (live)—7 p.m. KGW-TV, KXL, KRMZ
U.S. Rep. Brian Baird Town Hall—7:30 p.m. CVTV
Vancouver Land Use Hearings (1/18)—9:30 p.m. CVTV

Town Tabloids and the weather

Barbara Miller to the rescue. 🍷 **Judie Stanton** relaxing relaxing. 🍷 **Rachael Ham** bringing honors in gymnastics to Evergreen High School. 🍷 **Greg Herrington** smiling through interview. 🍷 **Kristin Alexander** conducting waltz program. 🍷 **Wednesday**, almost like a summer's day, 64. **Thursday**, late showers, 54. **Friday**, gray with possible showers, 52.